

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2018.

CLLRS PRESENT: Marshall (Vice Chairman) Bulgin, Dickinson. Fudge, Hancock, Harper, McEvans and Mullins

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor John Thorne and the Clerk, Heather Bryant

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

As the Chairman was not present, the Vice Chairman Cllr Mike Marshall took the meeting

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

No public present

18/11/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs Lowe and Laws (Cllr Anderdon sent his apologies after the meeting)

18/11/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

18/11/3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3rd OCTOBER 2018

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

18/11/4 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Councillor John Thorne referred to his written report sent before the meeting

A question was asked about part of his report:

- *Footpaths - A regional training day for Local Access Forum members from across the South West is being organised on Thursday, November 29, here in Ruishton, and I've been invited as a county councillor, but unfortunately, I can't attend this time. Training will be given on recording public rights of way, because the ability to claim rights of way based upon pre-1949 evidence will cease in 2026, and there is a growing interest among communities in knowing how to record any unrecorded historical rights of way.*

Cllr Marshall asked why parishes were not informed about this training day. C.C. John Thorne replied that he did not think it was open to parish councils. The Clerk will enquire.

18/11/5 PLANNING

40/18/0006 Erection of double car port and shed at Rydal Mount. Thorn Lane, Thornfalcon
The Council had no comments

Any other Planning Matters

Land at Lipe Lane, recycling bins -The Clerk reported that the Enforcement Officer had this in hand.

18/11/6 DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk reported that Western Power is scheduled to connect the electricity on 22nd November. After connection, the defibrillator is ready to use. Cllr Mullins reported Tarmac supplied concrete at no charge to fill in hole where the post was placed at short notice. The Clerk will send a letter of thanks. Cllr Mullins continued that ongoing maintenance will be required

As part of Heartstart package, free training is given for 16 people. The Clerk will arrange the training in the New Year probably on a Saturday morning

18/11/7 DOG AND LITTER BINS

New dog bin in Ruishton – The Clerk reported that she had chased up County Highways and Taunton Deane Borough Council for a date for a site visit at the bus shelter.

Replacement lids to the litter bins in the Playing Fields – It was agreed to consider new litter bins. Deferred until next month.

18/11/8 DOG MESS IN THE VILLAGE

It has been reported that there are areas around the parish where dog owners have allowed their dogs to foul the ground and not picked up the mess afterwards. The Clerk will do an article in the newsletter asking dog owners to clear up the dog mess and the penalties for not doing so.

Defer until next month.

18/11/9 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS ISSUES

Traffic lights at the junction of A358 & Ruishton Lane. – The Clerk reported that Traffic Control reported that as the junction is being redesigned as part of the J25 scheme they do not believe a meeting would be beneficial at this time and suggested to contact the local Police Team as the responsible enforcement authority. The Police (PCSO) would be happy to meet with representatives from the parish council and with colleagues from Traffic Control.

It was agreed for the Clerk to arrange a site meeting with the PCSO and to inform them that Traffic Control will not be attending.

County Highways will replace a road junction sign for Stearts Cottages off Lipe Lane which has been knocked down.

Grit Bin refilling – The County Highways arrangements for winter maintenance which included grit bin filling had previously been sent to Cllrs. The Clerk reported that she was notified a few months ago that the grit bin at Lower Henlade needed refilling. The Clerk will contact C.H.

18/11/10 COMMUNITY ACTIONS

Cllr Marshall reported that the following are non-planning actions that were stated in NP questionnaire.

- Some services are in need of improvement (for example, bus service frequencies and destinations)
- Consider (as part of an overall Transport Strategy within the neighbourhood plan) measures to restrict speed through the villages to improve road safety, improvements to pedestrian footpath maintenance (where necessary), additional public footpaths and safe cycling routes, additional measures at the school to improve and introduce safe routes to school
- Explore feasibility, viability and provision of a (convenience goods) shop, outdoor gym equipment, park equipment for young people / youth, youth club and drinking water fountain
- Explore how best to improve opportunities for better adult education provision, and establishment of lunch clubs, a choir and book exchange
- Lobby for improved broadband internet speeds
- Help to prevent littering, dog mess and fly tipping
- Consider how best to improve and provide opportunities and activities for older age groups
- Consider whether to discuss with land-owners opportunities to introduce planting to help minimise noise and air pollution arising from the M5

It was agreed to consider these at a future meeting

18/11/11 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Marshall reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Group had visited 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. The results of the survey will be analysed.

18/11/12 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Refurbishment of finger posts – The Clerk reported that she had not had any feedback from the articles in last month's newsletter.

'No Cold Calling' stickers – The Council has now had a small number of these stickers. (around 18) The Clerk will advertise in the next newsletter to give away to interested parishioners – first come, first served basis. Cllr Fudge agreed to be the contact point.

Tarmac meeting on 14.11.18 – Cllrs Marshall, Fudge and Laws will report back next month.

Village Agent – The Clerk reported that Ruishton has a new Village Agent. Cllr Harper will include her details in the next newsletter.

Cllr Fudge left the meeting at 8.30pm

Somerset West and Taunton Council Final Recommendations of new electoral arrangements – The Council had been previously been included in the Ward of North Curry and District. The Council asked for the name of the Ward to be changed to North Curry and Ruishton. This was successful.

Fly tipping – There has been fly tipping on the site of the old Chard Canal in Ruishton. Taunton Deane Borough Council has asked if the council knew who is the owner of the land. The Council thought that this area could be in Creech St Michael Parish and TDBC should contact CSM Council.

18/11/13 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman sent an email report before this meeting on an event he attended on 'Somerset Prepared' which was about what happens in an emergency for example flooding, snow, animal disease breakout and how parishes can help themselves.

18/11/14 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.

18/11/15 MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) **OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Matters to be included on the next Agenda:

Village Hall refurbishments. Citizens Advice Bureau. Budgets.

There were no matters to report. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

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