

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2018

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

ALSO PRESENT: The Clerk, Heather Bryant

NOT PRESENT: County Councillor John Thorne (Apologies received) Borough Councillors Kelly Durdan and Dave Durdan. (No apologies received.)

The Chairman held a minute's silence for Mary Growtage who has recently died. Mary was a former Clerk to the Council for over 41 years and retired in 2014.

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

There were no public present

18/4/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Anderdon

18/4/2 CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR

RESOLVED: to co-opt Mr Damon Laws as a councillor for Ruishton & Thornfalcon Parish Council. Mr Laws duly signed a Declaration of Office form.

18/4/3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

18/4/4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 MARCH 2018

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

Cllr McEvans arrived at 7.45pm

18/4/5 HIGHWAY ENGLAND - A358 TAUNTON TO SOUTHFIELD SCHEME (HE)

Cllr Marshall reported that David Stock of Highway England has replied to a request made by Stoke St Mary Parish Council and a resident near Killams with regard to forming a Community Forum for the A358 before the preferred route is announced. David Stock has replied as follows:

"Our proposal is that we would establish a community forum for the A358. This form of engagement would commence after the preferred route announcement (PRA) that is planned for the autumn. This is because from close of the consultation to preferred route announcement we are primarily focused on analysing the responses to the consultation and forming a view on the right way forward based on this feedback".

Cllr Marshall continued that Stoke St Mary and the resident were not satisfied with this response Following a discussion, it was agreed to email David Stock as follows:

Ruishton & Thornfalcon Parish Council has had sight of the email you sent to Stoke St Mary Parish Council dated 29.3.18 and would like to comment that this Council fully supports the prescribed process and understands that a Community Forum cannot take place until the preferred route is announced assuming that there are no other consultations with interested parties until then.

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

Cllr Marshall reported that Regulation Committee of Somerset County Council has, as expected, granted themselves planning permission for this application

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER NEXUS 25 STRATEGIC EMPLOYMENT SITE (TDBC)

Cllr Marshall reported that now the Somerset County Council's planning application has been granted, the L.D.O has been approved which was delegated to an Officer of Taunton Deane Borough Council

18/4/6 PLANNING

31/18/0002 Erection of boundary wall and gate to front, replacement detached garage and garden room to rear, replacement extension and dormer windows. Countryways, Ilminster Road Henlade
It was agreed that the Council had no further comments

31/18/0004/LB Replace 9 no windows and doors to the side and rear at The Old Vicarage. Ruishton.

It was agreed that the Council had no further comments

18/4/7 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

C.C. John Thorne sent his apologies and provided a written report which was noted:

Road safety.

Somerset County Council is offering to visit communities and hold a free session and bring along their simulator providing there is a suitable room and a guarantee that at least 12 people will attend. It lasts two or three hours at most, and free tea and biscuits are on offer.

It was agreed to put an article in the newsletter to ask if anyone would be interested

18/4/8 PROPOSAL TO CHANGE ELECTORAL DIVISION NAMES

Change of name of the Blackdown and Neroche Electoral Division to:

Neroche and Wellington East Electoral Division

Cllr Marshall reported that Ruishton parish is actually larger than all the parishes in the Neroche Ward yet, as it is proposed, Ruishton will not be mentioned.

After discussion, it was agreed that the name of Ruishton the second largest parish should be recognised in the proposal.

18/4/9 DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Hancock reported that the next step is to dig out the hole that will take the post and concrete in. The Clerk reported that there is a possibility of obtaining a grant from the Hinkley Point Community Fund if the Council can provide evidence that the parish has been affected by the major works at Hinkley Point. After discussion, it was agreed that a provision of a defibrillator is required as there is an increase in traffic at certain times of the day which causes severe congestion and is partly due to personnel driving to Hinkley Point. This could delay an ambulance getting through from Taunton.

18/4/10 TREE AT LAWN MEADOW

The Clerk reported that she has had two responses from the article in the newsletter asking for any objections for planting a Rowen tree. The objections were that the Rowen tree produces berries which fall and can make the ground underneath slippery.

It was agreed to purchase a Flowering Cherry instead. The Chairman agreed to purchase the tree and organise the digging out of the root of the previous dead tree

18/4/11 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Cllr Marshall reported that the results of the Housing Needs Survey were received on 3rd April. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be presenting the results to the Council at the May meeting and to the Parish at the Annual Parish Assembly with a workshop from 6pm-7pm regarding footpaths/cycleways/green spaces in the two parishes.

Cllr Bulgin suggested an A5 leaflet delivered to all households in the Parish to notify the parishioners of this event. This was agreed. The Parish Council along with the Neighbourhood Steering Plan Group will organise

18/4/12 COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID

RESOLVED: to nominate Ruishton Inn Public House, The Nags Head Public House and the Post Office to Taunton Deane Borough Council to be recorded on the Register of Assets of Community Value

18/4/13 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Speed Indicator Device Update

The Clerk reported that she had recently attended a meeting with regard to this subject.

£100 contribution to Somerset County Council per installation -The Clerk reported that there was still a number of unanswered questions on how this was going to work

A Parish/Parishes purchasing their own SID - A SID costs around £2500/£3000 plus a spare battery and extra brackets. The person who moves the SID would need to be trained to 'Chapter 8' to work on the Highways. This costs in the region of £500

The Chairman reported that the Police Enforcement Team will still carry out speed checks on their allocated areas regardless on whether there had been a SID present or not.

It was agreed not to commit at present but keep in mind for the future.

Road Traffic Regulation – Newlands Road -No Stopping on entrance markings

Noted

Road Traffic Regulation KT16012018

It has been confirmed that there are no changes to any of the existing speed limits on the A358 in this parish

18/4/14 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Review of Local Government Ethical Standards – consultation closes on 27.4.18

It was agreed that Councillors should consider the questions contained in the survey and email their comments to the Clerk who will collate

Bench

Cllr Bulgin reported that the Handyman hadn't come back with a price

18/4/15 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that the Council should consider a list of people who could help other people in times of adverse weather conditions like the heavy snow that has happened twice recently.

It was agreed to have an agenda topic 'Emergency Plan' at the Annual Parish Assembly.

18/4/16 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

18/4/17 MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING

There were no matters reported. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm

DATE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2 MAY 2018, IN RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. 7.30pm

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 10 MAY 2018, IN RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL START AT 7.00PM