

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2009

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

In Attendance: County Cllr. Fothergill, District Cllrs. D. & K. Durdan, 3 Parishioners, Cllr. N. Cavill (TD) and Mary Grootage (clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs. Marshall & Mullins.

12/09.01 MINUTES OF THE LAST TWO MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on 4 and 18 November 2009, having been circulated, were taken as read and following a minor alteration to 11/09.08 were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

12/09.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr. House – 40/09/0007 Cllr. Anderdon – 31/09/0024 & 25LB

12/09.03 PLANNING MATTERS

40/09/0007 – REPLACEMENT OF GARAGE AND ERECTION OF A SHED AT HARMANS COTTAGE, THORNFALCON.

Cllr. Bulgin took the chair for this agenda item.

No objection raised

31/09/0024 & 25LB – CONVERSION OF ANNEXE KNOWN AS HENLADE HOUSE INTO SPA FACILITIES AND INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT FIRE ESCAPE AT THE MOUNT SOMERSET HOTEL, HENLADE.

No objection to either application.

31/09/0017 – 5-BAY OPEN FRONTED CARPORT AT STONES COTTAGE, LOWER HENLADE – Taunton Deane have granted permission for this development.

12/09/04 CLERK'S REPORT

CYCLE ROUTE FROM WESTON TO SEATON - Details of the proposed project were available for those present.

The Parish Council has been asked to give a grant towards funding.

Cllr. Fothergill told the meeting that the project might be delayed due to lack of funding.

TARMAC - The clerk has been informed that Mr Needs (SCC) does not consider the slip road has been worsened by traffic turning there to access the Park and Ride.

Residents of Gravelands Lane and Tarmac disagree with this and the clerk will write accordingly. Cllr. Lowe has also been in contact with Mr Kali Martin on this matter.

12/09.05 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

FLOODING – None in the parish during November.

Cllr. Bulgin was given to go ahead to obtain two grit bins at a cost of £384.56 inc. VAT & delivery to hold sand bags at Dinhams and Lower Henlade for use in the likelihood of flooding in the area. Providing the bins are of suitable size to hold the necessary number of sandbags.

Cllr. Anderdon reported that a drain is blocked near Henlade Cottage at Lower Henlade.

The lights out of order along the A358 and in Stoke Road.

EMPLOYMENT LAND, EAST OF THE M25 – Cllr. N. Cavill was introduced to the meeting and he explained the position regarding the need for additional employment land with good access to the A358 and M5.

Taunton Deane Councillors discussed suitable sites at the Executive meeting last Monday.

The outcome of this meeting was to be kept confidential until 11 January when a public consultation will take place until 19 February 2010.

The nearest public consultation will take place in the committee room of Creech St Michael Village Hall on 28 January 2010 from 3 – 8pm.

The Parish Council were disappointed at not being consulted at this stage and only having a short period of time to put their views forward to the council.

An additional meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 January to discuss this matter.

However, a press release will be published in the next edition of the County Gazette and all enquiries will be sent a holding letter.

12/09.06 RECREATION FIELD

GRANTS – Just a reminder that applications should be submitted by 31/12/09

The repair of the safety surfacing is on hold until there is an improvement in weather conditions.

12/09.07 FOOTPATHS

It was reported that the footpath T22/15 between Lipe Lane and Bushy Cross Lane was not accessible. The Chairman will investigate the problem.

12/09.08 FINANCE

The following account was presented and agreed for payment:

Parsons Landscapes	£269.35	Maintenance
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£250 was included in this year's precept for charitable donations and it was decided to give £50.00 to each of the following charities:

- Taunton Citizens Advice Bureau
- Victim Support
- The Air Ambulance
- The Red Cross
- St John's Ambulance

12/09.09 REPORT ON ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Wessex Water have informed the clerk that they will let her know when a decision has been made following the recent surveys carried out on land between their premises and Tarmac Construction.

12/09.10 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. D. Durdan reported that 'The Handyman Service' is to continue.

Cllr. K. Durdan reported that she had been working alongside parishioners with a speed camera in both Creech St Michael and Lower Henlade, some letters have been sent to speeding motorists.

She would like to set up a 'Local Action Team' and it was agreed that she would write an article for the newsletter giving details of what this would involve and inviting parishioners to take part.

Cllr. Fothergill informed the meeting that the SCC would be making an emergency budget for 2010/11 and that it would involve a cut in thirty services, the figures will go to a full council next February.

It was reported that the area around the 'bus gate' needs attention, as it is an eyesore. This will be put right.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40PM

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 6 JANUARY 2010

**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.**