

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2007

Present: Cllr. Bulgin, Faulkner, Hancock, Harper, Lowe, Marshall, Mullins, Rexworthy, Small and Walker.

In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman, it was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Bulgin take the chair for the meeting.

In Attendance: County Cllr. Clark

Apologies: Cllr. Anderdon, House and Marshall. District Cllr. Durdan and Leighton. Mary Growthage (clerk)

12/07.01 MINUTES OF THE LAST TWO MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 7 & 27 November 2007, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

12/07.02 AFFORDABLE HOUSING (FELIX MARSH – SOMERSET COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

12/07.03 PLANNING MATTERS

31/2007/025 – ERECTION OF TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, SINGLE STOREY EXTENSIONS TO SIDE, FRONT AND REAR – BALLY GREEN, HENLADE (PC)

The site notice was put up on 21 November 2007 and to date the clerk has not received any objections.

WOODLANDS – Following the refusal of planning permission earlier in the year, for the siting of two marquees used in connection with conference and other functions, an enforcement notice has been served on the owner and Pyman Bell Holdings Ltd. Unless an appeal is made to the Secretary of State, the notice will take effect on 13 December 2007.

THORNFALCON HOUSE – Permission has been granted to fell one poplar and to carry out management works on other trees on this property.

12/07.04 CLERK'S REPORT

TAUNTON DEANE AREA WORKING PANEL – The next meeting will be on Thursday 6 December 2007 at Kingsmead Community School commencing at 7pm

DITCHES, LOWER HENLADE – Following a request from the clerk for the ditches to be cleared, Kali Martin (Assistant Highway Service Manager) has asked the Area

Technician to carry out an inspection of the area and identify any lengths of ditches that require clearing. This will then be added to the current ditching programme.

The clerk considered this an unsatisfactory reply and feels the ditches needs clearing now, not at sometime in the future and asked Cllr. Lowe to mention this when he meets with Kali on other matters.

REQUEST FOR WARNING SIGNS – A358 TARMAC SITE - To date Ian Titcombe (Traffic Engineer, Somerset Highways) has not received any request for additional signing from Tarmac, if a request is received it will be considered but with all the signs in the area, it is doubtful if more signs would be necessary. The fatal accident was in 1997 and since then there have been many changes including a speed camera, changed speed limits and street lighting. There have been no reported accidents in recent years.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS IN THE SOUTH WEST – Our representation has been acknowledged.

HIGHWAYS – List of required works was given to Cllr. Lowe.

ROAD CLOSURE – A378 North Street, Langport from 2 January 2008 for 8 days.

12/07.05 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

STANDARDS BOARD - Coloured yellow on letter from Standards Board

12/07.06 REPORT ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN SOMERSET

The consultation draft 'Responding to Climate Change in Somerset' has been received and was given to Cllr. Hancock to study and answer the questionnaire which has to be completed by 7 January 2008.

12/07.07 COUNCILLORS' AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Delete Jergenson – put in Harper and have elected person res. For Lower Henlade. List attached.

12/07.08 FINANCE

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

	£	
Vale Labels	15.00	Newsletter
Parsons Landscapes	231.73	Ground Maintenance - Sept'07
Somerset Playing Field Assoc.	10.00	2007/08 Subscription

The 'Wickstead' account for £15.13 has been paid, as agreed at the last meeting
Balances – Reserve £3303.08, Current a/c £100, Scottish Widows – no change.

The Precept for 2008/09 will be agreed at the January meeting, a draft was given to members present.

12/07.10

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.35 pm

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON 2 JANUARY 2008

**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.**

Ruishton Inn booked for Thursday 14th