

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON
PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD 5 MAY 2009

Present: Cllr House (Chairman), Anderdon, Bulgin, Hancock, Lowe, Marshall, Mullins, Rexworthy, Ryan & Small.

In Attendance: County Cllr Fothergill, District Cllr D Durdan & Mary Growtage (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Faulkner & Harper, District Cllr. K Durdan

05/10.01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

	NOMINATION	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Chairman	R. House	Cllr. Bulgin	Cllr. Rexworthy
Vice Chair'	M. Marshall	Cllr. Rexworthy	Cllr. Anderdon

05/10.02 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2010, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

05/109.03 NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

John Thorn Trust – Trustees Roy Bulgin, Pat Ward and Mary Growtage.
Nicholas Marks Trust – Trustees George Anderdon and Roy Bulgin

<u>AREA</u>	<u>COUNCILLORS</u>
FOOTPATHS	HANCOCK, HARPER & RYAN
HIGHWAYS	BULGIN, LOWE AND CLERK
RECREATION FIELD	BULGIN, FAULKNER AND REXWORTHY
SAFETY ISSUES	MULLINS
TARMAC LIAISON COMMITTEE	BULGIN, MARSHALL, MULLINS AND CLERK
POLICE CONTACT	HOUSE AND CLERK
PRESS	HOUSE AND CLERK
LOWER HENLADE	ANDERDON, LOWE AND CLERK
THORNFALCON	HOUSE AND SMALL
RIVERBANK	HOUSE AND HARPER
LOCAL/STRUCTURE PLAN	BULGIN AND MARSHALL
VILLAGE HALL REP	REXWORTHY
KEY HOLDER	CLERK
SALC REPRESENTATIVE	ANDERDON AND HANCOCK
FLOOD WARDENS	BULGIN AND ANDERDON
	MRS CALLEN
TREE WARDEN	MRS L MARSHALL

Cllr. Faulkner agreed to continue to take the minutes in the absence of the clerk.

Cllr. Rexworthy will continue to check the bank reconciliation quarterly.

Cllr. Hancock will attend outside meetings when possible and scrutinise reports received from outside bodies if required to do so.

05/10.04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. House and Small declared an interest 05/10.05 – Preliminary proposal for a new road from Ham Sewerage Works to the A358

05/10.05 PLANNING MATTERS

31/10/00006 – ERECTION OF FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION AT 48 NEWLANDS ROAD, RUISHTON.

There were no objections on this application.

PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL FOR NEW ROAD FROM HAM SEWERAGE WORKS TO A358.

Cllr. Marshall took the chair for this agenda item.

Members present were shown a plan of the proposed road, and it was agreed that Wessex Water be invited to the Annual Parish Meetings on 20 May 2010 to tell parishioners their proposals.

OTHER PLANNING - Taunton Deane have granted planning permission/consent for works to be carried out at Thornfalcon House (40/10/0001 & 2LB)

WOODLANDS CASTLE -The clerk confirmed that the new entrance sign to Woodlands Castle in Ruishton Lane does not require advert consent unless it is illuminated. .

05/10.06 CLERK'S REPORT

ROAD CLOSURES - The clerk has received notice of the following temporary road closures:

- Ruishton Lane, for four weeks starting 1 June 2010 to enable a new foul water connection to be made in the road.
- The Pavement, Queen Square and Stoke road, North Curry for three days starting 2 June 2010 for resurfacing and associated works in the area.

TARMAC LIAISON MEETING – To be held on Thursday, 13th May 2010 at 18.30. Tarmac is meeting with Wessex Water next morning re the road to the A358.**

This date is not convenient to some members and the clerk will ask if the date could be changed. *

HIGHWAY LIGHTING – Unit 36 on the A358 has still not been repaired.

WASTE MANAGEMENT – There will be a review of Somerset's Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Final Stakeholder Workshop on 14th May from 09.15 to 13.00 and on 19th May from 06:30 to 09.45 at The Exchange (Express Park, Bridgwater) Cllr. Mullins will be attending this event.

05/10.07 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

WOODLAND TRUST have written stating that Henlade Wood (Stoke Hill) was planted 10 years ago by members of the parish as part of their millennium woodland initiative.

We are invited to take part in organising a community event in August to celebrate this anniversary. This will be discussed in more detail at a later meeting.

RIGHTS OF WAY – Cllr. Ryan will attend a meeting later this month.

05/10.08 HIGHWAYS

The clerk has heard from Somerset Highways on the following matters:

RUISHTON SIGNS - The Ruishton direction sign on the A358 will be erected very soon; the posts are already in place.

