

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 JUNE 2010

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

In Attendance: County Cllr. Fothergill, District Cllr. D Durdan, 2 parishioners and Mary Growtage (clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs. Faulkner, Ryan and Small.

06/10.01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

06/10.02 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held 5 May 2010 having been circulated and after one alteration were dully agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

06/10.03 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SEWERAGE PLANT AT THE MOUNT SOMERSET HOTEL (4/31/10/0005)
TD has granted Conditional Planning Permission.

EXTENSION AT 48 NEWLANDS ROAD (31/10/0006)
TD has granted permission for this application.

06/10.04 CLERK'S REPORT

TARMAC LIAISON MEETING – This has been rescheduled for 10 June 2010.

CORPORATE EQUALITY SCHEME 2010 – 2013 – This is TD commitment to deliver equality and valuing diversity and outlines their key objectives in delivering fairer services over the next three years. The scheme is available on the Council's website <http://consultldf.tauntondeane.gov.uk/portal/ces> 2101 - 2013 where you will be able to leave your comments.

TRAFFIC REGULATION – There will be a temporary 30mph speed restriction and road closure on the B3170 Shoreditch Road, Stoke St Mary and Taunton from 5 July 2010 and remaining in force for 16 weeks, for four nights between 20.00 and 06.00 during this 16 week period.

RECYCLING – For those not yet recycling plastic and cardboard, the bins will be provided in September 2010.

WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – Cllr. Mullins attended this meeting last month and stated that a new recycling plant would be at Exeter or Avonmouth.

06/10.05 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

HENLADE WOOD – 10TH ANNIVERSARY - The Chairman will consider this before the next meeting.

06/10.06 REPORT ON ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS

The Chairman spoke of the low turnout for the Parish Annual Meeting with only 4 parishioners attending, along with 7 from Creech St Michael (Ham Road).

Representatives from Wessex Water gave details of the proposed road that they hope to construct from Ham Sewerage Works to the A358 through Tarmac, thereby sharing the existing entrance. The need for the new road being due to the increase of capacity and expansion of the site. Concern was expressed regarding the entrance to Gravelands Lane.

ALLOTMENTS - It was explained that there appears to be no suitable land available to rent and the cost of purchase is too high to consider at the present time.

It was agreed to endeavour to form an Allotment Holders Association, who might be able to get more grants than the Parish Council, to take this matter forward.

One parishioner commenting on this report suggested that land in Church Lane might be suitable. It is understood that the land in question belongs to The Diocese of Bath and Wells.

06/10.07 RECREATION FIELD

The clerk gave details of the number of times various jobs were carried out by the contractor during April, this information will be received monthly along with the account.

Cllr. Bulgin spoke of the vandalism that had taken place in the recreation field over the past few weeks. One being the removal of split pins from the shackle pins on the swings, which had resulted in one swing coming adrift. Fortunately the child was not hurt.

Following this incident, the swings were inspected and it was decided to remove them.

Other incidents in the field including the removal of 12' of fencing around the toddler's play area, which was used to make a bonfire. Also, the removal of a padlock. These have been dealt with by Cllr. Bulgin.

It is understood that Creech St Michael has also experienced vandalism recently.

The clerk will inform the police about these matters.

A discussion took place over the weekly internal inspections that are undertaken, Cllr. Bulgin informed the meeting that he could supply dates and times of all the inspections that he has carried out.

The clerk will enquire the cost of a RoSPA training course and the cost involved in asking TD to inspect the play equipment on a regular basis.

It was agreed to apply for a grant towards the cost of providing a new swing, the clerk will enquire what grant is available.

Cllr. Hancock suggested that the council look to providing a drinking fountain in the future.

06/10.08 HIGHWAYS

Lighting unit 36 on the A358 is still not working.

A new sign at the A358 end of Ruishton Lane is obscured by an existing sign and when leaving Ruishton Lane and the 'No Entry' sign to the Park and Ride is obscured by the traffic lights on the opposite of the A358.

The clerk will write to the Somerset County Council on these matters.

06/10.09 RUISHTON VILLAGE DAY

Clls. Bulin and Marshal declared an interest this agenda tem.

It was agreed to allow the Ruishton Village Day to take place in the recreation field on Saturday, 17th July, when the easement on 'No Dogs' will be lifted to enable the Dog Show to take place on that day.

06/10.10 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented and agreed for payment:

	£	
Parsons Landscapes	280.12	Maintenance
Came and Company	1243.49	Insurance
Ruishton Village Day	100.00	Grant
G.B. Sport & Leisure	70.50	Inspection of swing
R. Bulgin	46.50	Repair vandalism in recreation field

The clerk reported that the precept (£13000) and VAT repayment (£267.87) have been received since the last meeting.

06/10.11 REPORT ON ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - None

06/10.12 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Fothergill informed the meeting that the Somerset County Council will be receiving £1.6 million less funding from the government this year.

Questions were raised regarding the number of cars using the Park and Ride' and costs involved.

Cllr. Durdan informed the meeting that an application had been made by Mr F A Courie for a new NHS Dispensary at Creech Medical Centre in Hyde Lane, Creech St Michael. If approved this would mean that residents from Ruishton would not have to go to Hankridge as their nearest pharmacy. Parishioners are asked to support this request.

The proposed Waste Transit Station in the neighbouring parish of Creech St Michael has been withdrawn.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00pm
DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 7JULY 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.**