

**RUISHTON AND THORN FALCON
PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 December 2006

- Present:** Cllr. Marshall (Chairman), Anderdon, Bulgin, Faulkner, Hancock, Hill, House, Lowe, Mullins, Rexworthy, Small and Walker.
- In Attendance** County Cllr_ Clark, District Councillor Leighton, Richard Needs & Naomi Gornall (SCC) 100 parishioners and Mary Growtage (clerk)
- Apologies:** District Councillor Durdan.

12/06.01

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2006, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

12/06.02 **PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED 'PARK AND RIDE' SITE AT CAMBRIA FARM, HENLADE BY RICHARD NEEDS** (Major Projects Manager and NAOMI GORNALL (ETPR Project Manager) for the Somerset County Council

The meeting was closed at 7.35pm for this agenda item, to enable parishioners to take part in discussions during and following the presentation and re opened at 9.30pm

12/06.03

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

48/2005/072 - PROPOSED MIXED USE URBAN EXTENSION DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING RESIDENTIAL, EMPLOYMENT, LOCAL CENTRE, NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL, A38 RELIEF ROAD, GREEN SPACES AND PLAYING FIELDS AT MONKTON HEATHFIELD AS AMENDED BY MASTERPLAN AND PHASING PLAN RECEIVED 31 ST OCTOBER 2006

The only alteration to the plan is the increase in green spaces.

The traffic assessment is still awaited and it was decided to leave this until this is made available, as this our main concern.

The clerk will enquire where the proposed 'Park and Ride' for the area will be situated.

31/2006/023 - ERECTION OF DWELLING ADJACENT THE HYDE, HENLADE. Application approved by TD Planning Committee.

The Enforcement Officer (TDBC) has received the following complaints during the third quarter of 2006:

Ruishton House TA3 5LT - Removal of listed wrought iron gates.
Land adjacent to Blackbrook Tavern. - Stationing of caravans for gypsy occupation.
The Solicitor has this matter in hand.
Ruishton Inn - Unauthorised signs

Land to the rear of The Thatch, Thornfalcon - Use of land for storage and parking of large lorries
Complaints received in the first two quarters have been closed.

The following planning applications have been withdrawn:

40/2006/001 - Adapt and re-roof stables, and conversion of barn into habitable space at Manor Farm, Thornfalcon.
31/2006/020 and 021 LB - Erection of two storey extension to provide 24 additional beds and erection of 20 close care homes at Ruishton Court Nursing Home, Henlade.
3/32/04/022 - 12 Wind generators, anemometry mast, substation and associated infrastructure at West Hinkley, Stogursey, Bridgwater.

12/06.04

CLERK'S REPORT

SALC - There is a meeting on 7 December 2006 at West Buckland Village Hall commencing at 7 pm., all members have been given the agenda of the meeting and it is hoped as many as possible will be able to attend.
The Chairman and Cllr. Anderdon will attend.

EMERGENCY PLANNING - There is a meeting on 8 December 2006 at Hestercombe House from 10am to 1 pm (followed by a light lunch) - No one is able to attend.
This will be discussed fully at a future meeting.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN RUISHTON - Felix Marsh (Rural Housing Enabler - Community Council) would like to attend a future meeting to answer questions about affordable housing projects and housing needs in the Parish. It was agreed to ask him to attend a meeting in spring.

WEIGHT LIMITS ON LOCAL ROADS - The Trading Standards Officer is keen to know of any vehicles/operators who regularly breach the weight limit and for details of each incident. NB That for formal action in the courts, the person who provides the information would need to make a formal statement, and possibly be required to appear in court as a witness for the prosecution.

12/06.05 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It was reported that minor repairs have been undertaken in the toddlers' play area, the slabs have been laid alongside seats and 'No Dog' signs have been erected in the recreation field.

12/06.6

FINANCE:

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

| | £ | |
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| Parsons Landscapes Ltd | 441.80 | Maintenance contract - Oct & Nov 2006 |
| Somerset Playing Fields | 10.00 | 2006/07 subscription |
| Vale Labels | 15.00 | Newsletter |
| R. Bulgin | 18.20 | Materials to repair toddlers' play area. |

The 2007/08 Precept will be set at the next meeting, a provisional draft and a note of balances were given to those present.

12/06.7 **REPORT ON ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED** None received.

12/06.8 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County - Cllr. Clark expressed the importance of attendance at the SALC meeting, which will concentrate on the recent White Paper and the enormous impact on Parish Councils.

District - Cllr. Leighton spoke of the County Council wishing for Unitary Status with the abolishment of the District Council.

There have been problems with the flood pump in Cheats Road, but hopefully this has now been rectified. Cllr. Leighton was asked to check that this was now working satisfactorily.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.50 pm

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - 3 JANUARY 2007

Parishioners question - 7.20 pm

THE COUNCIL IS AWARE OF THEIR IMPLICATION UNDER SEC.17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 2000 AND HAVE CONSIDERED THE ACT IN THEIR DECISION MAKING.