

# RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 APRIL 2008

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

In Attendance: County Cllr. Clark, District Cllr. Durdan, Mr Darren Addicott (TD Planning Officer) 7 Parishioners and Mary Grootage (clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs. Anderdon and Harper, District Cllr. Leighton.

04/08.01 CASUAL VACANCY

No one was written to the clerk on this matter.

04/08.02 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2008, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

04/08.03 PLANNING MATTERS

31/2008/003 – REPLACEMENT DWELLING FOLLOWING DEMOLITION OF EXISTING AT SARSDEN, LIPE LANE, HENLADE (TD).

There were no objections to this application

31/2008/004 – ERECTION OF CONSERVATORY AT 2 NEWLANDS ROAD, RUISHTON.(PC)

Cllr. Mullins declared an interest and took no part in the discussion on this agenda item.

This application was passed, subject to no objections being received.

31/2008/005 – EXTENSION TO EXISTING HALL STORE, RUISHTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL, NEWLANDS ROAD, RUISHTON (SCC).

There are also internal alterations to enlarge the kitchen, which do not require planning permission.

Cllrs. Bulgin and Faulkner declared an interest and took no part in the discussion on this agenda item.

There were no objections to this application.

31/2008/006 – ERECTION OF TWO STOREY EXTENSION AT REAR OF 21 NEWLANDS CRESCENT, RUISHTON (PC)

Letters of objection have been received from nos. 20 and 22 Newlands Crescent, regarding the size of the extension.

The applicants and their agent addressed the meeting.

The meeting agreed with the recommendation of Mr Darren Addicott (Planning Officer) that the application be refused on the grounds that the proposed extension is considered overbearing in relation to the adjoining properties, causing (1) loss of outlook (2) loss of light (3) loss of amenity for the occupiers, resulting in an undesirable and unneighbourly development.

The proposed extension by reason of its size and design is considered to be of excessive scale in relation to the existing property.

The proposal is contrary to policies S1, S2 and H17 of Taunton Deane Local Plan.

.31/2008/002 – ERECTION OF MACHINERY/FODDER STORE AT ROSE FARM, HENLADE.

This application was discussed at the last meeting when we were informed that the Planning Officer had requested that the store be placed further from the road. This has now been confirmed.

31/2007/033 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

A resident from Lower Henlade has requested that a member of the Parish Council attends the Planning Meeting at Deane House. The clerk understands that this meeting is likely to be held on 21May 2008 and has asked to be kept informed.

Cllr. House and Bulgin agreed to attend the meeting.

04/08.04

#### CLERK'S REPORT

A letter of thanks has been received from the family of the late Jackie Walker for our letter and donation to St Margaret's Hospice in her memory.

WOODLANDS LICENCE – The Licensing Sub-Committee accept that the application has caused real concern in the community, in particular with reference to noise nuisance and traffic issues. However, the Sub-Committee are also aware of the unequivocal professional advice that's the noise conditions, agreed between the applicant and the Council's Environmental Protection Team would ensure prevention of noise nuisance. With regard to the traffic issue the Sub-Committee find that they are unable to attach significant weight to it.

The Sub-Committee were satisfied that to grant the application with additional conditions would not interfere with the licensing objectives.

Proposed Licensable Activity and Hours permitted are as follows:

Performance of plays (indoors and outdoors) 9am – 11pm

Live Music (indoors only) Monday to Sunday 10am – 11pm

Recorded music, Making Music, Dancing, Entertainment similar to Making Music and Dancing, Late Night Refreshments (indoor only) Monday to Sunday  
10am – 12 midnight

Supply of Alcohol (on premises only)

Sunday to Thursday 10am – 12 midnight

Friday and Saturday 10am – 12.30 am the following morning

Hours the Premises are Open to the Public  
Sunday to Thursday 9am – 12.30 am the following morning  
Friday and Saturday 9am – 1am the following morning

In determining this application the Sub-committee were mindful that the licensing and planning systems are independent regimes and that it would not have been reasonable for them to take the absence of a valid planning permission in respect of the premises into account. It was pointed out that that they are aware that the applicant does not have the benefit of a planning permission and that this decision only relates to licensing.

