

# RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2009

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

In Attendance: County Cllr. Fothergill, District Cllr. K. Durdan, 7 Parishioners, PCSOs Chapman and Jennings and Mary Grootage (clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs. Anderdon, Faulkner, Small & District Cllr. D. Durdan

### 11/09.01 MINUTES OF THE LAST TWO MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on 7 and 21 October 2009, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 11/09.02 PACT ISSUES

PCSO Chapman spoke on their recent involvement regarding speeding traffic and inconsiderate parking in the area.

Three speed checks have to date been carried out in Cheats Road, but no figures are available at present. It was reported that the Fire Brigade would be responsible for Community Speed Watch from 28 November 2009.

It was stated that there were 11 reported Road Traffic incidents on the A358 through Henlade since the last PACT visit.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding speeding in Ruishton. There are also concerns at Lower Henlade, where residents are being trained in the use of a speed gun. It is understood that PCSO Gamblin cannot issue speeding penalty fine, as she is not fully trained in the use of a speed camera.

Cllr. Lowe asked if the white van with a speed camera could sometimes be parked on the other side of the A358, and not always in the same place.

Concerns were expressed that the Park and Ride is currently scheduled to open in two weeks time and it appears that there will be no security. Cllr. Marshall asked that the Police be made aware of this situation and are asked to keep a watch on the area.

### 11/09.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

### 11/09.04 PLANNING MATTERS

31/09/0021/AGN – ERECTION OF TIMBER FRAMED AGRICULTURAL BUILDING ON LAND ADJACENT TO STONES COTTAGE, BRIAR LANE, LOWER HENLADE.

There were no objections to this application.

4/31/09/0022 – CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF LAND AS PARK AND RIDE FACILITY WITHOUT COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITION 2 OF PERMISSION NO. 4/31/026

(DATED 12.02.08) – VARIATION OF DESIGN OF CONTROL BUILDING AT CAMBRIA FARM, ILMINSTER ROAD, TAUNTON (GR;523881 – 124559)

Members thought this was a major departure from the original plans as submitted to the Public Enquiry with loss of facilities, including insufficient toilets and lack of security on the premises.

At this stage of the meeting it was agreed to bring forward agenda item 11/09.09 in order that they be discussed at the same time.

11/09.09 PROGRESS ON PARK AND RIDE AND TRAFFIC CALMING

Lead by Cllr. Marshall members were strongly against the 'Park and Ride' being opened in two weeks time before the road infrastructure and traffic lights are in place and consider this to be against the conditions set out at the Public Enquiry.

Members queried how safe it will be for traffic to enter the P & R from the M5 or exit towards Ilminster.

There will also be no security there for sometime.

It was agreed that the clerk should write expressing our concerns.

Cllr. Fothergill will also be taking the matter up on our behalf.

11/09.04 PLANNING MATTERS continued

4/31/09/0023 – RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY PERMISSION FOR CLASSROOM UNIT E649 AT RUISHTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL, RUISHTON TA3 5LZ

Cllr. Bulgin as a Governor of the school declared an interest.

It was agreed that as this was not on the agenda, a separate planning meeting be called to discuss this application.

31/09/0015LB – EXTENSIONS AT THE MOUNT SOMERSET

31/09.0018 – ERECTION OF GARAGE AND WORKSHOP AT DRAKES FARM

Permission has been granted on these two applications.

11/09.05 CLERK'S REPORT.

CYCLE ROUTE FROM WESTON TO SEATON - Sustrans are looking into providing a cycle route from Weston to Seaton via Burnham, Highbridge, Bridgwater to Taunton along the canal and then via Ruishton, Ilminster, Chard and Axminster to Seaton. The route from Taunton to Ruishton would be from Hankridge under the motorway and then through the field to Church. Some negotiations have taken place with Mr Ling and the clerk has been asked to supply the names and addresses of those living in Church Lane.

PARISH LIAISON OFFICER – David Greig is on holiday from 10/11 to 14/12/09

SALC – Area meetings for December have been cancelled.

There is a training event 'Power of Well Being for Councillors' on 16 January 2010 in West Buckland Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm; the cost will be £20 each with every 4<sup>th</sup> one free.

