

# RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1JULY 2009

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

In Attendance: County Cllr.Fothergill, David Greig (Parish Liaison Officer TD)  
4 Parishioners and Mary Growtage (clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Faulkner, District Cllrs. D. Durdan and K. Durdan

07/09.01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

0709.02 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2009, having been circulated, were taken as read and after an amendment were duly agreed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

07/09.03 DISCUSSION ON DELEGATED PLANNING POWERS

David Greig advised the meeting that Taunton Deane have agreed that the current scheme for delegated powers will continue but that the following will have to be adhered to:

- Formal training for all councillors or members of a planning committee
- Minutes will have to be much more detailed, as they will be used as a record in any dispute.
- A Planning Officer will attend all delegated planning meetings, at a cost of £90 per visit from April 2010.

During discussion, the main concern to the above proposals was the cost to the PC, which would be borne by the parishioners in their council tax, this could be in excess of £1k a year.

It was proposed by Cllr. Bulgin and seconded by Cllr. Marshall that the Parish Council rescind their powers subject to receiving formal notification from the Mr Tim Burton (Development Manager) – This was unanimously agreed.

07/09.04 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr. Bulgin and seconded by Cllr. Anderdon that Cllr. House continues as Chairman, with Cllr. Marshall as vice chairman.

This was agreed unanimously and Cllr House has signed his 'Declaration of Office'

07/09.05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

31/09/0010 – OUTLINE PLANNING FOR THE ERECTION OF A DWELLING ON LAND TO THE REAR OF 'COUNTRY WAYS', HENLADE (Comment only)

It is noted that the proposed development is in open countryside..

Highway observations have yet to be received but it was felt that the entrance should be up to standard visibility splay.

If the application is passed it was felt that the site is kept to one dwelling only.

31/09/0011 – PROPOSED CONVERSION OF TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS INTO TWO RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AT ARUNDELL'S FARM, LOWER HENLADE (Comment only)

Previous permission for conversion to 1 dwelling expired in February 2009.

There were no adverse comments to this application.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS – The following applications have been granted:

31/09/0008 – Erection of a detached and a half storey dwelling on land at Barn Close Nurseries, Henlade. (05/09.04)

31/09/009T – Management work on tulip tree at Lodge House, Ruishton (05/09.03E)

It is noted that the Midas advertising sign is still on the A358, the clerk will write to the Enforcement Officer asking when we can expect the sign to be removed.

07/09.06 CLERK'S REPORT

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES – A372 Aller Road/High Street, Aller will be closed for 3 days from 15 July and A372 White Hill and Aller Road, Huish Episcopi will be closed for 15 days from 6 July 2009

The proposed closure for Ruishton Lane will be kept to the minimum required enabling the construction works at the end of Ruishton Lane to be undertaken. Dates have not yet been finalised.

LOCAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION (Charles Arnold Baker) – The clerk has the 7<sup>th</sup> edition and has been reminded that the 8<sup>th</sup> edition is now available. It was agreed not to incur this expense this year.

PROPOSED SEAT AT CORONATION CLOSE – This is now on order and delivery time has been quoted as 5 – 6 weeks.

Apologies have been received regarding the delay.

07/09.07 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, along with 3 other councillors, recently met Mr Richard Needs and Ms Emma Tucker from the Highways Agency and walked Ruishton Lane and Cheats Road to consider traffic calming measures in conjunction with the development of the East of Taunton Park and Ride.

Some amendments to the original plans were agreed and we now await the amended plans for Public Consultation.

New road markings at the junction of Ruishton Lane/Cheats Road/ Church Lane/Bushy Cross Lane are different to those there before the resurfacing the road. Thereby making it harder to enter/exit Church Lane. The clerk will write to Mr Ian Titcombe on this matter.

The clerk has not heard regarding the supply of sand/bags to be kept in the Dinhams area nor for Lower Henlade and agreed to take this matter forward.

07/09.08 REPORT ON SALC MEETING

Cllr. Anderdon attended the recent SALC meeting and reported that the 'Delegated Powers' had been discussed at length.

He advised the clerk to obtain a booklet from the association entitled 'Extra instructions for Parish Clerks'

07/09.09 REQUEST FOR ALLOTMENTS IN THE PARISH

A request was made at the Annual Parish Meeting for the provision of allotments in the parish.

The Parish Liaison Officer pointed out the PC has a duty to consider this request, however the main problem is finding suitable land that is economical within the parish.

The Chairman and Cllr. Bulgin agreed to look into the possibility of any land that may be suitable for this purpose.

Cllr. Lowe arrived at 8.30pm

07/09.10 RUISHTON TELEPHONE KIOSK

Cllr. Faulkner reported vandalism to the kiosk and BT had it repaired the same day.

It is understood that the kiosk is to stay, as there had been an objection to it being removed.

If the kiosk is vandalised again the number to ring is 0800661610.

07/09.11 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented and agreed for payment:

	£	
Parsons Landscapes	269.35	Maintenance*
Ruishton Village Hall	33.85	Room Hire April – June
*The clerk will ask for the recreation field to be cut by 15 July ready for Village day.		

07/09.12 REPORT ON ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - None

07/09.13 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Our newly elected County Councillor said that the turn out for the recent election had been 46-48%

He stated that the three main priorities of the SCC were to:

Freeze the Council Tax

Keep the debt down

Repair roads

When canvassing in the area he found that the main concerns were, the Park and Ride, traffic calming, noise from Woodlands Castle and flooding in the area.

A license has been granted for more sites at Ivy Caravan Park.

County Councillors have £10,000 each for Community Funding.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45pm  
DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 5 August 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.**

ADVANCE NOTICE

There will be a planning meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
in the Village Hall Committee Room  
Commencing at 7.30pm