

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 2017

CLLRS PRESENT: Lowe (Chairman), Anderdon, Bulgin, Dickinson, Harper, Marshall, Mullins, McEvans and Powell

ALSO PRESENT: 33 members of the public, Tim Burton TDBC and the Clerk, Heather Bryant

NOT PRESENT: County Councillor John Thorne (apology received) Borough Councillor Kelly Durdan, Borough Councillor Dave Durdan. (No apologies received.)

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public

17/8/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs Bowey and Hancock

17/8/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

17/8/03 STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED NEXUS 25 STRATEGIC EMPLOYMENT SITE

Tim Burton, Assistant Director Planning and Environment, Taunton Deane Borough Council was present to answer questions from Councillors and the public about proposals and process.

Notes on questions and responses. Appendix 1

Cllr Mullins left the meeting at 9.15pm

17/8/04 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 JULY 2017

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

17/8/05 PLANNING

Statutory consultation on the proposed Nexus 25 Strategic Employment Site Draft Local Development Order: Closing Date 5.00pm 30 August 2017

It was agreed that all Councillors should forward their observations to the Clerk who will collate the responses. The Clerk will request TDBC, under the Freedom of Information Act, for the full cost of the LDO process

RESOLVED: to delegate the response to the Clerk in consultation with Cllrs

Outstanding items:

Stoke Road Affordable Housing – The Chairman reported that he had not heard any more

17/8/05 CLOSURE OF THE PARK AND RIDE ON SATURDAYS

Somerset County Council is closing the P&R on Saturdays to save £50,000 per annum

Proposal: the Council's response to this move and draw to the Council's attention to the results of the Household Survey that was undertaken as part of the parish Neighbourhood Plan process.

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting

Cllr Marshall reported that he had asked what is the total cost of removing the Travellers to include legal costs, security costs and clearing of the site

17/8/06 HENLADE STRATEGIC EMPLOYMENT SITE AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

There were no updates

HIGHWAY ENGLAND - A358 TAUNTON TO SOUTHFIELD SCHEME

There were no updates

17/8/07 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The County and Borough Councillors were not present

17/8/08 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Cllr Marshall reported the following:

- There was a good response to the Neighbourhood Plan at the Village Day event and leaflets noting a summary of results from the consultation were given out.

- A summary leaflet will also be enclosed with the village newsletter for September and details of a parish walk on Sunday 10th September 2017 organised by Pat Pike

It was reported that a footpath from the A358 at Thornwater Farm running in a northerly direction has been closed for some time. It was closed for Wessex Water to carry out works. This footpath is included in the footpath walk. The Clerk will check on the progress.

17/8/9 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

There were no further updates on:

20mph Newlands

Humps along Ruishton Lane

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

Pavements around Newlands

It was reported that work was progressing on the pavements around Newlands.

Any new Highway issues

The Clerk was asked to contact Mott McDonald (Highway England) to request the results traffic counts as wires have been noted along the A358 and other feeder roads. It would be useful for the Council to have these results for the Neighbourhood Plan.

17/8/10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Update on defibrillator

The Clerk reported that she has heard from the Somerset Community Foundation that they are awaiting the final sign-off from Taunton Deane before they can open the fund. They have assured that the Council will be contacted when this happens

Update on grass cutting

The Clerk reported that the football team are contacting Taunton Deane to ask if the football club can pay for any extra grass cuts direct.

Training

The Clerk reported that she would like to attend training organised by SALC of Information Governance (£45) and Budget setting (£30) The Council would pay for a 1/3rd share with the two other Councils that the Clerk works for.

This was agreed

Cold Calling

The Clerk was asked if she had any success in obtaining 'No Cold Calling' stickers that can be placed on residents' front doors. The Clerk replied that she had asked before and was told that the Police did not have any. Cllr Powell stated he would enquire further

The footpath at the back of Dinhams Bungalows

Cllr Dickinson reported that this footpath is extremely difficult to negotiate especially for the elderly due to the overgrown vegetation. The Clerk will contact TDBC Housing department

The Clerk reported that the handrail has been replaced with sturdier one with an extra rail on top on the footbridge that crosses the river along Church Lane.

17/8/11 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A358 Speed Enforcement

The Chairman reported that a pad to allow for more mobile enforcement would have to be considered as part of a potential small improvement scheme (SIS) which would be the consideration of the County Councillor.

The Chairman reported that Maurice Murphy has resigned from the Council. The Clerk will start the process for a replacement Councillor

Cllr Marshall reported that the Somerset Association of Local Councils have a Raising Standards Health Check on Policy Compliance. as follows:

Proactive or Reactive Plans Objectives and Aims Long or Short Term

Cllr Marshall reported that this may be for the Council to consider in the future.

17/8/12 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.

17/8/13 MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) **OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING**

- Cllr Marshall reported that one of Ruishton's Neighbourhood Watch Schemes closed on 17 July as no residents are willing to co-ordinate the Scheme
- Cllr Harper reported that there was overgrown vegetation around the bus shelter opposite Bushy Cross Lane

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

DATE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6 SEPTEMBER 2017 START IN RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL.
PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. 7.30pm