

**RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON
PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2007**

Present: Cllr. Marshall (Chairman), Anderdon, Bulgin, Hancock, Hill, House, Lowe, Mullins, Rexworthy, Small and Walker.

In Attendance County Cllr. Clark, District Cllr. Durdan and Leighton, 56 parishioners, Mr Stephen Coe along with two other members of Somerset Highways and Mary Growthage (clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Faulkner

03/07.01 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held 7 February 2007, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

03/07.02 PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED A303/A358 SOUTH PETHERTON TO M5 TAUNTON BY STEPHEN COE (Somerset Highways)

The Parish Council meeting closed at 7.35pm to enable parishioners to participate in the general discussion and commenced again at 9.15pm.

County and District councillors and all except two parishioners left at this stage.

03/07.03 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

31/2007/002 - ERECTION OF CONSERVATORY AT 8 GRAVELANDS LANE, HENLADE (PC) Site notice posted 07.02.07

This application was granted.

31/2007/003 - ERECTION OF GARAGE AT LAUREL LODGE, HENLADE (PC) Site notice posted 23.02.07

This application was also granted.

31/2007/004 -ERECTION OF PAIR OF SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS AT THE HYDE, HENLADE (TD)

Members still felt that this was too large a development for the site, with poor access and lack of amenity space.

The clerk reported that TD had refused the application for the new dwelling at 1 0b Newlands Road and also the conservatory at Court House, Thornfalcon.

TD has issued a Certificate of Lawfulness for premises and ancillary land known as Greenacres, Stoke Hill, Henlade as a private dwelling house, being satisfied that the premises and land have been used for this purpose for more than ten years.

03/07.04 **CLERK'S REPORT**

Cllr. Anderdon will attend the SALC meeting at Wiveliscombe on 8 March 2007. RISK ASSESSMENT - Cllr. Mullins has carried out a Risk assessment at the clerks home, and had recommended that a chair glide mat, smoke detector and fire extinguisher be purchased for the clerk's office and that the electrical equipment be tested on a regular basis. It was agreed that the clerk finds out the cost of the above.

CLERK'S CONTRACT - The clerk has agreed and will be signing her contract.

03/07.05 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

UNITARY AUTHORITY -The chairman has attended a meeting with TD regarding the proposal by Somerset County Council to become a Unitary Authority.

PROPOSED PARK AND RIDE - The chairman thanked Cllr. Bulgin for printing the leaflets opposing the site of the proposed 'Park and Ride' at Cambria Farm.

Twenty-four letters have been sent to businesses at Blackbrook Business Park stating our concerns and asking for their comments on the proposal..

PROPOSED PARK AND RIDE - Mr Richard Needs (SCC) has not yet replied to the points raised by the chairman last December.

In all 2299 people used the 2006 Christmas Park and Ride scheme from Deane Gate Avenue to Taunton town centre, there has been no marked change over the last ten years.

MONKTON HEATHFIELD DEVELOPMENT - Cllr. Hancock has read the traffic survey in detail and is of the opinion that it will affect Creech St Michael more than Ruishton. His opinion being that our main concern should be the volume of traffic at Creech Castle traffic lights.

03/07.6 **RECREATION FIELD**

Cllr. Bulgin has been in contact with several suppliers with regard to the future of the climbing frame. A decision has to be made as to whether it is removed, moved to another site or whether the cost of safety surfacing is justified.

This will be discussed fully at the next meeting.

03/07.7 **ACCEPT QUOTATIONS FOR UPKEEP OF. THE RECREATION FIELD AND OTHER AREAS.**

Quotes have been obtained from the DLO (Taunton Deane) for a total cost of £3943.81 and Parsons Landscapes Ltd for £1856 - both include the border in Bushy Cross Lane alongside properties in Virginia Orchard and the emptying of litterbins in the recreation field. The meeting was satisfied with the way in which Parsons have kept the recreation field in the past and agreed to accept their quotation.

It was felt that it might be necessary to have an additional cut in the current year due to the length of the grass; this will depend on when the first cut will be undertaken. The clerk will speak to Mr Parsons on this issue.

03/07.8 **FINANCE:**

The following accounts have been received and were duly agreed for payment.

	£	
Vale Labels	40.00	Newsletter
CS Fencing	2000.00	Ball stop netting at each end of recreation field
Ruishton Village Hall	102.30	Hire of hall 2006/07
M Marshall	250.00	Chairman's allowance 2006/07
M Grootage	4176.00	Clerk's salary 2006/07
Parsons Landscapes	29.90	Ground Maintenance

The Nat West Bank balance at 28 February 2007 was £300.86 and the balance deposited with Scottish Widows was £19k as verified by Cllr. Hill. Since then £7k has now been transferred to the Nat West a/c to cover the above accounts.

03/07.9 **REPORT ON ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

None received.

03/07.10 **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

None present

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.55 pm

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 4 APRIL 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.