

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 MARCH 2009

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

In Attendance: District Cllr. K Durdan and County Cllr. Clark, Mrs F Wadsley (TD Planning Officer) 8 Parishioners and Mary Grootage (clerk)

Apologies: District Cllr. D Durdan

03/09.01 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2009, having been circulated, were taken as read and after deleting Cllr. Mullins as present were duly agreed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

03/09.02 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were declared.

03/09.03 PLANNING MATTERS

31/09/0003 – ERECTION OF TWO STOREY EXTENSION AT MOONRAKER, LOWER HENLADE (PC)

Members were given a copy of the Planning Officer's report and passed the application, providing no objections are raised within 21 days of the notice being posted.

31/09/0004 – ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO SIDE TO FORM ANNEX AT SOUTHVIEW, 10b NEWLANDS CRESCENT, RUISHTON (PC)

Again members were given a copy of the Planning Officer's report and the application was duly passed.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS – Pre-planning application consultation from 'orange' for a radio base station (Mobile phone mast) in Deane Gate Avenue

There were no adverse comments regarding this pre-planning application.

31/08/0035 – Change of use of Toad Hall, Lower Henlade – This proposal has been withdrawn.

Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order at Thornfalcon Garage.

Permission has been granted on the following applications:

31/08/0026 – Alterations to 2 Newlands Crescent

31/08/0037 – Erection of garage at Thornhams, Henlade

31/09/0001 – Alterations at 'Carnatiki', Stoke Road, Henlade.

03/09.04 CLERK'S REPORT

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

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

TAUNTON TOWN CHARITY – The clerk has details of sheltered accommodation in Taunton for people over 60 years of age, anyone wishing to benefit from the scheme should contact them on 01823 335348 – further information is posted on the Village Hall notice board.

PLANNING TRAINING – Will take place on Monday 9 March at 6pm in the John Meikle Room at Deane House. A representative from Natural England will be attending to talk about 'Planning for Wildlife – Implications for Development Management'.

The following meeting will now be on Wednesday 22 April and the topic will be gypsy and traveller issues, while the training on Monday 11 May when a representative from the Environment Agency will be attending.

POWER OF WELL BEING FOR PARISHES AND TOWNS – A reminder that the training package for this qualification will be delivered in April, one being held at Ruishton Village Hall on 27 April commencing at 2pm.(02/09.04)

The charge will be £40 per head for members of SALC.

SALC There is also an event being run by SALC designed to set out what the new power can be used for and what participation tests have to be satisfied before a Council can exercise the new power. The nearest one is being held at Fivehead Village Hall on Monday 9 March commencing at 7.30pm This event is free, anyone wishing to attend should contact Peter Lacey (SALC) on 01823 252515 beforehand.

SEVEN BARRAGE PROPOSALS – A SALC meeting to outline and address these issues will be held at Locking Village Hall on Tuesday 31 March at 7.30pm. Please advise SALC if you wish to attend.

ANNUAL MEETINGS 28 May - This was discussed and it was agreed to ask a representative from Somerset Highways to attend to give a progress report on the Construction of the Park and Ride at Cambria Farm.

Cllr. Mullins arrived at 8pm

03/09.05 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman had nothing to report other than that we are still waiting for the bus shelters to be repaired.

33/09.06 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented and authorised for payment:

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Parsons Landscapes Ltd	69.00	January/February '09 - Maintenance
Ruishton Village Hall	23.40	Jan – Mar'09 - Hire of Hall
R House	250.00	2008/09 - Chairman's Allowance
M Groatge	4384.00	2008/09 - Clerks Salary

SALC Affiliation Fee for 2009/10 is £341.55 - this will not be paid until next month.

£5000 is being transferred from Scottish Widows A/C to our Nat West Reserve A/C leaving a balance there of £14k

03/09.07 RECREATION FIELD

It was agreed to get professional advice on updating our play equipment. This was left with Cllr. Bulgin to arrange.

03/09.08 HIGHWAYS

Graham Warnecke (Somerset Highways) has been asked to inspect the faults reported last month and any highway defects found at the County's intervention level will be repaired. Work has already been carried out in Haydon Lane.

The street light outside Ballygreen has been reported to the Highway Lighting section for investigation and repair.

Copies of the Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders as part of the East Of Taunton Park and Ride (ETPR) were given to those present, together with a timescale of ongoing works at this site.

Following recent flooding in Cheats Road, it was agreed to ask Somerset Highways to clear the gullies along the stretch of road from Overlands to the flood pump.

03/09.09 REPORT ON ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None received.

03/09.10 COUNTY /DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

None present.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.25pm

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 1 APRIL 2009 AT 7.30PM

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME AT 7.20PM

**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.**