NHS Somerset – We have been asked to put a small notice in the newsletter regarding 'Somerset Assistive Technology' (Aids and products to make your life easier) – This was agreed.

11/09.06 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

ALLOTMENTS – The Chairman and Cllr. Bulgin will meet Mr C Powell who may have some land available at Lower Henlade.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Congratulations were given to the VHMC on being awarded the Mervyn Sealy Trophy for the best Village Hall Management in the Taunton Deane area.

HIGHWAY MATTERS – Cllr. Lowe is meeting with Kali Martin and will bring the following to his attention:

- State of pavements in Newlands Crescent
- Collapse of the edge of the road alongside Alexevia Caravan park in Bushy Cross Lane
- Condition of the slip road in the Garvelands Lane/Tarmac area

REPORT ON TARMAC LIAISON MEETING – Cllr. Bulgin spoke on the regrettable redundancies at Tarmac following the completion of the stands for the 2012 Olympic Stadium.

The clerk was asked to write to Somerset County Highways regarding the state of the slip road leading to their premises, as the road surface has been badly damaged and potholed by contractor's vehicles turning to enable them to enter the P & R site.

Also, to write to Wessex Water to ask the purpose of the surveys carried out on land between Ham Sewerage Works and Tarmac Ltd.

11/09.07 NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT LAND IN TAUNTON DEANE

Cllr. Marshall was concerned that the TDBC review into employment land has recommended that a new strategic site in excess of 20 hectares to the east of the motorway at junction 25 is required. District Cllr. K Durdan was asked to provide details and arrange for TDBC to explain to the Parish Council the implications for the parish.

District Cllr. K Durdan left the meeting.

11/09.08 RUISHTON TELEPHONE KIOSK

Due to the likelihood of vandalism it was agreed by 6 –2, with 3 abstentions that the Parish Council will not be leasing it.

11/09.10 FUTURE TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2009 – 2026

Cllrs. Bulgin and Marshall have replied to this questionnaire on behalf of the Parish Council and their full reply is attached

11/09.11 RECREATION FIELD

PARISH PLAY AREA GRANT SCHEME – Applications for grants for 2010/2011 should be submitted by 31/12/2009 in the first instance. Full details to be completed by 30 April 2010 at the latest.

It should be noted that in the first instance grants are being awarded for older children and teenager play areas.

The safety surfacing should have been repaired this week, but unfortunately has not yet been done, as fine weather is required.

11/09.12 HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT

This was explained by the clerk and will be updated and used as part of the figures required for the 2010/2011 precept, which is due to be agreed at the January 2010 meeting.

11/09.13 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented and agreed for payment:

	£	
Parsons Landscapes	269.35	Maintenance – October
Cllr. Bulgin	19.06	B&Q – Bolts, latch etc.
Mary Growtage	24.77	Telephone – 6 mths to end September
	<u>80.29</u>	Samsung Toner (for printer)
	105.06	

Current balances at Nat West are: Current a/c £100, Reserve a/c £1771. This includes £225, which we have received on behalf of the two parochial Church Councils. The balance at Scottish Widows stands at £22k

Cllr. Rexworthy checked the balances at 30 June and 30 September 2009.

We have received £890 from TDBC for the upkeep of the recreation field (£840) and footpaths (£50) and £304.97 from the former Ruishton Youth Club.

11/09.14 REPORT ON ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

PARK AND RIDE WORKS ON A358 - Richard Needs has replied to the clerk stating that temporary traffic lights are required to undertake some of the works associated with the creation of the widening of the A358 where the works abut the existing carriageway. Due to the volume of traffic and the proximity to residential/hotel premises these works can only be undertaken on Sundays. Therefore some congestion is inevitable.

Partial opening of the Park and Ride will take place on 16 November with the commencement of the Park and Ride service, construction works will however continue on through December 2009.

11/09.15 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

No District Cllrs. were present.

When questioned County Cllr. Fothergill answered there would be a minimal decrease in funding for PCSOs in this area.

A new Chief Executive of Somerset County Council has been appointed.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.35pm

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 2 DECEMBER 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.**