

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2018

CLLRS PRESENT: Lowe, Bulgin, Harper, Hancock, Marshall, McEvans and Mullins

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor John Thorne and the Clerk, Heather Bryant

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

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

There were no public present

Mr Lawrence Raymont of Heartstart gave an update on the installation of the defibrillator with the aid of a power point presentation. See Minute Number 18/3/8

18/3/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs Anderdon, Fudge and Dickinson

18/3/2 CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR

The Clerk reported that there was a gentleman interested in co-option and was invited to this meeting but he is not present

18/3/3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

18/3/4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2018

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

18/3/5 HIGHWAY ENGLAND - A358 TAUNTON TO SOUTHFIELD SCHEME (HE)

PLANNING APPLICATION – 4/38/17/0205 CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ROAD SCHEME (SCC)

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER NEXUS 25 STRATEGIC EMPLOYMENT SITE (TDBC)

No updates on the Highway England Scheme or the Taunton Deane Borough Council Local Development Order. The planning application 4/38/17/0205 is being considered by Somerset County Council's Regulation Committee on Thursday 8 March

18/3/6 PLANNING

31/18/0003 Conversion of garage to dwelling with erection of single storey extension to side and demolition of store to create parking at Drakes Farm, Church Lane, Ruishton (resubmission of 31/17/0017)

After a full discussion, it was agreed to object to the granting of permission on the following grounds:

- Increase in traffic using a major three-way junction (Church Lane, Cheats Road, Bushy Cross Lane). This junction is at present dangerous and any extra vehicular movements will only exacerbate the problem.
- A new dwelling is proposed to shared access with the existing dwelling known as Drakes Farm would result increased vehicle movements accessing the narrow lane. (Church Lane) The Parish Council would like to note that traffic management cones are placed on Church Lane adjacent to the access presumably to stop people parking. (See photograph)
- Over development of the site and too near the boundary
- The Applicant has stated that there is no flood risk when in fact the site is in a Flood Zone 2.
- Concern that the drainage will not be adequate. It is thought that Drakes Farm shares a drain with the Ruishton Inn
- In a previous application in 2009, the applicant stated that there was no proposal to change the proposed garage (approved) into living accommodation
- The Parish Council would like to draw the attention to the possibility that pedestrians using Church Lane could potentially be struck by a vehicle entering or existing Drakes Farm

Other Planning matters

The Chairman reported that he had an email from a resident in regard to the affordable housing at Henlade Close. Observations had been made that the houses were quick to shed the recent snow

from their roofs when all around did not do so. It was questioned as to whether these houses have been built to the required standard of insulation.

The Clerk will refer the matter to the Planning Authority.

18/3/7 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Councillor John Thorne reported on the following:

- County Council budget approvals
- There is a programme of building more schools
- Speed Indicator Devices
- There is a ban on the use of single-use-plastic at Somerset County Council
- Pot holes – S.C.C. has received a £1.2m grant for repairing pot holes from Central Government

18/3/8 DEFIBRILLATOR

Western Power has carried out the work to channel the electric supply from a nearby electric source. This is fed into a Feeder Pillow and then the electric is fed to the defibrillator. Western Power will need payment for the work that they have carried out before they will release a MPAN number. The MPAN number is required before research can start for an electric supplier of an unmetered supply. The defibrillator will be in a cabinet mounted on a King Post.

Further costs will be:

- Western Power invoice of £531.15 plus VAT
- The difference between the old cabinet (already purchased but not suitable) and a suitable cabinet.
- Purchase of a King Post
- Purchase of a Feed Cabinet
- The cost of digging a hole to take the King Post and filling it with concrete

Lawrence Raymont is organising the above.

Cllr Mullins suggested to the Clerk to enquire if there would be a grant from Hinckley Point Community Fund.

18/3/9 TREE AT LAWN MEADOW

The Clerk reported that the Council had permission to plant a Rowen species of tree.

After discussion, it was agreed to include an article in the newsletter asking if there would be any objections to a Rowen tree as these species of trees do have berries.

18/3/10 BENCH AT DINHAMS

The Clerk reported that a new bench would cost in the region of £500.

After discussion, it was agreed to move the bench from Coronation Close which is little used to a suitable position in front of Dinhams Bungalows. The Clerk will contact the Handyman and Cllr Bulgin agreed to liaise.

18/3/11 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Cllr Marshall referred to a Project Plan that was sent to all Councillors and asked if there were any questions. There was no questions forthcoming

18/3/12 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

SID Update

It has been confirmed that the contribution from each parish joining the scheme will be £100 per location x how many installations a year. At present, there are four locations in this parish:

A358 Stoke Road Lipe Lane Greenway

Four locations and twice a year would be £800. Permutations of locations and installations are also acceptable.

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had written to the Chief Constable at Taunton to ask if having SID locations will make any difference to the speed enforcement programme carried out by the Police.

After discussion, it was agreed it was still not clear how this is going to work. The Clerk reported that she will attend a meeting on this subject on 14th March at Somerton.

Somerset County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Order – A3038 Priory Avenue, A38 Toneway, A358 Hankridge Dual Carriageway, Hankridge Roundabout, Blackbrook Interchange and Ilminster. Parishes of West Monkton and Ruishton. Revocation, restricted roads and 40mph speed limit order 2018. Consultation to 22.3.18

Cllr Marshall reported that according to the map enclosed with this Road Traffic Regulation Order, it is not clear if the 30mph on the A358 is being moved as it looks like it is still in the same position. If it is proposed to move the 30mph limit nearer to the roundabout then this Council should object. Cllr Marshall explained that a few years ago when the 30mph was just off the M5 slip road, there was a campaign, which was successful, to move the 30mph further along the A358. The reason being that numerous drivers did not see the 30mph. The Magistrates Court was involved with the overwhelming number of contested cases.

It was agreed as a matter of urgency, to receive a reply to the previous email already asking this question and if it is planned to move the 30mph, to ask an extension to the Consultation Period.

18/3/13 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- Somerset Strategic Housing Framework Consultation to 30.4.18 - Noted
- Annual Parish Meetings – The Chairman reported that he plans to ask if the Police Chief Commissioner can attend this year and Cllr Marshall reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would like to do a presentation. The Clerk will enquire with the Village Hall Secretary when there are free dates for booking the hall in April and May.
- Cllr Marshall referred to an email from SALC in regard to a consultation on Food and Rural Affairs which is not on the Agenda. The Clerk replied that she will find the email and forwarded it again to the Councillors

18/3/14 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported on the following:

- The Flood Committee reported on face book in regard to the recent flooding and Operation Gannex. The Chairman added a comment that work has been carried out on cutting out the gullies along Lipe Lane
- The Village Pump seems to be working although there were engineers present at the pump on Tuesday night 6.3.18. The Clerk will enquire why they were there.

18/3/15 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

18/3/16 MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING

Any matters to report of a parochial nature not covered elsewhere in the agenda

Cllr Marshall reported that on a scheme where a parish can have rights on purchasing assets in the village like a village pub if it ever came up for sale. Cllr Marshall asked for 'Community Right to Bid' on the next agenda

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

DATE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 4 APRIL, IN RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL.
PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. 7.30pm