

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 OCTOBER 2009

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

In Attendance: County Cllr. Fothergill, 2 Parishioners and Mary Growthage (clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Mullins and Small, District Cllr. Durdan

10/09.01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

10/09.02 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2009, having been circulated, were taken as read and following one alteration were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

10/09.03 PLANNING MATTERS

The Legal Services Manager (TDBC) has acknowledged that the Parish Council has withdrawn from the Delegated Planning Scheme and that in future all planning applications will be for comment only.

40/09/0006LB – REMOVAL OF SAND AND CEMENT RENDER AND REPLACEMENT WITH LIME MORTAR USING LIME BASED PAINT TO FRONT AND REAR ELEVATIONS AT THE THATCH, ASH, THORNFALCON (RETENTION OF DEVELOPMENT ALREADY UNDERTAKEN)

The meeting had no objection to this application.

Permission has been granted for the extensions, garden building and landscaping at The Mount Somerset Hotel, Lower Henlade. (31/09/0014)

10/09.04 CLERK'S REPORT.

PROPOSED NOTICE BOARD, LOWER HENLADE – The required notices have been served on the necessary persons and a notice displayed on site until 5.11.09

The draft Licence was presented to and approved by the Parish Council.

Gill Ellis has now provided written quotes from SL Joinery (two door- £750 and with one door £695) and Greenbarnes Ltd (£925). Both quotes exclude VAT

County Cllr. Fothergill is giving a grant of £350 from his Community Fund.

After looking at the quotations in detail, it was agreed by 8 –0, with two abstentions, to accept the quote for the two door notice from SL Joinery

REQUEST TO DISPLAY VILLAGE HALL NOTICE ON PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS – The request was agreed.

AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE MATTERS – Inspector 1406 Samuel Williams has recently taken over the role of Neighbourhood Inspector for our area.

Nominations for Community Policing Awards – The clerk handed out nomination forms should anyone wish to nominate an officer for this award.

PACT undertook speed checks in Cheats Road on 14 August and 8/23 September. The clerk had mentioned that with the closure of Ruishton Lane in September the results might not be a true reading.

PACT should be attending the November meeting.

The clerk is to inform the Police that Webber Buses are having difficulty negotiating the corner near the Day Nursery when cars are parked on the yellow zigzag lines. She will also mention the cars parking across the pavement in Lawn Meadow.

RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN FOR SCHOOL GOVERNORS – Notices have been placed on the Notice Boards.

RUISHTON TELEPHONE KIOSK – In the past twelve months only 62 calls have been made from the kiosk (01823442370) therefore BT ask us to consider adopting our kiosk for £1. The value for insurance purposes would be £2.5k. The clerk will ask BT if the kiosk can be handed back to them if not required at a later date.

This would mean that the equipment would be removed and ownership of the kiosk structure transferred to us and can then be used for any purpose and in whatever way we feel would benefit the local community

This will be on the next agenda for a final decision

SOUTH WEST LOVE FOOD HATE WASTE CAMPAIGN 2009 – A notice advertising this campaign has been placed on the notice board.

10/09.05 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

ALLOTMENTS –At present it appears that there is no land available. Cllr. Bulgin will contact the Allotment Holders Association for advice on this matter.

10/09.06 PROGRESS ON THE PARK AND RIDE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAFFIC CALMING

The clerk has been informed that the closure of Ruishton Lane has been currently extended to 12 October, due to difficulties with existing underground utilities both in Ruishton Lane and on the A358.

Somerset Highways were hoping to also undertake the implementation of the traffic calming in Ruishton Lane during the same closure period, however it is now likely that the duration of the closure may have to be extended to accommodate these works. The PC will be kept informed of any further necessary extension to the closure of Ruishton Lane.

The traffic calming works in Cheats Road will follow on from the completion of the works in Ruishton Lane. Cllr. Bulgin informed the meeting that he had been informed that the road would be closed to the end of October.

With regard to our request to provide a 'Throttle' has already been reviewed and it was concluded that there is no viable location for such a narrowing of the road.

However a further review has been undertaken but an appropriate position for such a feature has not been identified.

The clerk is to write to Mr Richard Needs expressing members concerns over the hardship to local businesses through the road closure and the chaos on the A358 at weekends.

10/09.07 FUTURE TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2009 – 2026

Cllr. Hancock will read the report and Cllrs. Marshall and Bulgin will then reply on behalf of the Parish Council. The clerk will request an extension of the date for reply to be extended to 30 October 2009.

Cllr. Marshall commented on reports in minutes received from Taunton Deane regarding the need for development land within the Deane mentioning land to the East of the M5.

It was agreed that the clerk should ask the District Councillors to attend the next meeting and explain how it could affect our parish.

10/09.08 FUNDS HELD BY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF FORMER YOUTH CLUB

Cllr. Rexworthy explained how the Village Hall Committee came to be holding this money and it was agreed that it be handed to the Parish Council and used towards new play equipment in the Recreation Field (£304)

10/09.09 RECREATION FIELD

Cllr. Bulgin reported that there had been vandalism to the safety surfacing under the slide, which has now been cordoned off.

The clerk has informed the insurance company and police who have inspected the damage and given her a crime number, which is required for insurance purposes.

Cllr. Bulgin has obtained two written and one verbal quotation, two being for £1,200 and the other for £630 (both exc. VAT) and has also taken photographs of the damage.

It was agreed to accept the quote of £630 from G.B. Sport and Leisure.

The clerk will send all the necessary information to Allianz Insurance plc.

Cllr. Bulgin was given permission to buy new chains for the swings at a cost of £128, together with other sundry items required for the maintenance of the play equipment.

10/09.10 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented and agreed for payment:

	£	
Parsons Landscapes	538.70	Maintenance –Aug/Sept
Ruishton Village Hall	25.09	Hire of hall – July to Sept
Mary Growtage (Staples)	29.85	Stationery (paper)

The clerk presented a spreadsheet to those present, showing the receipts/ payments and current balances. Cllr. Bulgin asked that this be put on the next agenda in order that he may question the clerk on the figures.

The new seat in Bushy Cross Lane has been insured, there is no additional charge until the next premium is due (June 2010)

10/09.11 REPORT ON ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - None

10/09.12 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County Cllr. Fothergill is looking into parishioner's complaints regarding footpaths and that the proposed Park and Ride the bus service will only be going via Ilminster Road, while some residents would like the service to occasionally go via Priory Bridge Road and the railway station.

No District Cllrs. were present.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55pm

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 4 NOVEMBER 2009

Apologies received from Cllrs. Anderdon and Faulkner

**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.**