

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2018.

CLLRS PRESENT: Lowe (Chairman) Anderdon, Bulgin, Harper, Fudge, 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.)

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was reported that there has been rubbish dumped in the lay by at the junction of Cheats Road and Lipe Lane. The Clerk will inform Taunton Deane Borough Council

PRESENTATION FROM A REPRESENTATIVE FROM TARMAC CONSTRUCTION SITE

The Site Manager from Tarmac spoke on the Tarmac plan to re-establish the site as a Precast Concrete Facility. He would also like to re-establish the Liaison Group which previously worked well, a few years ago and created a good relationship between Tarmac, Council and local residents. He envisaged that after the initial meeting, follow on meetings will be held every three months.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Council will co-ordinate and invite residents especially from the Gravelands area via the newsletter. (See Min No 18/09/04)

18/09/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs Dickinson, Laws and Hancock

18/09/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

18/09/3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST AUGUST 2018

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

18/09/4 TARMAC LIAISON GROUP

After discussion, it was agreed to provisionally hold the first meeting on 11th November, if this was agreeable with the Site Manager. Cllrs Marshall, Fudge and Laws (by email) agreed to be the Council representatives.

18/09/5 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)

18/09/6 POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF THE PARK AND RIDE FACILITY

It is proposed through Somerset County Council's budget cuts to suspend the two Park and Rides that serve Taunton Town centre and Musgrove Park Hospital until finances allow for re-instatement. After a full discussion it was agreed to strongly press for an urgent meeting with the Leaders of Somerset County Council and Taunton Deane Borough Council as this proposal will have serious consequences on this parish. This meeting to take place before the Scrutiny meeting on 11.9.18 and the Cabinet meeting on the 12.9.18 where the decision will be made.

18/09/7 PLANNING

31/18/0010 Erection of two single storey extensions at the rear of 21 Woodland Drive
The Council had no comments

31/18/0009 Erection of a shed in the front garden of 1 Newlands Crescent.
The Council had no comments

31/18/0011 Erection of garage, carport, gazebo and section of boundary fencing at 2 Lipe Lane
RESOLVED: The Council had no comments

Correspondence received

After a full discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the parishioner to send a formal letter of complaint and to enclose a copy of the Council's Complaint Procedure

18/09/8 DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk reported that the Heartstart Representative had assured that the defibrillator will be in position and working by the end of September. The Clerk had tried to contact the Heartstart Representative last week but he was on holiday and this week, he is working nights. Cllr Mullin stated that he would email the Heartstart Representative for his mobile number so he could talk to him direct.

18/09/9 DOG AND LITTER BINS

New dog bin in Ruishton

The Clerk reported that she had received a reply from Taunton Deane Borough Council to install an additional dog bin. The cost to supply and install the bin is £345 and emptying is £2.85 a visit. However, the location by the bus shelter opposite Ruishton Inn would need permission from Somerset County Highways as it is their land.

A Highway Officer has stated that permission for a 'structure' on highway land would require a licence which would cost £515 but there would be no charge if TDBC applied as they are a Waste Authority. The Highway Officer is willing to meet on site with TDBC and the PC to discuss further. After discussion it was agreed to ask TDBC to install the Dog Bin with an agreement that the Parish Council will pay for the purchase, installation and future maintenance.

Replacement Litter Bins in the Playing Fields

Cllr Bulgin agreed to investigate if the present litter bins can be fitted with lids.

18/09/10 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS ISSUES

Closure of Greenway Lane

The Chairman reported that County Councillor Thorne will get back to him regarding the date of a site meeting.

Accident of the A358

The Chairman reported on an accident on the A358 that resulted in all the roads in the area being very congested with long delays

Excessive speeding and vehicular access from Alexevia Caravan Park

The Clerk reported that she had an email from a PCSO from Avon and Somerset Police stating that there had been a complaint from residents from Alexevia Caravan Park regarding the volume of vehicles and the speed they are travelling along Bushy Cross Lane and the access from the caravan park into the lane itself. An Officer from County Highways will be visiting the site to see if road markings would benefit by being repainted and to look at the possibility of a temporary installation of a Speed Detector Device.

18/09/11 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Marshall reported on the following

- The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be holding 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 the Council.
- The Steering Group will be meeting a Planning Consultant on 24th September.
- The Parish Council submitted three Community Right to Bid applications for the Ruishton Inn, the Nags Heads and the Post Office. The applications have been successful.

18/09/12 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- Replacement glass at bus shelter. The Clerk in consultation with Councillors authorised £289.57 including VAT to repair the bus shelter as a matter of urgency (Financial Regulations were suspended) - Noted
- Avon & Somerset Constabulary – Letter from West Somerset LPA Commander
Cllr Fudge agreed to answer the online consultation on behalf of the Council.
- Fingerposts – email from North Curry Parish- North Curry Parish Council recently had the fingerposts in their parish re-painted to a very good effect and NCPC was wondering if this Parish Council had considered undertaking similar work in their parish with a particular interest is the fingerpost in the Parish of Thornfalcon that is on the junction of the A358 and the Solomon's Hollow/North Curry road. North Curry recommended a local Fencing, Garden, Property Service firm.

The Clerk reported that she had replied to the email to ask for an idea of the cost but unfortunately the Clerk is on holiday. It was agreed to defer until next month

- LGA green paper for Adult Social Care and Well Being Consultation - Noted

18/09/13 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Marshall reported that he had been contacted by a lady who in conjunction with the West Somerset based Forum 21 is wanting to get Electrical charging Points set up in Taunton Deane. She is going to talk about it at Creech and North Curry Parish Council meetings and asked whether we would be interested in her also coming to our October meeting to outline the scheme. Apparently, the only charging points in Taunton Deane are at the P&R and they don't work. The Council declined the offer.

18/09/14 POLICY REVIEWS

RESOLVED: to change the limit of £200 to £500 in the following regulation

Financial Regulations – Review of Budgetary Control and Authorization to spend:

4.5 In cases of extreme risk to the delivery of council services, the clerk may authorise revenue expenditure on behalf of the council which in the clerk's judgement it is necessary to carry out. Such expenditure includes repair, replacement or other work, whether or not there is any budgetary provision for the expenditure, subject to a limit of £200. The Clerk shall report such action to the chairman as soon as possible and to the council as soon as practicable thereafter.

Complaints Procedure

RESOLVED: to adopt the SLCC's model Complaint Procedure.

18/09/15 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Renewal of Insurance with Zurich

Year 3 - £763.04: Noted

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.

18/09/16 MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING

It was reported that someone is selling cars in the layby on the A358 in front of Henlade Affordable Housing Estate.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

DATE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 3rd OCTOBER 2018, IN RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL. PQT 7.30pm