

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2009

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

In Attendance: County Cllr. Clark, District Cllr. D Durdan, 5 Parishioners, PCSOs Lyndsey Gamlin and Maria Jennings, Darren Addicott (TD Planning Officer) and Mary Grootage (clerk)

Apologies: District Cllr. K Durdan

02/09.01 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2009, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

02/09.02 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The following interests were declared:

Planning application 31/2008/026 – Cllrs. Bulgin and Rexworthy
31/2009/001 – Cllr. House

02/09.03 PLANNING MATTERS

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

Parishioners were allowed to make their comments before the application was discussed at length with the PO and between councillors.

A vote was taken there being 8 for and 1 against with one abstention.

31/2008/037 – ERECTION OF DOUBLE GARAGE AT THORNHAMS, HENLADE .
TD

There were no adverse comments.

31/2009/001 – ALTERATIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 31/07/034 TO INCLUDE REMOVAL OF CHIMNEY AND ALTERATION TO ROOF DETAIL AND ERECTION OF CONSERVATORY TO REAR CARNATIKI, STOKE ROAD, HENLADE (RETENTION OF DEVELOPMENT ALREADY UNDERTAKEN) TD

Cllr. Marshall (Vice Chairman) took the chair while this planning application was discussed.

There were no adverse comments.

CONSTRUCTION OF WALK-IN MOTOR CONTROL CENTRE (MCC) KIOSK ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF 3 NO ENHANCED COMBINED HEAT AND POWER ENGINES AT HAM SEWERAGE TREATMENT WORKS, HAM LANE, CREECH ST MICHAEL (GRID REF: 328448 – 124583) SCC

There were again no adverse comments.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Consent has been granted for the following planning applications:

31/08/0027 – Change of use to function facilities, formation of new access and retention of glazed pergola at Woodlands Castle/.,

31/08/028LB – Conversion of building to provide function facilities and disabled toilet at Woodlands.

31/08/0031 – Temporary change of use of land to contractors compound at Mount Somerset Hotel, Lower Henlade.

31/08/0034 – Erection of dwelling on and to the east of Thornhams, Henlade.

31/08/036T – Fell trees in Woodlands
Erection of extension at Ruishton School.

All the above had been discussed by the Parish Council.

02/09.04

CLERK'S REPORT

TAUNTON DEANE CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2009 – This was reported to the meeting.

PROPOSED SEAT AT THE END OF CORONATION CLOSE – The Licence for this is still awaited.

MARCH SALC MEETINGS – These have been cancelled, the next ones will be held in June.

SEVERN BARRAGE PROPOSALS – A meeting will be held to discuss the proposals at Locking Village Hall on 31 March 2009 at 7.30pm.

POWER OF WELL-BEING FOR PARISHES AND TOWNS – This new Power was issued and became effective in late December 2008 and will be available to those Councils that satisfy the statutory eligibility criteria and do not involve being an accredited Quality Council.

A Parish Council will be able to use this new power to support financially, and otherwise, a community shop, a commercial shop and/or Post Office, any other form of economic activity. In addition it can be used to provide support for alternative energy sources or other environmental activity or for an individual.

The training package for this qualification will be delivered in April, one being held at Ruishton Village Hall on 27 April commencing at 2pm. The charge will be £40 per head for members of SALC.

IVY HOUSE PARK – Have set up a Residents Association, the Chairman is Mr Tony Edwards, with Ms Maggie Lindsey as Secretary.

SIGNS ON A358 – The clerk has not heard from the Enforcement Officer.

02/09.05

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that the bus shelters should soon be repaired.

02/09.06

HIGHWAYS

Cllr. Lowe reported that the light had not been replaced outside Bally Green and the drain needs clearing in the area.

The footpath opposite the school needs attention, as do the sides of the road in Haydon Lane.

The pipe at the end of Stoke Hill is blocked and is causing flooding in the area.

The clerk is to write to the SCC for a schedule of works to be carried out in relation to the Park and Ride at Cambria Farm.

02/09.07 RECREATION FIELD

The clerk reported that the grant from TD in respect of a new fence for around the toddlers play area cannot be used for maintenance work or upgrading play equipment.

02/09.08 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented and authorised for payment:

	£	
Parsons Landscapes Ltd	34.50	Dec '08 Maintenance
Ruishton Village Hall	33.15	Hire of Hall Oct – Dec '08

Balances in hand are as follows:

Nat West - Current a/c	£100.00
- Reserve a/c	£2060.54
Scottish Widows -	£19k

PARISH COUNCIL BANK DETAILS – It was agreed that details of the Parish Council be held on a single financial management system that can be accessed by all organisations buying products or services through this system. This will mainly apply to the precept and grants.

02/09.09 REPORT ON ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None received.

02/09.10 COUNTY /DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County Cllr. Clark reported that most committee time in the last month had been taken up with setting the budget for 2009/10.

He also stated that the county were low on salt/grit due to current weather conditions.

It is understood that Cllr. Clark is not standing for election at the next election.

District Cllr. Durdan has spoken to the solicitor regarding the length of time taken regarding the proposed seat at Coronation Close and gave the clerk the solicitor's direct telephone number.

He will be attending the National Playing Field AGM in June.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30pm

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 4 MARCH 2009

(Apologies from Cllr. Durdan)

**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.**