

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2019.

CLLRS PRESENT: Lowe, (Chairman) Anderdon, Bulgin, Dickinson. Fudge, Marshall, Hancock, Laws, McEvans (arrived at 7.35pm) and Mullins.

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor John Thorne, Chris Dadds representing Henry Boot Developments and the Clerk, Heather Bryant

NOT PRESENT: Borough Councillors Kelly Durdan and Dave Durdan. (No apologies received)

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public

19/4/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs John and Harper

19/4/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

19/4/3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH MARCH 2019

RESOLVED: the approval of the minutes as a true record with the following amendment:
Min No 19/3/8, 5th line insert after Tarmac 'and a local farmer'

19/4/4 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Councillor John Thorne gave a report. (A written copy of the report was emailed to Cllrs before the meeting)

19/4/5 PLANNING

Chris Dadds representing Henry Boot Developments gave an outline of the development below and answered questions from the councillors

38/19/0071/LDO Amendment to Application 38/17/0205 for Nexus 25 LDO – amendment to master plan to reflect further detailed highway and infrastructure design.

RESOLVED: that the Council supports the amendment

31/19/0003 Variation of Condition No 3 (obscured glass and fixing details) of application
31/17/0012 at Greenbanks, Rushton Lane

RESOLVED: the Council objects to the variation of the condition No 3 and supports the two residents with their objections.

19/4/6 TREES

Trees at Boon Orchard - The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Highways Arboriculturist in regard to Council's concern that these large trees are close to nearby housing.

Dead Elm trees at Bushy Cross Lane – The Clerk reported that she had emailed the Highways Arboriculturist

Trees in general – agreed to defer until Cllr John is present

19/4/7 MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Clerk reported that the Police were aware of the incident when the stone got knocked over and are still investigating

Cllr Mullins reported that he would contact a local farmer to ask if he could help to put the stone back to its right position.

19/4/8 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS ISSUES

- Cllr Marshall reported on the meeting with Alyn Jones, Somerset County Council, held on 19.3.19 to discuss the J25 improvements. However, the published notice for the road closure is still showing Ruishton Lane as a diversion route and not Lipe Lane as agreed at the meeting. The Clerk will contact Alyn Jones.
- The Clerk reported that there is a Legal Agreement that states the Council will maintain the overhanging vegetation on the public highway at No27 Virginia Orchard -

19/4/9 MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR APRIL 2019 – MARCH 2020

The Clerk reported that she was still waiting for a reply, from Taunton Deane to her phone calls and emails. The Chairman has also been trying to make contact as well. The problem is that Taunton Deane had only quoted for 7 items whereas there are 11 items on the schedule. Also, the cost for each individual item is significantly higher than the previous year. It was also questioned if all of the works on the contract had been carried out in the year 18/19. The Clerk continued that another quote has been received from a local landscaper.

It was agreed to defer as the Council could not agreed to a contract until the Council had received the information from Taunton Deane. The Clerk and the Chairman will continue to chase.

19/4/10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Marshall reported that the N P's Terms of Reference states that membership consist of 3 Cllrs, 1 Town Planner expert and 1 Website developer. However, Cllr Doug Lowe will not be standing for Council in May 2019 and he is a key member of the Steering Committee.

RESOLVED: that Doug Lowe could stay on the N.P. Steering Committee as a representative of Henlade

19/4/11 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on the following:

- Somerset West Council and Taunton Deane Borough Council will be abolished on 1st April 2019 and replaced with Somerset West and Taunton Council
- NALC Code of recommended practice on Local Authority Publicity – Noted
- Consultation on the new Code of Audit Practice – the Clerk will reply to the consultation.

19/4/12 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that work had been done on the drains at Bushy Cross drains

19/4/13 POLICY REVIEWS

A) EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLVED: to approve the policy as presented.

B) GENERAL AND FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

To defer until the year 19/20

19/4/14 FINANCIAL MATTERS

A) FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

It was agreed not to pay the maintenance cheque until Min No 19/4/9 is resolved

RESOLVED: that this Council approves the schedule of cheques and the Financial Report subject to the requirements of our Risk Assessment Document.

19/4/15 MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING

There was nothing to report. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

DATE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 8TH APRIL 2019 AT 7.00PM

DATE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 15TH MAY 2019, IN RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL. PQT 7.30pm