

# RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 JANUARY 2008

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

In Attendance: District Cllr. Durdan, 15 Parishioners and Mary Growthage (clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Small, District Cllr. Leighton and County Cllr. Clark.

### 01/08.01 MINUTES OF THE LAST TWO MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 5 December 2007, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

### 01/08.02 PLANNING MATTERS

#### 31/2007/026 – CHANGE OF USE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PARK AND RIDE FACILITY AT CAMBRIA FARM

Cllr. House declared an interest & Cllr. Marshall took the chair for this agenda item.

Cllr. Marshall gave the latest update on this application including figures from recent surveys and stated that he considered the main objects of our objections should be:

- Lack of response on consultation
- Site identification
- Traffic impact on Ruishton, Creech St Michael and Lower Henlade.
- A358

The meeting was closed at 7.50pm to enable parishioners to express their views and ask questions, reopening again at 8.20pm.

Cllrs. Marshall & Bulgin had both read the report and the response was agreed by the meeting. A copy of which is attached to these minutes.

31/2007/025 & 027 – PLANNING OFFICER'S COMMENTS RE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR BALLY GREEN, HENLADE – The clerk explained that under their Powers of Devolution, the Parish Council had granted permission for these planning applications. (12/07.03) and the Planning Officer had been duly informed of the decision.

The clerk had then received a letter dated 19 December 2007 from the Planning Officer with the recommendation that both applications be refused for the following reasons:

With regard to the two storey side extension, this may give rise to overlooking to Laurel Lodge contrary to TD Local Plan Policy H17 (A), the substantial alterations to the roof are considered to be contrary to policies S1 & S2. The two-storey side extension may be acceptable.

With regard to the erection of a garage with store above. The building gives the appearance and is of a form which is capable of residential use and County Highways Authority recommends refusal.

The meeting felt that as they have the powers to decide planning applications, then their decision should be final and that recommendations from the planning officer should have been sent to the clerk much sooner, to enable them to be taken into account. The original application was sent out of 14 November and the PC then have 21 days to give their decision after the posting of the site notice.

District Cllr. Durdan will investigate this matter on our behalf.

31/2007/020 & 022 - TOAD HALL, LOWER HENLADE – Permission on both these applications have been granted.

01/08.03 CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk thanked Cllrs. Bulgin and Faulkner for acting on her behalf while she was unwell.

There were no other issues to report.

01/08.04 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

IVY CARAVAN PARK, HENLADE – It was brought to our attention that the owners (Berkeley Leisure Group Ltd) proposed to site a further ten caravans, making seventy on the site, even though they only hold a licence for sixty caravans.

The current tenants are opposed to this extension of the site as they consider it will affect sewerage, water and the entry/exit with the A358.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should support the tenants.

01/08.05 ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE FOR WOODLANDS CASTLE

Cllr. House declared an interest and Cllr. Marshall again took the chair for this agenda item.

It was reported that there was an application for the Granting of a Premises Licence for Woodlands Castle and Grounds for the sale of alcohol on the premises/provision of regulated entertainment.

It was agreed that the Parish Council oppose this application on the grounds that there is an Enforcement Order in place regarding the erection of two marquees in the grounds. There was also concern over the noise, illumination and in view of the close proximity of Woodlands, and the amount of parking space available.

It was agreed that the clerk should write along these lines to the Licensing Unit, Taunton Deane Borough Council.

01/08.06 REQUEST TO EXTEND FOOTPATH FROM KNIGHTSTONE TO LIPE LANE COTTAGES – The meeting agreed to support the residents of Lipe Lane Cottages in their request to obtain this footpath. They were advised to contact Knisgtstone Housing Association in the first instant

01/08.07 FINANCE

ACCEPT QUOTE FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE RECREATION FIELD AND OTHER AREAS IN THE PARISH - The clerk had received two quotations for this maintenance work for the year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 The first quote received was for £4576.28 from Taunton DLO and the second from Parsons Landscapes in the sum of £2099 (2007/08 £1856 excluding the Dinhams shrub bed) – all excluding VAT

It was unanimously agreed that Parsons should continue this maintenance work.

2008/09 PRECEPT – After decision it was agreed to request a Precept of £11250, which a 12.5% increase on last year. This is mainly due to money being set aside for replacing the fence around the toddler's play equipment.

The following accounts were presented for payment:

	£	
Vale Labels	15.00	Newsletter
Parsons Landscapes	231.73	Maintenance

01/08.08 REPORT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Cllr. Hancock, having read the Report on Climate Change in Somerset, presented his response to the meeting. This was duly agreed and the clerk will submit it to SCC. A copy is attached.

01/08.09 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None received

01/08.10 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Durdan had nothing further to report, but stated that he would look into our complaints regarding the Bally Green planning application and support our objection to the granting of the Licence for Woodlands Castle.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.00 pm

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON 6 FEBRUARY 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.**