

# RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 APRIL 2010

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

In Attendance: County Cllr. Fothergill, District Cllr. D Durdan, 4 parishioners and Mary Grootage (clerk)

Apologies: District Cllr. K. Durdan

### 04/10.01 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting having been circulated, were taken as read and after minor alterations were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 04/10.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

### 04/10.03 PLANNING

41/10/0001 &2LB – ERECTION OF TIMBER LEAN-TO GREENHOUSE ADJOINING POOL CHANGING ROOM AND ADJOINING WALL ST THORNFALCON HOUSE, THORNFALCON.

There were no comments made on this application.

The application for an extension at 4 The Grove has been granted by T.D.

### 04/10.04 CLERK'S REPORT

**SORT IT PLUS** – From Monday 19 April cardboard and plastic bottle collections will start in the parish. All containers should be out ready for collection by 7am.

**TELEPHONE KIOSK** – There is a change in policy making it easier to take over ownership of the telephone kiosk in Ruishton. The power to the kiosk will remain connected with BT paying all bills in the short term. When disconnected it will be at BT's expense. The Parish Council still do not want to take over this kiosk.

**SALC** – There will be a Chairmanship training event on Thursday 22 April, 7.30 – 9.30pm in Ruishton Village Hall at a cost of £20 per head. The Chairman has already attended a similar course.

**HIGHWAY LIGHTING** – Unit 389 on the A358 has been replaced. Cllr. Lowe informed the meeting that unit 36 is still not working.

**SOMERSET HERITAGE CENTRE** – The Somerset Records Office at Obridge will be closed to the public from 5 July and are moving to new purpose built building at Norton Fitzwarren, which will be open in the autumn.

04/10.05 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BUS SHELTERS – The bus shelters at the Nags Head, Henlade X'roads and Ruishton have been cleaned. The repairs have also been completed.

04/10.06 FINANCE

It was decided not to pay the SALC subscription of £340.33 at this time and the clerk was asked to obtain full details of the benefits to the parish in being a member of the association.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£	
Community Council for Somerset	30.00	2010 Subscription
Ruishton Village Hall	18.10	3 mths to 31/3/10
M E Growthage	91.05	Postage and Heating to 31/3/10
Parsons Landscapes Ltd	275.17	Ground Maintenance
DJ's Window Cleaning	80.00	Clean bus shelters X 3
G.B. Sport & Leisure	88.13	Annual Inspection of play equipment
Ruishton Village Hall	46.00	Newsletter X 2

The Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2010 has to be sent to the Auditors by 01 June 2010.

The Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights has to be displayed by 16 April 2010, with the inspection period starting on 30 April 2010 and ending on 28 May 2010.

The Internal Auditor will inspect the books and records during the week commencing 19 April 2010.

Cllr. Rexworthy has verified the balances three times during the year.

04/10.07 HIGHWAYS

Cllr. Lowe informed the meeting that as the 'Park and Ride' was over budget no footpath or cycleway was to be provided on the northern side of the A358 at the present time.

Cllr. Fothergill informed the meeting that there might be some other means of funding this at a later date.

In the meantime the clerk is to write to Richard Needs (Project Manager) expressing concern that implementation of this facility had not been carried out even though it was agreed in the original plans. Cyclists have to cross the A358 and also the south bound entry slip road onto the M5, both of which are considered dangerous.

Cllr. Lowe urged members to phone Somerset Highways with any road hazards that require attention.

Cllr. Anderdon asked for 'Road narrows' signs by the entrance to The Mount Somerset to be considered.

Drains on the A358 are to be cleared.

04/10.08 RECREATION FIELD (RB)

Cllr. Bulgin reported that the annual inspection of the play equipment had been carried out and that a few low risk matters had been pointed out, some of which he has already rectified.

The Parish Council will look at replacing the swings in the near future.

The fence between the village hall and recreation field needs replacing and our representative on the village hall committee is aware of this fact, as this fence belongs to them.

Cllr. Mullins considered that the chain link fence alongside Cheats Road needs attention, if not, replacing in parts.

04/10.09 RENEWAL OF LEASE FOR LAND USED AS THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK (SR)

This matter has been resolved, as it has been found that there is already a 99-year lease on this land.

04/10.10 REPORT ON ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None

04/10.11 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Fothergill reported that he had been with the newly appointed Chief Executive (SCC) to view the Park and Ride site, M25 junction and the site for the proposed Henlade Business Park.

He also reported that the SCC had made a decision that the Olympic flame would not be carried through Taunton as the cost involved (£350k) was considered too high. Cllr. Bulgin thought it was a lost opportunity to put Taunton on the map which would have helped tourism in the area.

Cllr. Durdan said the thought our best option regarding cyclists is to support Sustrans, which we are already doing. The clerk will ask how funding is going in regard to this scheme.

04/10.12 ALLOTMENTS

There is nothing further to report, funding being a problem.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.35pm

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 5 MAY 2010  
(This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting)

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.**