

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2018.

CLLRS PRESENT: Lowe (Chairman) Anderdon, Bulgin, Dickinson. Hancock, Laws, McEvans, Marshall 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.)

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

No Public present

18/10/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs Fudge and Harper

18/10/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

18/10/3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH SEPTEMBER 2018

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

18/10/4 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Councillor John Thorne sent his apologies and had forwarded a written report before the meeting

18/10/5 PLANNING

40/18/0004 & 40/18/0005/LB Conversion of store building to two-bedroom holiday cottage at Ashe Farm Caravan & Camping Site, Ash Road, Taunton

The Council had no comments

Other Planning matters

Land at Lipe Lane – It was reported that there are a green and black recycling bin outside the property therefore possible occupancy. The Clerk will report this to the Enforcement Officer

31/18/0011 – Cllr Marshall reported that a neighbour had sent an objection letter to the Planning Office at Taunton Deane Borough Council copied into this Council. Unfortunately, the letter arrived after our September meeting where this application was considered. The Clerk reported that the objection letter does not appear on TDBC website under this application. The Clerk will contact TDBC Planning Department to ask them to take on board the neighbour's objections.

18/10/6 DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Mullins reported that Western Power had this on their list for the electricity connection. The Heartstart representative would like to be present when the hole is dug as well as a person from Creech who will know if there are any services in the vicinity of the hole. Tarmac has kindly agreed to supply the concrete to fill in the hole.

18/10/7 DOG AND LITTER BINS

The Clerk reported that representatives from TDBC and County Highways have agreed to meet a representative from the Council on site to discuss the possibility of siting the dog bin at the bus shelter. Cllr Hancock agreed to meet them on site.

Litter Bins in the Playing Fields – Cllr Bulgin reported that he would contact TDBC to see if they could supply the lids.

18/10/8 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS ISSUES

The following matters were reported:

- Cllr. Mullins reported that there had been a recent fatal accident on the M5 caused in part to the backed-up traffic on the M5 waiting to access the junction 25 slip road. The camera on the slip road is pointing towards the A358 and not reviewing the waiting traffic on the slip road. It was considered that it would have been more useful for the camera to survey the

traffic waiting on the slip road so that the traffic lights can be remotely programmed to allow more traffic through in times of high volume of vehicles. The Clerk will contact Highway England.

- The Clerk reported that she emailed County Highways and copied in the Police in regard to the timing of the traffic lights on the A358 Ruishton Lane and P&R Junction. Traffic on the A358 can sometimes be going across the junction when the traffic light on Ruishton Lane is green. The Clerk has not heard back from County Highways.
- Consultation of the Toneyway junction improvement scheme for Creech Castle- there will be a drop-in event for members of the public at Hankridge Arms on 17.10.18. The online consultation runs until 31.10.18.

Cllr Marshall reported that he had previously asked for the journey times from Monkton Heathfield through Creech & Ruishton to the A358/J25 and compare to journey times through the improved Creech Castle Junction as an upgraded Creech Castle Junction should be encouraging traffic to use it rather than the current rat run through Creech and Ruishton. This must be one of the objectives of the upgrade.

18/10/9 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Marshall updated the Council on 'Delivering Key Messages and Issues from the Evidence Base Report which was work carried out by the Consultant. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee will take the Strategic Evidence (National and Local Authority Policy Summary Report) into account. Cllr Marshall continued that the Neighbourhood Plan Group will be visiting the youths playing football at the Recreational Ground on Saturday 6.10.18 to ask what facilities they would like to see in the Neighbourhood Plan. They will also carry out a traffic survey of the number of cars parked for the football.

18/10/10 REFURBISHMENT OF FINGERPOSTS

The Clerk reported that the cost of a repairing a fingerpost by an outside firm would cost in the region of £350 - £400. It was agreed to investigate the concept of a repair programme for all the fingerposts in the parish and not just the fingerpost on the boundary with North Curry. The Clerk will include an article in the newsletter in regard to setting up a register of all the cast iron fingerposts in the parish by asking the parishioners for help in the fingerposts' location and condition.

18/10/11 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on the following:

'No Cold Calling' stickers – The Clerk reported that she had no response from the Police so she will try the Community Council for Somerset

Community Resilience Day on Thursday 25.10 18 at Sedgemoor Auction Centre. There were no Councillors available.

18/10/12 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman had nothing to report.

Cllr Laws reported on a training event organised by SALC 'The Council has an employer'. Cllr Laws did not think it was a very informative meeting and was mostly aimed at Clerks.

The Clerk will forward a comprehensive guide to all Councillors 'Good Councillors Guide' which has a section on employment within the guide.

18/10/13 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Quarter 2 budget was 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.

18/10/14 MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING

There were no matters to report. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm

DATE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7th NOVEMBER 2018, IN RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL. PQT 7.30pm