

## **RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

**CLLRS PRESENT:** Lowe (Chairman), Anderdon, Bowey, Harper, Marshall, Murphy, Mullins & Powell

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Councillor Ross Henley and the Clerk, Heather Bryant

**NOT PRESENT:** Borough Councillor Kelly Durdan, Borough Councillor Dave Durdan. No apologies received.

### **PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME**

There were no public present

#### **17/3/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Cllrs Bulgin, Dickinson and Hancock

Cllr McEvans not present

#### **17/3/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received

#### **17/3/3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

**RESOLVED:** the approval of the minutes as a true record.

#### **17/3/4 PLANNING**

Outstanding items:

Stoke Road Affordable Housing – attenuation tank

The Chairman reported that he had emailed John Williams (Leader of Taunton Deane Borough Council) in regard to an article in the Gazette celebrating the completion of the Affordable Housing. The reason for this email was to inform John Williams that there is still enforcement action taking place due to the reduced size of the attenuation tank. In his reply John Williams stated that the building control provider for the Henlade Close scheme was NHBC and not TDBC as the local authority. NHBC are the responsible body to ensure the construction of the scheme is adequate and complies with regulation, then subsequently sign it off, which has been done.

The Chairman continued that he had asked Tim Burton at TDBC to arrange a meeting to discuss the implications of possible flooding for Henlade Close and Lower Henlade residents.

31/17/0001 Replacement of garage with a single storey extension with changes to the roof line from flat to pitched at 11 Newlands Crescent.

The Council had no comments to make.

Noted that the link to the web site would not open. The Clerk to inform the Planning Department

31/17/0002 Replacement of conservatory with the erection of a garage and games room to the front and erection of a single storey extension to the side of Lowcroft, Henlade (retention of part works already undertaken)

No comments as the link to the web site would not open and a full set of plans had been received by the Clerk. The Clerk to inform the Planning Department

#### **17/3/5 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

County Councillor Ross Henley reported on the following:

- He had visited the exhibition on the Local Development Order for the employment site at J25. He was not impressed
- Work on a substantial length of pavements at Newlands had been carried out.
- He asked the Council to advise where along Bushy Cross Lane would the Council like to see the traffic count including the speed be placed. The Council replied that the junction of Coronation Close (pub side) at the end of the pavement.
- He submitted a question at the Full Council meeting in regard to the untidy state of the Park & Ride. The question was verbally answered that it will be put out for Tender

#### **17/3/6 HENLADE STRATEGIC EMPLOYMENT SITE AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE**

Local Development Order briefing from 27.2.17

Cllr Marshall reported on the briefing at a meeting with representatives from Peter Brett Associates, LHC (Designers) and Taunton Deane Borough Council. Invitees were representatives from Ruishton and Thornfalcon PC, Stoke St Mary PC and Creech St Michael PC.

A summary of Cllr Marshall's notes are as follows:

- The proposed strategic employment site at J25 is to be branded as NEXUS 25
- LDO's are favoured by DCLG as a vehicle for Local Authorities to deliver planning positively and quickly
- Project Programme -  
March 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> informal consultation (4 hours' public exhibition at the Holiday Inn)  
May – Statutory Consultation will be a 6 week's consultation on the draft.  
August – Submission of LDO
- SCC will put in their J25 Improvement scheme for planning in April. At present the LDO process is based on this happening, if it doesn't happen, it will affect timings.
- Site will be for high quality employment firm, including Research & Development uses. Also will include ancillaries such as hotel, café etc.
- It is planned by TDBC to utilise the existing P&R in their Travel Plan and run a P&R bus into the employment site.
- There is potential to put a cycle/footpath bridge across the motorway from Nexus 25 to join up with the existing cycleway through the Blackbrook estate.

Cllr Marshall continued that the Chairman and himself asked many questions on a number of concerns in regard to the use of a LDO. Also on flooding, Sustainability Appraisal, Core Strategy Review, parking provision. However, the main concern was that Taunton Deane Borough Council do not intend to include any public exhibitions and will solely rely on the press and TDBC's web site to formally consult with the electorate.

The Council agreed for the Clerk to write a letter to Tim Burton (TDBC Planner) to strongly request a formal Public Consultation in the village as this proposed development will have a major effect in this area.

An informal consultation on Nexus 25 Junction 25 Strategic Employment Site is available to complete online. Cllr Marshall had emailed the link to Cllrs. The Chairman stated that it was important that Cllrs respond personally to the questionnaire and email any comments on the questions to the Clerk. The Clerk will collate and will respond on behalf of the Council

#### **17/3/7 FLOODING ISSUES**

##### Flood Committee

The Flood Group Volunteers have stated that they would like to be fully under the Parish Council's control. This will mean that the PC will be responsible for the funding held on behalf of the Flood Group, insurance and risk assessments. It is envisaged that the volunteers that remain in Operation Gannex would remain independent as it is a Police initiative but there may be dual-hatted members. A representative from the Environment Agency Flood Resilience has offered to meet with the Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should set up a meeting and Cllrs Lowe and Powell in attendance plus Andrew Lukes Chairman of the Flood Group. The Clerk will also contact the Council's insurance company to enquire about insurance for volunteers

*Cllr Bowey left the meeting at 8.30pm*

#### **17/3/8 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

Cllr Marshall reported on the following:

- Household survey has now been delivered to households. The closing date for responses is 10<sup>th</sup> March.
- The Committee had a joint meeting with Creech St Michael PC. Creech St Michael PC is further on in the process than this Council to complete a Neighbourhood Plan
- There is a new White Paper which refers to CIL payments and Neighbourhood Plans.

#### **17/3/9 DEFIBRILLATOR FOR THE VILLAGE**

Notification of a workshop – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017. Early evening. Cllrs to email the Clerk if they can attend

#### **17/3/10 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

##### Outstanding items:

Pavements around Newlands,  
20mph Newlands

Traffic count including the speed for vehicles on the road near the School and Bushy Lane.

See C.C. Ross Henley' report

Humps along Ruishton Lane – Still outstanding

**17/3/11 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> May. She has invited Sue Mountstevens, Crime Commissioner and Kali Martin, County Highways but as yet, no reply has been received.

**17/3/12 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Outstanding items:

First Aid Courses – deferred until the outcome of Defibrillator training

Park & Ride -security & facilities, vegetation overgrowth on site – See C.C. Ross Henley's report

The Chairman reported that Cllr Marshall and himself attended a meeting for Parish Councils organised by the Office of Rebecca Pow MP.

**17/3/13 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

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

**17/3/14 MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING**

The Clerk reported that the light repair at Dinhams Bungalows car-park has been reported but unfortunately it is not a simple job. The electric supply is linked in to someone's property. So to repair the light will mean putting in a new supply and digging up the car-park. The work is scheduled to be carried out but no date has been fixed.

There were no other matters to report. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017 IN RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. 7.30pm