

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2010

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

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

Apologies: Cllrs. Faulkner, Hancock, House and Small.

08/10.01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

07/10.02 MINUTES OF THE LAST TWO MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held 7 and 21 July 2010 having been circulated were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

08/10.03 PLANNING MATTERS

48/10/0036 - APPLICATION FOR RESERVED MATTERS FOR PHASE 1 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF 327 DWELLINGS, ASSOCIATED HIGHWAYS, LANDSCAPING INCLUDING PUBLIC OPEN SPACES, FIRST SECTION OF RELIEF ROAD AND ROUNDABOUT ON A38 BRIDGWATER ROAD AT LAND OF BRIDGWATER ROAD, MONKTON HEATHFIELD

Cllr. Bulgin explained the layout of the new roads, cycle/pedestrian paths associated with this development.

The main concern is the volume of traffic that could go through Creech St Michael and Ruishton. It was agreed that development traffic should be kept to the A38 and A358; Cllr. Durdan said the weight and width restriction on the bridge at Creech would prevent it travelling through the villages.

Members were pleased at the number of affordable houses being provided.

31/10/0010 – ERECTION OF EXTENSION & ALTERATIONS AT LYDIA, STOKE ROAD, HENLADE

There were no comments on this application.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS - The clerk had spoken to David Greig (TD Parish Liaison Officer) regarding the necessity to call meetings to discuss minor planning applications and following resolution was put to the meeting:

That minor planning applications be considered by the Chairman or Vice Chairman in conjunction with the clerk and one other councillor to make comments on behalf of the Parish Council and to report them back to the next meeting.

This was proposed by Cllr. Harper, seconded by Cllr. Lowe and passed unanimously.

40/10/0003 – ERECTION OF FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION TO REAR WITH ADDITIONAL DORMER IN THE SOUTH ELEVATION AT 1 CHELSEA COTTAGES, THORNFALCON. There were no comments on this application from those present.

08/10.04 CLERK'S REPORT

COMMUNITY SAFETY CONSULTATION SURVEY – The survey can be completed online at www.somerset.gov.uk/safercommunities

SEWERAGE WORKS - Members present were handed details of the works to be undertaken at Ham Sewerage Treatment Works. These have also been posted on the website and will be included in the next newsletter.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – Stoke Road, Stoke St Mary will be closed for up to eight weeks commencing 23 August 201 to enable waterproofing and resurfacing of the bridge over the motorway (alongside the new TD nurseries) be carried out.

08/10.05 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - None

08/10.06 STANDING ORDERS

It was agreed that these be reviewed by the Chairman in conjunction with Cllrs. Faulkner and Harper and should go on the October agenda for approval.

08/10.07 RECREATION FIELD

Cllr. Bulgin has repaired the gate to the toddler's play area.

Once again there has been litter left in the recreation field and on one occasion a fire was started in the letter bin.

Cllr. Bulgin has spoken to Chris Mulchay regarding TD inspecting the play equipment on their weekly rota. TD will keep a hard copy log and will notify the clerk if anything is wrong. This will not override the Annual Inspection that is already carried out on our behalf.

Cllr. Anderdon proposed and Cllr. Rexworthy seconded that the quote of £320pa be accepted, this was duly passed with one abstention (Cllr. Bulgin).

08/10.08 HIGHWAYS

Cllr. Harper suggested that 30mph signs be painted on the road through Henlade, as it is easy to miss the signs on the roadside.

Somerset Highways are to be asked to cut back the overgrowth on the footpaths alongside the A358 through Henlade.

Cllr. Anderdon spoke about the amount of rubbish in the hedges at Lower Henlade.

Footpaths from Bushy Cross Lane through to Lipe Lane need cutting back.

The clerk mentioned that the notice boards at Henlade Post Office and Ruishton, together with the seat at Lipe Lane corner need attention. It was agreed to ask SL Joinery of Ilminster if they could give us a quote for this work. The brambles also need to be cut back behind the seat.

08 /10.09 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented and agreed for payment:

	£	
Parsons Landscapes	280.12	July maintenance
R. Bulgin	7.36	Repair to gate – toddlers' play area
Ruishton Village Hall	69.00	Newsletter – 3 months
Moore Stephens	158.63	Audit of Annual Return

The Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2010 has been audited and found to be correct.

The balance in hand at Nat West as at 31.07.2010 was £24959.50, with £2k at Scottish Widows.

08/10.10 REPORT ON ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - None

08/10.11 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Fothergill agreed to take the matter up regarding the signs that are still obscured at the end of Ruishton Lane.

He is also looking into legal the position of advertising signs when they are for local fund raising events.

The clerk mentioned that she had forwarded a complaint to Cllr. K. Durdan regarding Laurel House and has since received another regarding the vegetation overhanging the highway.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30pm

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 1 SEPTEMBER 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.**