

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2018.

CLLRS PRESENT: Anderdon, Bulgin, Dickinson, Hancock, Harper, 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.)

Vice Chairman, Cllr Marshall was the Chairman for the meeting.

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

A member of the public reported that seagulls were causing a havoc on the playing fields by pulling out the litter from the bins. He asked if the Council would consider litter bins with lids. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

18/8/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Lowe and Fudge.

18/8/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

18/8/3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th JULY 2018

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

18/8/4 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Councillor John Thorne gave a report. (A written copy of the report was emailed to Cllrs before the meeting)

18/8/5 BOUNDARY COMMISSION CONSULTATION 3.7.18 – 27.8.18

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

Proposed - Ruishton & Thornfalcon Parish as a part of North Currey & District with two Ward Members.

After a full discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the recommended warding arrangements is the only outcome for Ruishton & Thornfalcon Parish considering that the parish is not large enough for a single Council Ward. However, if, in the future, there is significant development expansion of Ruishton & Thornfalcon Parish with the possibility that the main A358 through Henlade is made a 'local road' only, (outcome of the Highway England A358 Road Scheme) this Council would then wish to be a single Councillor ward.

It was further **RESOLVED** to recommend that the present proposed name of the ward of North Curry & District should be North Curry & Ruishton.

18/8/6 PLANNING

14/17/0033 LANGALLER LANE, CREECH ST MICHAEL

Outline Planning Application from Messrs Gladman's

This application considered by this Council in January 2018 (Min No 18/1/6) as this development would affect this Parish with an increase in vehicles and possible flooding issues. Creech St Michael PC has asked this Council to re-submit our objections as the applicant has appealed and could this Council send a representative to the Appeal Public Enquiry.

After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to support Creech St Michael PC's objection and resubmit the objections this Council made in January 2018 to the Appeal Public Enquiry. The Council will send a representative of the PC to speak at the Appeal Public Enquiry when the date is known.

Any other Planning Matters

Correspondence received.

After discussion, it was agreed to write to the applicants who had complained with the advice the Council received from SALC and forward a copy of the Council's Complaint Procedure again.

18/8/7 DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk reported that the next step is to position the post for the defibrillator but unfortunately the weather has been too hot and the ground too hard for the necessary hole to be dug.

It was agreed to ask for the Heartstart representative's assurance that the defibrillator will be in place and working by the end of September.

18/8/8 DOG BIN IN THE VICINITY OF THE BUS SHELTER

The Council has asked for TDBC's policy on new dog bins for permission, purchase and emptying arrangements. However, the Clerk reported that she has not heard from Taunton Deane after 3 months. She had emailed the Ward Councillors, Cllr Dave Durdan and Cllr Kerry Durdan and copied in the Leader of TDBC to ask them to intervene but again has heard nothing.

It was agreed to email the Leader of the Council and copy in the Chair and Vice Chair, to express our disappointment on the length of time it is taking to receive any answers and also to expedite this matter.

18/8/9 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

The following was reported:

- C.C. John Thorne mentioned in his report a joint meeting on 11th September with County Highways with Stoke St Mary PC and Ruishton & Thornfalcon PC to discuss the issues. (Stoke St Mary PC are concerned about heavy lorries diverting along unsuitable roads) The Clerk will ask if the Chairman can attend.
- The hedge on the footpath along Cheats Road going towards Cheats Corner needs cutting back. Cllr Bulgin agreed to have a word with the land owner.
- It was also reported that the ditch along Cheats road needs clearing.
- The overgrown vegetation on the footpath towards Creech St Michael has been cut back.

18/8/10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Marshall reported on the results of the traffic survey at the school (emailed to Cllrs) and the Steering Group are meeting with the Project Teams to discuss policies.

Cllr Marshall continued that there will be a meeting on 20th September to present the Vision & Objectives policy, which has been approved by the Parish Council, to five neighbouring parishes. The Steering Group would like to extend its invitation to all members of Ruishton and Thornfalcon Parish Council. The N.P. Administrator would be grateful if the Council could advise how many councillors would be attending.

The Clerk will forward the email with the invitation again to Cllrs.

18/8/11 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Bench at Dinhams

Cllr Bulgin reported that the Village Day Group will purchase a new bench to be situated outside Dinhams Bungalows. So, there will be no need to remove the bench from Coronation Close. This was agreed.

The following were reported:

- A pane of glass in the bus shelter has been smashed which was probably due to vandalism. The Clerk will contact a local glass company to get an estimate of the cost and if this is reasonable, to go ahead with the repair on Health & Safety grounds.
- Consultation on Bye Laws on Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's). There was no interest shown of replying to the consultation,
- Police & Crime Commissioner has agreed to attend the P.C. meeting on 7th November, to start at 7.00pm.
- Cllr Bulgin reported on the recent training event on the Code of Conduct. The Clerk will ask SALC if the Council can have an email copy of the presentation and will also forward a copy of the Council's Code of Conduct policy to Councillors.

18/8/12 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, Cllr Marshall reported that the Council had received a legacy of £20,000 to spend on Village Hall improvements. This bequest can only be used for capital expenditure and not towards running costs.

It was agreed that representatives of the Council should meet with representatives of the Village Hall Committee to ascertain their wishes for a capital project. Cllr Harper agreed to mention this at the Hall Committee meeting on 6.8.18

18/8/13 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.

18/8/14 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 8.55pm.

DATE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5 SEPTEMBER 2018, IN RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL. PQT 7.30pm.