DOG WARDEN SERVICES – With effect from 6 April 2008, the Police will no longer be responsible for accepting stray dogs, a change in the law transfers the responsibility to Local Authorities. A notice to this effect has been placed on the notice board.

HENLADE NOTICE BOARD – This has been refurbished and is now back in place.

SPEED CHECK - Following a request from the Stoke Road and Lower Henlade Association for a Road Safety Audit, Ian Titcombe (Area Traffic Engineer, SCC) has informed the clerk that a speed check will be carried out in May or June (definitely not when the schools are on holiday)

POST OFFICE CLOSURE PROGRAMME – Views to be sent to letter to Post Office Ltd., FREEPOST CONSULTATION TEAM or by email to [www.consultation@postoffice.co.uk](http://www.consultation@postoffice.co.uk)

Notices will be posted on the notice boards.

LEVELS AND MOORS – There will be a meeting at Great Bow Yard, Langport on Monday 28 April 6 – 9pm. Speakers will summarise what Local Action\* is about and what local needs it seeks to address.

\*Local Action is a European funding Programme administered by the South West of England Regional Development Agency.

The Chairman will attend

#### 04/08.05 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MEMORIAL BED – The Chairman has taken delivery of the stone and weather permitting, this should be in position next weekend.

The clerk confirmed that Parsons Landscapes were now responsible for the upkeep of this bed.

PARK AND RIDE – Cllr. Marshall reported that he had not received any response from the Monitoring Officer (SCC) nor the Traffic Reports from Mr Richard Needs. The clerk will write referring to recent emails asking for a response.

#### 04/08.06 RECREATION FIELD

Members met at the recreation field prior to the meeting.  
It was agreed that no action should be taken this year in replacing the fencing around the Toddlers' Play area.  
Quotes will be obtained for remedial works to be carried out.

The question again rose regarding the high fencing at 'Overlands' end of the field, following complaints of footballs being kicked over the fence into gardens behind the fence. It was reported that the fence had only been replaced in 2005.

It was agreed that the clerk should write asking for an estimate as to the cost involved in moving the fence and also write to the Solicitor at TDBC with regard to our liability should the fence be removed.

One other suggestion made was the possibility of placing a 'Low Level Adventure Play Area' this end of the recreation field. This will go on the next agenda.

04/08.07

#### FINANCE

The following accounts were presented and authorised for payment:

	£	
Vale Labels	15.00	Newsletter
Mary Grootage	202.85	Postage, telephone, stationery etc.
SALC	324.73	Affiliation fee 2007/08
Parsons Landscapes	231.76	Maintenance
Ruishton Village Hall	15.20	Hire of hall

All were passed for payment except the one for SALC which is held over until next month. In the meantime the clerk will find out the cost of belonging to NALC and the services offered.

Following the retirement of Mr Tony Bullen, the clerk has asked Nina Carter to carry out the Internal Audit. Nina was until her retirement an auditor with Taunton Deane and has been clerk of Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Council for the past 10 years. Her rate is £30 per hour. Nina was recommended by the Parish Liaison Officer .

The meeting approved this recommendation..

Moore Stephens of Bath will hold the Annual Audit on 2 June 2008.

The Notice will be put on the notice boards on 14 April, the inspection period will be from 1 to 30 May 2008 and the accounts have to be submitted for audit by 31 May 2008.

This gives very little time for the accounts to be prepared and for the Internal Audit to be carried out, considering the bank statements do not usually arrive until the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month and the accounts have to be approved by the Parish Council.

The clerk has been in touch with the External Auditors who have informed her that the accounts do need to be approved by the council before the inspection period.

04/08.08

#### COUNTY /DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Clark reported that he had attended the Somerset Local Area Agreement meeting as well as the Somerset Sustainable Community Strategy meeting.

The report on the need for Gypsy sites in Somerset will be published on 23 May '08.

Cllr. Durdan has seen the raised kerb outside 'Dinhams' and has repaired it.

Project Taunton Exhibition will be held at The Brewhouse tomorrow, 4 April 2008.

Chiltern Leisure is to run a Five-a-side Football league In Bridgwater.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00pm

**THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 7 MAY 2008**  
**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON 22 MAY 2008**

(N.B.28<sup>th</sup> May has been booked for next year)

**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.**