SCHOOL SIGN IN CHEATS ROAD – This has been corrected and tightened on the lamp column.

LOWER HENLADE – The SCC Traffic Engineer doubts whether a 'road narrows' sign is necessary.

FOOTWAY/ CYCLE PATH ON NORTH SIDE OF A358 - SCC have been awarded funding by the Department of Transport for major maintenance work on the A358. The Highways maintenance team are investigating the possibility of utilizing this road maintenance operation by using the road surface that is removed to form a 'hardened verge ' along the north side of the A358 between the Park and Ride and Bushy Cross Lane for cyclists and pedestrians use

The clerk will ask if the path provided from Tarmac to Thornfalcon lay-by could also be improved, as it has become rather narrow over the years.

M5 JUNCTION 25/A358 – During the development of the Park and Ride scheme, extensive negotiations were undertaken between the SCC and Highways Agency with regard to facilities to assist pedestrians and cyclists to cross the M5 slip road. Unfortunately, despite SCC representations, including reference to the history of accidents, the Highways Agency would not support alterations to the existing arrangements and are therefore unable to provide the desired improvements.

Cllr. Harper had sent the clerk an email expressing concern regarding a grey box on the verge alongside the footpath near the motorway junction. Cllr. Lowe said that the contractors had been told not to move this when the work was undertaken. The clerk will write to SCC on this matter.

CREECH BRIDGE – Potholes on this bridge need to be repaired.

Cllr. Anderdon left the meeting at 8.22pm

05/10.09 APPROVE AGENDA FOR PARISH MEETING

It was agreed in addition to the obligatory items on the agenda, the proposed road from Ham Sewerage Treatment Works through Tarmac to the A358 be included and also ALLOTMENTS – Can we afford them?

The meetings will commence at 7.00pm., Thornfalcon minutes and Chairman's report will be first, then Thornfalcon parishioners question time followed by details of the road development. *Then Ruishton minutes and Chairman's report, together with Accounts and Clerk's report followed by other reports and representations from any parishioners present should they wish to do so.

*Tea and coffee will be served at about this time, arranged by Cllr. Ryan.

05/10.10 FINANCE

Copies of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2010, having been audited by the Internal Auditor, have been delivered to councillors with their agendas.

These were duly approved by the meeting.

The notes from the Internal Auditor were read to the meeting.

The 2010 Annual Return was completed and signed by the chairman and clerk.

The following accounts were submitted and agreed for payment:

	£	
R Bulgin (B & Q)	14.76	Gate latch and filler
UK-2 Ltd	133.93	Hosting website
SL Joinery	851.87	Notice board for Lower Henlade
N Carter	120.00	Internal Auditor

Sustrans have asked the Parish Council to pay Michael Woods Associates £625 + VAT for their ecological work. This will not include any charges for data search, which will be passed on at cost as well any additional work. They will also ask us for the cost of the planning application, which will be £167.50.

The meeting felt that as they had already agreed and precepted for £750 they were unable to give more money to the scheme at this time.

It was decided not to join SALC for 2010/11 at a cost of £340.33

The meeting agreed to accept the insurance quotation from Came and Company for Aviva Parish Council Insurance at a cost of £1243.49; this includes a 5% deduction for signing up to a three term.

05/10.11 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - None

05/10.12 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County Cllr. Fothergill informed the meeting that he had recently attended the Lower Henlade and Stoke Road Residents meeting at The Mount Somerset and that they were pleased with the new notice board, which still has to be erected.

He also told the meeting that the road through Lower Henlade is to be resurfaced and that the speed warning signs there are with regard the speed watch that is undertaken there by residents.

Cllr. Anderdon had stated earlier that there is more traffic than ever using this road since the opening of the Park and Ride.

District Cllr. Durdan has taken on the chairmanship of Creech St Michael PC

TD are to hold a Play Day event (similar to that held in Ruishton last year) on Creech St Michael playing field on 28 July 2010 from 2pm.

Somerset Playing Field are presenting an Anniversary Award for volunteers who work on community playing fields, nomination forms are available.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15pm
DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 2 JUNE 2010
Parishioners question time will continue to be at 7.20 pm
prior to the commencement of the Parish Council meeting at 7.30 pm

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD ON
THURSDAY 20 MAY 2010
COMMENCING WITH THORNFALCON AT 7.00PM**

**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.**

**** Tarmac Liaison Meeting will now take place on 10 June 2010**