

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2008

Present: Cllr. House (Chair), Anderdon, Bulgin, Harper, Marshall, and Rexworthy.

In Attendance: County Cllr.Clark, District Cllr. Durdan, 5 Parishioners and Mary Grotage (clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Faulkner, Hancock, Lowe and Small, District Cllr.Leighton.

06/08.01 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2008, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

06/08.02 PLANNING MATTERS

31/2008/007 – ERECTION OF DWELLING IN GROUNDS OF THORNHAMS, HENLADE AS AMENDED BY PLANS NOS 6907/2 REV A, 6907/3 REV A AND 6907/4 REV A RECEIVED 1 MAY 2008 (TD)

The meeting still feel that the proposed development is too large for the site. There is still concern over the number of properties that will be using the entrance and the visibility splay.

31/2008/011 – ERECTION OF REAR SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION, 21 NEWLANDS CRESCENT, RUISHTON (PC)

The clerk has received one letter of objection, which was read to the meeting.

The clerk had been informed that the Planning Officer had requested that the extension is reduced to 3mts and was awaiting amended plans.

The meeting felt that the owners had done all that had been requested of them at the last meeting and would be supporting the application.

31/2008/14 – SINGLE AND TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND WIDENING OF EXISTING ACCESS AT PENALVERNE, STOKE ROAD, HENLADE (PC)

The meeting passed this application, subject to no objections being received.

31/2008/015 – ERECTION OF TWO STOREY EXTENSION TO SIDE AND DORMER EXTENSION TO FRONT ELEVATION, 1 NEWLANDS ROAD, RUISHTON (PC)

The meeting passed this application subject to no objections being received.

31/2008/016 – ERECTION OF GARAGE, 10 STEART COTTAGES, HENLADE (PC)

The meeting passed this application subject to no objections being received.

Taunton Deane have confirmed that planning permission has been granted on the following applications:

31/2008/003 – Replacement dwelling a 'Sarsden', Lipe Lane, Henlade.

31/2008/004 – Conservatory, 2 Newlands Road, Ruishton.

31/2008/008 – Single storey extension, laurel Lodge, Henlade.

31/2008/009T – Tree management at 'Woodlands'

WOODLANDS ENFORCEMENT ACTION – An Enforcement Notice on this property requires the removal of two marquees that have been erected in the grounds.

The owner had approached Taunton Deane concerning seven weddings, which were booked for this summer before the notice was served and asked if these could still take place.

Officers have agreed that these can take place but have attached strict conditions, including that there should be no fireworks.

The weddings will take place on 14th and 21st June, 12th July 16th and 23rd August and 6th and 27th September.

Anyone who becomes aware of any activity other than the specified events should get in touch with Taunton Deane.

A copy of the letter from the Enforcement Officer will be sent to Mr R Challes.

Cllr. Marshall left the meeting.

06/08.03

CLERK'S REPORT

NOTICE BOARDS – Taunton Deane have some yellow notice boards that they no longer required and which are on offer to Parish Councils

The notice boards are of metal construction, with a lock and Perspex fronts. They are available in various sizes and some may need remedial work.

The Parish Council would have to pay the cost of removal.

It was agreed to ask for 1x one-sided notice board.

SALC – A meeting on 'Quality Town and Parish Councils - Power of Well-being - Appointed Councillors' this will be held on 3 September 2008 at Ruishton Village Hall commencing at 2pm. The cost will be £15 per head.

Details of the event will follow, providing the Government issues the appropriate legislation and guidance before the end of July.

TAUNTON DEANE AREA WORKING PANEL – The next meeting will be held on 11 June in Bishops Village Hall commencing at 7pm

LOWER HENLADE AND STOKE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION – Members of the Parish Council are invited to attend their 'Picnic and Barbeque' on Saturday 28 June from 2pm onwards.

The clerk reported that TD had given the Association £450 towards the cost of buying a marquee for the event.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPEN DAY at the Deane House on Thursday, 12 June from 11am to 7pm.

CARERS WEEK – Events in Taunton will run from 9 – 15 June, details are on the notice boards.

06/08.04 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

UPGRADE OF RESTRICTED BYWAYS (RBs) T17/64 AND T27/8 TO BYWAYS

OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC (BOATs) – Following a recent High Court case, the application from the Trail Riders Fellowship is now considered to be non-complaint and therefore will not be determined by Somerset County Council. This effectively means that the status of the application routes will now remain as restricted byways

Notices will be posted at either end of the routes.

NB – On a restricted byway the public has a right of way on foot, on horseback or leading a horse, and a right of way in or on vehicles other than mechanically propelled vehicles, therefore giving a right of way for pedal cyclists and drivers of horse drawn vehicles.

REQUEST FOR SEAT AT THE END OF CORONATION CLOSE – A letter was read to the meeting requesting a seat to be erected at the end of Coronation Close. The meeting was in favour of this request but beforehand the clerk will write to the Portfolio holder (Cllr. Hazel Prior-Sankey) asking whether the Housing Committee would be prepared to provide the seat.

FOOTPATHS – The Chairman has cleared T22/16A
SCC will be clearing T22/23
Arrangements will be made for T22/15 to be cleared.

06/08.05 REPORT ON ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS

GRAVELANDS LANE – The clerk wrote to the Enforcement Officer regarding the sale of cars from a property in the lane and he has replied that the matter will be reported to the next Planning Committee meeting on 11 June requesting authorisation to commence Enforcement action over the unauthorised change of use. A copy of his letter has been sent to those who attended the Parish Meeting.

The entrance to Gravelands Lane needs repairing, the clerk will ask Tarmac whether or not this part of the lane belongs to them.

06/08.06 REPORT ON TARMAC LIAISON MEETING

Cllr. Bulgin reported on the recent meeting and stated that he thought the meetings were beneficial to all concerned.

The company will be submitting a planning application to develop the front of the site. There are no immediate plans to do so, but the application will be coming up for renewal.

It was agreed to support the company's request for the provision of 'flashing lights' at the site entrance for when lorries are entering or leaving the site.

06/08.07 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF HENLADE X AND RUISHTON TELEPHONE KIOSKS

BT proposes to removal the call boxes from Ruishton and Henlade X roads.

Cllr. Bulgin will ask the residents of Dinhams OAP bungalows for their opinion before replying.

06/08.08 UPDATE ON PROPOSED 'PARK AND RIDE' (MM)

In the absence of Cllr. Marshall read a letter from Naomi Gornall (Projects Manager, Transport Development Group, SCC) regarding traffic calming in Ruishton.

Cllr. Bulgin agreed to speak to Cllr. Marshall and ring Naomi Gornall on the matter.

06/08.09 RECREATION FIELD

There is nothing further to report at this stage.

06/08.10 FINANCE -

The following accounts were presented and authorised for payment:

	£
Cornhill Allianz	1427.32 Insurance
R Bulgin	9.00 Re recreation field

Accounts from Vale Labels and Parsons Landscapes have not yet been received.

06/08/11 REPORT ON ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None received.

06/08.12 COUNTY /DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Durdan spoke on the reduction of crime in the area.

The appeals from occupants of plots of land at Oxen Lane, North Curry have been dismissed following a Public Enquiry. Taunton Deane will now re-institute proceedings in the High Court to remove all unauthorised residents on the site, the removal of all caravans and the reinstatement of the land.

Cllr. Durdan also spoke on Delegated Powers given to Parish Councils.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 2 JULY 2008

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.10pm

**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.**