

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2008

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

In Attendance: County Cllr. Clark, District Cllrs. D. Durdan, Colin Dawson (re p/a 31/2008/025) Miss Karen Purchase (TD Planning Officer), PCSO 8123 Debra Perry 8 Parishioners and Mary Growtage (clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Faulkner, Hancock, Lowe and Marshall

12/08.01

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

12/08.02

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The following interests were declared regarding planning applications:

Cllr. Anderdon – 31/2008/029 (Stones Cottage) and 31/2008/0031(The Mount Somerset)
Cllrs. House and Small – 40/2008/002 (Ashe Farm)
Cllrs. Bulgin and Ryan - Extension to Ruishton C of E Primary School

12/08.03

PLANNING MATTERS

31/2208/025 – ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO THE SIDE OF PROPERTY TO FORM ANNEXE AT SOUTHVIEW, 10b NEWLANDS CRESCENT, RUISHTON. (PC)

This application was reconsidered by the request of the Planning Officer who was present at the meeting and gave her reasons for refusal of the application.
Copies of her report had been given to members along with their agendas.

This application was discussed at length and a vote taken. The result being 1 FOR, 4 AGAINST AND 3 ABSTENTIONS. The application was therefore refused.

Cllr. Bulgin left the meeting at 8.45pm

31/2008/026 – ERECTION OF FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION, RAISING OF RIDGE HEIGHT, INSTALLATION OF DORMER WINDOWS AND ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AT 2 NEWLANDS CRESCENT, RUISHTON (PC)

The PO informed members that they should only pass comments at this stage and determine the application at the next meeting.

One parishioner present raised an objection to the application and was advised to write to the PO personally.

The PO should give her recommendations and views before the next meeting.

31/2008/029 – ERECTION OF EXTENSION TO ‘STONES’ LOWER HENLADE (PC)

There were no objections to this application, providing the materials used are in keeping with the neighbouring properties.

40/2008/002 – ERECTION OF NURSERY TO PIG BUILDING TO HOUSE WEANED PIGLETS AT ASHE FARM, THORNFALCON (TD)

There were no objections to this application.

31/2008/0031 – TEMPORARY CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO CONTRACTORS COMPOUND AND ACCESS FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED RENOVATIONS AT THE MOUNT SOMERSET HOTEL, LOWER HENLADE (TD)

There were no objections to this application.

ERECTION OF EXTENSION TO FORM NEW OFFICE SPACE AT RUISHTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL, NEWLANDS ROAD, RUISHTON (Grid re:326727 – 124640) (SCC)

Again, there were no objections to this application.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

40/08/003LB - The recoating of thatched roof with water reed at Harmans Cottage, Thornfalcon has been approved by Taunton Deane.

12/08.04 CLERK'S REPORT

LATEST REPORT FROM AVON AND SOMERSET CONSTABULARY – This has been circulated.

PCSO Debra Perry was introduced to those present and agreed to speak to parents who use the Day Nursery opposite the Ruishton Inn regarding parking on the yellow lines.

Cllr. Anderdon mentioned a theft of Fuel from the ‘Dessert to Jungle’ Nursery at Lower Henlade. It was stressed that such incidents must be reported to the Police.

12/08.05 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT – It was agreed to adopt the Model Order.

LAND REGISTRY – It was agreed not to register the recreation field at this time, due to the cost involved. The deeds are currently held at Clark, Wilmott and Clerk.

12/08.06 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented and authorised for payment:

	£	
Somerset Playing Fields' Association	10.00	Sub due 1 Dec2008
M Growtage	30.06	Envelopes and tel' calls
Parsons Landscapes	262.28	Ground Maintenance – November

Cllr. Anderdon left the meeting at 8.20pm

12/08.07 DRAFT 2009/10 PRECEPT

Copies were handed to those present for consideration at the next meeting.

A quote has been received from Parsons Landscapes in the sum of £2046.45 + £157.50 for the shrub at Dinhams (£1949+£150) being a 5% increase on last year. The clerk has not asked for a quote from the DLO as last year it was £4576.

12/08.08 BUS SHELTERS/STOPS

The bus shelter in Ruishton and the one on the A358 (opposite Bushy Cross Lane) are to be refelted and repaired at a cost of £450.00 + VAT

The question regarding the bus stops has been resolved.

12/08.09 RECREATION FIELD

Whether or not the fencing around the toddlers' play area be replaced will be on the next agenda.

The clerk is concerned that the inspection of the play equipment is overdue and it was agreed this be carried out as a matter of urgency.

12/08.10 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The clerk reported that the drain and ditch at Greenway Lane, Lower Henlade had now been cleared.

Somerset Highways will attend to the potholes at the entrance to the Tarmac layby.

Somerset Highways will not be cutting the weeds obstructing the gravel footpath from Tarmac to Thornwater Farm before next May.

12/08.11 REPORT ON ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None received.

12/08.12 COUNTY /DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Durdan was pleased to report that Somerset Waterways had won the Lottery Competition of £50,000 for 'The River Tone Trip Boat' (11/08.14)

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50pm

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2009

**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.**