

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2010

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

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

Apologies: None

03/10.01 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 3 February 2010 having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

03/10.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

03/10.03 PLANNING

Permission has been granted for the following planning applications:

31/09/0029 – Works at The Vicarage, Church Lane, Ruishton

31/10/0003LB – Works to Henlade House and The Mount Somerset Hotel

A Notice of Appeal has been launched re the conversion of buildings at Arundel's Farm, Lower Henlade (31/09/0011)

03/10/04 CLERK'S REPORT

NUMEROUS STRATEGIES –The clerk reminded the meeting that consultation period for the strategy documents handed out at the last meeting closes at midnight on Tuesday, 16 March 2010. Copies of any replies should be given/sent to the clerk.

SALC – The next West Area meeting is on Thursday 4 March 2010 at Bicknoller Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm -

SOMERSET WEST COMMUNITY ENERGY CONSULTATION – An afternoon of presentations and discussions around the theme of energy efficiency will be held at the Victoria Centre, Bridgwater on 10 April from 12.45 – 5pm.

SUSTRANS – a TENDER HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM Michael Woods Associates in the sum of £425.00 plus VAT for the ecological work on the Stop Ilne Way, Ruishton.

MEMORIAL SHRUB – Cllr. Faulkner reported that the shrubs need pruning. The clerk will inform the contractors.

03/10.05 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BUS SHELTERS - The Chairman has found a local window cleaner who is prepared to clean the Nags Head and Henlade X roads bus shelters, twice a year at a cost of £50 a time.

It was reported that the bus shelter in Ruishton also needs cleaning and Cllr. House will enquire if this could also be included for the same amount.

It is hoped that the repair to the roof of the second bus shelter will take place this month in order that the works may be paid for in the current financial year.

03/10.06 FINANCE

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£	
Parsons Landscapes Ltd	37.60	Ground maintenance
Somerset Playing Field Assoc.	10.00	2010 Subscription
R A House	250.00	Chairman's allowance
M E Growthage	4441.00	Clerk's salary

03/10.07 UPDATE ON THE EAST OF TAUNTON PARK AND RIDE

Richard Needs has informed the clerk that the current programme from the Contractor is that the works will be substantially completed within the next three weeks and that the new traffic islands on the A358 are already completed and installation of the necessary street furniture is underway.

Surfacing works to the westbound carriageway is completed and the surface course on the eastbound carriageway will be completed over the next week. This will be followed by the surface treatment works (anti skid surface), white lining and installation of traffic signals detection loops.

There is no firm date for the switch on of the traffic lights although Cllr. Fothergill informed the meeting that this should be before Easter 2010.

Members were concerned that there were direction signs on the A358 for Woodlands Castle but none for Ruishton.

Concerns were also expressed on the state of the road surface around the M5 roundabout.

03/10.08 REPORT ON ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

COMPLAINT RE OVERGROWN VEGETATION AT PROPERTY IN BUSHY CROSS LANE – Concerns has been received from a parishioner regarding the state of the overgrowth of vegetation at Laurel House and request that the matter is brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

The correspondent has already been in contact with Taunton Deane, Cllr K. Durdan (TD) and Wessex Water regarding this matter and the relevant emails were read to the meeting.

District Cllr. K Durdan reported that Wessex Water had found that the flooding was due to drain rods being wedged in the sewer and that the Pest Control Officer had found no signs of infestation on site. No action can be taken under Planning for the state of the site. Kelly will endeavour to see the owner and discuss the matter with him.

The clerk will reply to the parishioner.

03/10.09 RESOLUTION

A resolution was passed to exclude the press and public from the next agenda item because of the likelihood that exempt information would otherwise be disclosed relating to clauses 2 & 3 of part 1 of schedule 12A of LGA 1972

03/10.10 ALLOTMENTS

Attempts to find funding for this project is being investigated.

03/10.11 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County Cllr. Fothergill reported that Somerset County Council has not increased their share of the budget for 2010/11 but that cuts in services would have to be made. There will be no extension to the Silk Mills Park and Ride in this financial year and there will be reductions in finance for the Youth Service and elderly care.

While, District D Durdan reported that Taunton Deane had increased their budget for the coming year by 2.5%, the cost of a green wheelie bin had increased to £42.50

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30pm

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 7 APRIL 2010

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON 20 MAY 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.**