

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2018

CLLRS PRESENT: Lowe, (Chairman) Bulgin, Hancock, Fudge, Laws, McEvans, Marshall and Mullins

ALSO PRESENT: One member of the public, County Councillor John Thorne and the Clerk, Heather Bryant

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

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

A parishioner who had recently had a planning application granted by Taunton Deane Borough Council commented on the Council's grounds for objection to that application.

18/7/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs Anderdon, Dickinson and Harper

18/7/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

18/7/3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th JUNE 2018

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

18/7/4 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Councillor John Thorne sent a written report before the meeting

18/7/5 DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk reported Western Power require a reference number to confirm that the Council has the Direct Debit in place before they will connect the defibrillator to the electricity. The Clerk has phoned Southern Electric and they said that they were waiting for the DD mandate. The mandate had been previously sent to Southern Electric a month ago by email however the Clerk has sent the mandate again.

18/7/6 DOG BIN IN THE VICINITY OF THE BUS SHELTER

The Clerk reported that she was trying to ascertain Taunton Deane Borough Council's policy for Town/Parish Councils wishing to install a dog bin especially the emptying arrangements.

The Clerk reported that she contacted Taunton Deane Borough Council twice by phone and despite a promise that an Officer would phone back, no phone call received. The Clerk has also sent an email but again no reply has been received. It was suggested to contact the Borough Councillors and copy in Cllr John Williams to see if they could intervene on our behalf.

18/7/7 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Small Improvement Scheme- Ruishton Lane

County Councillor John Thorne reported that a feasibility study will be started shortly. The design team will work up some proposals and these will then be put out for public consultation

Cllr McEvans left the meeting at 8.00pm.

18/7/8 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

RESOLVED: To adopt the General Privacy Policy and Staff, Councillors and Role Holders Policy as presented

18/7/9 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Marshall on the following:

- A grant of £4755 had been awarded from Groundwork UK.
- There will be a display of the work by the Neighbourhood Plan Group at the Village Day.

187/10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Bench at Dinhams

Cllr Bulgin reported that he has visited the site with the contractor who will be moving the bench and they have concluded that the best site would be where the telephone box once stood. The Council agreed that the Clerk should write to Taunton Deane's Housing Department informing them that the Council is moving the bench to this site and ask for permission to site the bench on Taunton

Deane's land. However, if the Council has not received a reply within one month, to go ahead anyway.

Overlands – Light Pollution

The Clerk reported that she has written to the lady who has complained and asked her to keep a log of dates and times and return to the Council. The Clerk continued that she had been in contact with the Clerk at Creech St Michael and was informed that the Chairman of Creech St Michael is going to visit the site to try to locate which are the offending light(s) on the industrial estate.

APM and May meetings 2019

The Clerk reported that the Council has invited the Police Commissioner to give a talk at Council's 2019 APM which usually takes place in April. Unfortunately, the Police Commissioner cannot attend in April due to the Purdah pre- election period which will start 18th March 2019. The Police Commissioner has asked for some other dates before or after Purdah.

It was agreed to send the list of dates for normal Parish Council meetings from September 2018 – March 2019.

The Clerk informed the Council that she has booked Ruishton Village Hall on 17th April for the Annual Parish Meeting and changed the date for the meeting scheduled for 2nd May to 15th May 2019 due to Town/Parish Council elections.

18/7/11 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Tree at Lawn Meadow – the Chairman has this in hand.

Footpath at Cheats Corner to beyond the viaduct. The Chairman reported that the footpath is now impassable due to the overgrown vegetation and is very dangerous for walkers and cyclists especially school children. It was agreed to contact Creech St Michael PC to see if they have reported the situation for their parish and to contact County Highways again to report the dangerous situation.

18/7/12 BOUNDARY COMMISSION CONSULTATION

Future warding arrangements for the new District Council that will replace West Somerset and Taunton Deane. Consultation 3.7.18 – 27.8.18

Cllr Marshall gave an update from a SALC meeting held on 25.6.18 which he attended. The Council's response to the consultation will be considered and formalized at the August meeting. The Cllrs were asked to look at the consultation and have their suggestions ready for consideration at this meeting

18/7/13 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.

18/7/14 MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING

Planning training – The Council has been sent the power point presentation on recent planning training organised by Somerset Association of Local Councils. Two Cllrs were booked in to attend but unfortunately the Cllrs forgot. The Clerk was asked to send out the list of dates and times again for forthcoming training sessions as a reminder.

It was reported that the bins in the village was not emptied on 22.6.18. The Clerk will contact Taunton Deane Parks Department about this problem as it is not the first time this has happened.

The Clerk will also ask Taunton Deane Parks Department to cut the grass in the recreation field the week beginning 9th July so that the clippings have settled for the Village Day on 21st July.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

DATE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1 AUGUST 2018, IN RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL. PQT 7.30pm