

RUISHTON & THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

17/01

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17 May 2017

Present: Chairman of the Council, Cllr D. Lowe, County Councillor John Thorne, Heather Bryant, (Parish Clerk) and twenty members of the public

1 APOLOGIES

None received

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2016 for Ruishton having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2016 for Thornfalcon having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APM 21ST APRIL 2016

- Ruishton Flood Alleviation Scheme maintenance programme. John Viney of the Environment Agency had sent a copy of their Schedule of Work/Operative Checklist to the Clerk.
- Village Pump – non-return valve fitted. Red light stopped working and needs replacing along with a new information panel as to what each light does. This is in hand

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES

4 HENLADE STRATEGIC EMPLOYMENT SITE AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

- The Henlade Strategic Employment site will be known as Nexus 25
- The Somerset County Council planning application for the road infrastructure has not yet been registered.

A358 TAUNTON TO SOUTHFIELD SCHEME

Highways England is consulting on the proposals to upgrade the A358 between Taunton to Southfields roundabout. Highway England, following a detailed assessment process have shortlisted a single route option and would welcome your views on the proposal before a preferred route selection is made later this year.

David Stock, Highway England, Major Projects South West was scheduled to be present to explain the scheme in more detail, answer any questions. However due to the General Election Purdah he was unable to attend

The topic was fully discussed with everyone in agreement that Henlade must have a by-pass

5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A report was given by the Chairman on the past year's activities (Appendix 1)

6 ACCOUNTS/CLERK'S REPORT

A report was given by the Parish Clerk (Appendix 2)

7 OTHER REPORTS:

VILLAGE HALL

Mrs E. Harper gave sent a written report which was read out at the meeting (Appendix 3)

FOOTPATHS

A verbal report was given by Mr. M Farrow

A written report was sent by Mrs G Ellis which was read out at the meeting (Appendix 4)

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The Chairman welcomed John Thorne in his position of County Councillor for this Parish. C.C. Thorne gave a short report

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

There were no District Councillors present or a written report submitted.

8 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Marshall gave an update on the Neighbourhood Planning Project (Appendix 5)

9 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

Questions/comments from the parishioners included

- Fly Tipping
- Ruishton Primary School

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm