

## **RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL**

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The minutes of the extra meeting held on 31 January 2018

**CLLRS PRESENT:** Lowe, Anderdon, Bulgin, Dickinson, Fudge, Harper, Hancock, McEvans and Mullins

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Councillor John Thorne, 20 members of the public and the Clerk, Heather Bryant

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

### **18/1/1E APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Cllr Marshall

### **18/1/2E DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared

### **21/1/3E APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3.1.18**

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

### **21/1/4E HIGHWAY ENGLAND - A358 TAUNTON TO SOUTHFIELD SCHEME**

The Chairman presented this item with the aid of maps showing the orange, pink and blue route options. The Chairman went through the route options highlighting the benefit or constraints of each route. It was also reported to the public present that an option could be a hybrid of the three options. The Chairman, the Councillors and County Councillor John Thorne answered numerous questions from the public

The public were informed the importance of responding to the consultation and to explain the choice of a particular route or a hybrid of the routes in the consultation. Highway England have stated that they will take aboard the responses and will submit the best scheme which will not be based on the largest number of responses for a particular option or cost of a particular option. The next stage is a formal consultation on the Highway England's preferred route. The Inspector will be involved with a Public Enquiry. Any responders to the consultation will have the right to speak at a public enquiry

It was agreed that the Councillors would submit their response to the consultation to the Clerk before the date of the next meeting (7.2.18) so that the Clerk can collate.

### **21/1/5E MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING**

The Council's response to Creech St Michael's Neighbourhood Plan

The Council ratified the response from the Ruishton & Thornfalcon Steering Committee to the above plan. The Clerk will submit.

*The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm*

DATE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018, IN RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL.  
PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. 7.30pm