

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 JULY 2007

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

In Attendance: County Cllr. Clark, District Cllrs. Durdan and Leighton, 2 parishioners and Mary Grootage (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Rexworthy and Walker

07/07.01 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 and 13 June 2007, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

07/07.02 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

40/2007/004 – CONVERSION OF REDUNDANT BUILDINGS TO FORM A SINGLE RESIDENTIAL UNIT, AND CONVERSION OF OUTBUILDINGS TO STABLES, MANOR FARM, THORNFALCON.

There were no objections to this application.

WOODLANDS - The retention of siting and use of two marquees for conferences and functions at Woodlands has been refused, as this would have been a new development outside defined settlement limits and detrimental to the character of the existing listed building. It was also refused on traffic issues. (06/2007/02)
The clerk has been informed that there will be an appeal.

Members of the Council are invited to an 'Open Day' at Woodlands on Wednesday 11 July 2007 from 3 – 5.30pm when their Land Agents will be there to answer any questions on future plans.

A letter written by Di Hartley (Planning and Conservation Officer, TD) to the owner of Woodlands was read to the meeting.

TREE MANAGEMENT, LODGE HOUSE, BUSHY CROSS LANE – This application has been approved by TD (06/2007.02)

07/07.03 CLERK'S REPORT

RECREATION FIELD – TD have approved a grant of 33% towards the upgrade and change of position of the 'Igloo' and for safety surfacing underneath.
Weather permitting this work will be undertaken on 16 July 2007.
Cllr Faulkner asked for the Recreation Field to be put on the next agenda.

It was agreed that Cllr Bulgin order a replacement liner to the rubbish bin be ordered through TD at a cost of £50 +VAT

Parsons Landscapes have been asked to cut the grass in the Recreation Field a few days prior to the Village Fun Day.

MAY ELECTION EXPENSES – Several members have not yet sent in their ‘Return of Election Expenses’. This must be done even if it is a NIL return.

PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN – SCC propose a revision and reissue of the Parish Emergency Plan. Cllr Hancock will look at the proposed plan and report back to the next meeting.

07/07.04 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

AFFORDABLE HOUSING – All envelopes have been delivered except for Newlands Crescent.

PARK AND RIDE WEBSITE – To date 13 people have registered their objection to the site with 3 approving the position of the site.
Cllr Mullins asked that the website be advertised in the next newsletter.

RECYCLING – Cllr Mullins confirmed that the glass bottle bank at the Ruishton Inn could be changed to a plastic bottle bank and the paper bank changed to a cardboard collection point.

MEMORIAL SHRUB BED – Cllr Faulkner stated that the bed has been weeded but is over planted, it was agreed that Cllrs. Bulgin, Faulkner and Mullins arrange to meet with the owners of Henlade Estate Nurseries to discuss the problem.

It was agreed that the wording for the Memorial Stone be amended to read:

‘To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War 2’

07/07.05 2007 CODE OF CONDUCT/STANDING ORDERS

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the 2007 Code of Conduct.

Cllr Bulgin will in future be declaring his personal interest with regard to Ruishton Scouts and Ruishton Primary School, if he speaks on either matter.

A letter has been received from Taunton Deane Standards Committee seeking two nominations from Parish Councils for representatives to stand a Parish Representative on the Standards Committee.

Cllr Marshall expressed an interest and the clerk will notify the Democratic Services Officer accordingly.

07/07.06 PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

T22/6 – It was reported that there were untethered bulls in this field.

The Chairman reported that this would be in order if the bulls were running with the herd, but stated that he would look into the situation.

07/07.07 HIGHWAYS

The clerk has heard from Mr Graham Warnecke (Somerset Highways) stating that the path had in Lipe Lane had recently been cleared. She has since written

regarding the elm trees/saplings in the hedgerow in Bushy Cross Lane and the footpath in Cheats Road.

A letter has also been sent to Parsons Landscapes asking them to cut back the shrubs alongside Virginia Orchard.

The hedge outside Rose Cottage is overhanging into the road, the clerk will ask Mr Warnecke to investigate, also, the hedgerow at the end of Bushy Cross Lane.

Somerset Highways will not be erecting 'no waiting at any time' signs in the A358 Tarmac Lay-by, signs to this effect are no longer necessary and they are actually being removed in Somerset. These restrictions are enforced by TDBC Parking Attendants, but as Henlade is not on the regular patrol route, this restriction will not receive much attention. The clerk has informed Tarmac of this decision and has also spoken to our Neighbourhood Police Officers regarding the problem..

Cllr Lowe reported that, weather permitting; the footpath alongside the A358 from the lay-by snack bar to past The White House will be upgraded.

07/07.08

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

This agenda item was brought forward as the councillors were leaving early in order to attend another meeting.

Cllr Leighton reported that 48% returned the recent questionnaire regarding the proposed Unitary Authority, of which 82% were against the proposal.

Cllr Leighton has been appointed vice-chairman of the Review Board.

Cllr Clark stated that he was not attending the Working Area Panel meeting this evening and said it seemed likely that the £180k for urban development would be mainly going to Wellington.

07/07.09

FINANCE

£

Vale Labels Ltd	15.00	Newsletter
M Growthage	115.41	Clerk's Expenses 3 mths. to 30.06.07
Alan Johnson	60.00	Park and Ride website sign
A Conway	38.00	Elec' Inspection (Health and Safety)
Staples	104.99	Filing Cabinet as agreed at last meeting
Playline Design Ltd	2220.75	on a/c re 'Igloo'

Credit Balances are as follows:

- Nat West Current a/c - £100
- Nat West Reserve a/c - £ 1764.04
- Scottish Widows Tracker a/c - £18,000

07/07.10

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – None received

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00pm

THE NEXT FULL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2007

**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.**

