

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON  
PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2008

Present: Cllr. House (Chair), Anderdon, Bulgin, Faulkner, Harper, Lowe, Marshall, Mullins, Rexworthy and Ryan.

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

Apologies: Cllr. Small

10/08.01 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2008, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

10/08.02 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllrs. Bulgin, Faulkner and Ryan all declared an interest in 10/08/03 planning application regarding Ruishton School.

10/08.03 PLANNING MATTERS

4/2008/00LB – CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WALL AT THORNFALCON HOUSE, THORNFALCON – (PC)

The meeting passed this application.

INSTALLATION OF A NEW 4-BAY CLASSROOM UNIT AND ASSOCIATED WORKS FOR USE AS A PRE-SCHOOL AT RUISHTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL, NEWLANDS ROAD, RUISHTON TA3 5JZ (GRID REF: 326745 – 1246270) – comment only

Parishioners present were allowed to give their comments to the meeting.

The new classroom will replace the existing ‘Ruishton Rascals’ building which does not meet the current Health and Safety requirements.

It was stressed that there is already a problem with regard to parking, the speed of traffic in the area, the inconsideration given to local residents when transporting children to and from school and that at ‘peak times’ emergency vehicles are not able to get through due to traffic congestion in the area.

All the above concerns were taken into account in discussing the application and would be pointed out to Somerset County Council.

It was felt that more space must be provided for staff parking and it was suggested that maybe this could be provided in part of the playground.

The clerk was also asked to point out that there was lack of consultation with local residents on the application, many having heard nothing from the authorities.

31/2008/023 – ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT DWELLING AND GARAGE FOLLOWING DEMOLITION AT SARSDEN, LIPE LANE, HENLADE (AMENDED SCHEME TO 31/2008/031) – comment only

The meeting had no objections to this application.

OTHER PLANNING – The erection of garage and storage and insertion of dormers at Bally Green, Henlade (31/2008/010) and the retention of the boundary wall and fence to front of property at Barrow Corner, Lower Henlade 31/2008/020) have been refused by Taunton Deane.

The erection of an additional dwelling in the grounds of Thornhams (31/2002/007) has not yet been resolved.

A letter received on this application was read to the meeting and the contents were noted.

The application for affordable housing at Henlade has not yet gone before the Planning Committee.

The application for an extension and alterations at Orchard End, Lower Henlade (31/2008/022) has been withdrawn.

The clerk is to enquire as to the current position with regard to the enforcement order on the marquees at Woodlands Castle and also whether planning permission has been granted for the erection of a 'Midas Homes' advertising sign near Henlade Post Office.

#### 10/08.04 CLERK'S REPORT

SPFA – AGM and FIELD OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION at the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club, Lasacot Hill, Wedmore on Thursday 2 October at 7.30pm – Cllr. Bulgin will attend this meeting.

SALC TRAINING COURSES – New Councillors Training Event at Long Sutton Village Hall on Wednesday, 15 October at 7pm.

COUNCIL QUESTION TIME EVENTS – Representatives from the parish are invited to attend this event which will provide for local communities to ask questions about any of the

services or projects run by the county council or district council on any matters affecting local people and will be held at Deane House on 5 November from 6pm to 8pm.

The event will follow the County Council's Executive Board meeting, which is being held at the same venue from 2pm.

Any resident can put forward a question for the event by completing the question time proforma which is available on the Somerset County Council website in the 'Council and Democracy' section.

TARMAC LIAISON MEETING – The next meeting will be held on 16 October 2008 at 6.30pm

DRIVER AWARENESS COURSE – This will be held on Friday, 12 December 2008 in Ruishton Village Hall commencing at 6.30pm.

RUISHTON BT CALL BOX – This will be taken away in due course.

DOG BIN – Cllr. Mullins stated that the new 'dog bin' had been placed where the Dog Warden (TDBC) had felt it would be most beneficial. The chairman is to ask for some 'No Dog Fouling' signs from Taunton Deane.

10/08.05 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman had nothing further to report

10/08.06 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented and authorised for payment:

	£	
Ruishton Village Hall	54.00	Newsletter
M Growtage (Staples)	30.39	Ink for printer
C Faulkner (Monkton Elm)	13.92	Bulbs for Memorial garden

The balance at Nat West is £1690.74, with £19k at Scottish Widows. This does not include any interest due at the end of September 2008.

Grants have been received and paid over to Ruishton and Thornfalcon Parochial Parish Councils totalling £225 in respect of the upkeep of the burial grounds.

£840 grant has been received towards the upkeep of the recreation field and £100 towards the upkeep of the footpaths.

10/08.07 SOMERSET LEVELS AND MOORS - Local Action for Rural Communities

Cllr. Hancock will be asked if he is able to attend the first meeting, which is to be held at the end of October.

Cllr. Mullins suggested that an officer be asked to attend one of our meetings to give a presentation on the scheme.

10/08.08 RUISHTON BUS SHELTER

The Chairman and Cllr. Faulkner met John Harrington (TDBC) on site but regrettably due to a misunderstanding on the part of Taunton Deane, the Parish Council are unable to get the 85% funding for a replacement bus shelter, this only being made available for a new one on a new site.

It was therefore agreed to get the present shelter repaired and the Chairman will contact Leicester Felt Roofing for a quotation.

The clerk will write to Mr and Mrs Streeter with regards to this decision.

10/08.09 DROPPED KERB ADJACENT RUISHTON CHURCH

Following a meeting on site a quotation has been received for this work to be carried out in the sum of £435 + VAT

This was agreed by the meeting and County Cllr. Clark kindly agreed to pay this from his Local Initiative budget.

10/08.10 SEAT – JUNCTION OF CORONATION CLOSE/BUSHY CROSS LANE

Again, following a meeting on site a quotation has been received to concrete the base and seat in the agreed location at a cost of £428 + VAT, plus the cost of the seat.

This was also agreed by the meeting and County Cllr. Clark agreed to also fund this for the parish.

10/08.11 MEMORIAL STONE/GARDEN

The plaque has now been ordered and it is hoped it will be in place before Christmas.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr. Faulkner & her family for planting bulbs in this bed.

10/08.12 RECREATION FIELD

ANNUAL INSPECTION – Cllr. Bulgin has this matter in hand and at the same time will ask the Inspector for advice for the best way to protect the area at the end of the slide.

PLAY AREA GRANT SCHEME – Applications for 2009/2010 have to be submitted before the end of the year.

10/08.13 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Cllr. Lowe will report on blocked drains in the parish to Somerset Highways.

The clerk will explore the option of having a 20mph speed limit in the Newlands area.

10/08.14 REPORT ON ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None received.

10/08.15 COUNTY /DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Thanks were expressed to Cllr. Clark for funding the dropped kerb near the church and the seat near by Coronation Close from his 2008/9 Local Initiative Budget.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15pm

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 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.**