

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

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

CLLRS PRESENT: Lowe, (Chairman) Anderdon, Dickinson. Fudge, Marshall, Hancock, Harper, Laws, McEvans and Mullins

ALSO PRESENT: Two members 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 asked a question in regard to a tree on a verge in the Newlands area that had been felled by a resident. The Chairman replied that permission had been obtained to fell the tree.

A general discussion then took place on the subject of trees and the parishioner who asked the question said she would think about becoming the Parish Tree Warden. The Clerk will send her the details. It was agreed to include 'Trees maintenance' as agenda item next month.

18/12/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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18/12/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

18/12/3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th NOVEMBER 2018

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

18/12/4 VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION

This item is deferred until the next meeting

18/12/5 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)

18/12/6 PLANNING

SCC/3532/2018 Installation of 3 No. sludge cake storage barns (60.04m x 29.76m x 13.07m high) and installation of small section of access road to adjoin to the existing road within the Water Recycling Centre.

The Council had no comments

Any other Planning Matters

Land at Lipe Lane, recycling bins -The Clerk reported that the Enforcement Officer has confirmed that there has been no breach of planning control

18/12/7 DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator pole and cabinet are in place but unfortunately the actual defibrillator is still waiting to be installed. The Clerk will contact the Heartstart representative as a matter of urgency in order to progress this before Christmas.

Cllr Mullins reported that once the defibrillator is 'live' he has obtained a sign, free of charge, stating where the defibrillator is located. The Clerk will check with the Council's maintenance contract if the 'verge garden' where the defibrillator is situated is maintained by Taunton Deane Borough Council

18/12/8 DOG AND LITTER BINS

New dog bin in Ruishton

Cllr Hancock reported that he met a Highway representative and a TDBC representative on site and it was decided that the best site for the dog bin would be on the post on the NE corner of Church Lane.

The Clerk reminded the Council that TDBC would supply and install the dog bin at a cost of £345. There would be no charge for a licence fee of £515 as TDBC would be installing and are a waste authority. The cost of emptying the dog bin is £2.85 per visit. It was agreed to have fortnightly emptying initially and review if more frequency is needed.

New litter bins in the Playing Fields

RESOLVED: to purchase to new litter bins in red for the playing fields at a cost of £161 each excluding VAT

18/12/9 DOG MESS IN THE VILLAGE

It was agreed to repeat the article in the last newsletter from time to time to remind dog owners about clearing up dog mess

18/12/10 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS ISSUES

Traffic lights at the junction of A358 & Ruishton Lane

Cllr Marshall reported that he had spoken to PCSO David Rowe who would be willing to meet Cllr Marshall on site. The Clerk will arrange

SCC Rights of Way – Parish Path Consultation

The Clerk reported that there is only one path (T22/18) that is supposed to be cleared of overgrowth by SCC Rights of Way once a year. This is the footpath that is adjacent to the Park & Ride. The consultation is not open to the public but they can comment through the Parish Council. The Clerk continued that she had included an article in last month's newsletter but received no comments.

A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualling Scheme – Highway England

Due to additional technical work, H.E expects to announce their preferred option in Spring 2019 instead of Autumn 2018.

H.E are planning on starting a new Community Liaison Forum for the A358 Taunton to Southfields dualling scheme early next year. The forum will be made up of representatives from local authorities, parish councils, local businesses and a variety of community groups. The forum will give the team the opportunity to share timely and relevant project information with forum members representatives outside the periods of formal consultation.

18/12/11 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Marshall reported on the following

- The Steering Group are working on draft policies
- The Steering Group had a meeting with representatives from Stoke St Mary Parish Council who were not opposed to the proposals in the Vision Strategy.
- It was hoped to have the NP completed by September 2019 however, the news from Highway England that their announcement of deferring their preferred option until Spring 2019 will probably mean a delay.

18/12/12 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

County Wide Parking Review.

Cllr Marshall reported that there will be parking meters for street parking

Light Pollution – Overlands

The Clerk reported that the Creech St Michael Chairman and Clerk has tracked down the light pollution in Mill Lane Creech St Michael. They think it was coming from SW Crane Hire and the firm has now tilted the lights downwards.

The Clerk will contact the resident from Overlands who first brought this matter to our attention and ask if this has solved the problem

Letter from CAB – requesting a donation

It was agreed to defer until the budget meeting

Email from the Council's payroll provider

Peter Rowcliff is retiring at the end of March 2019. He has made arrangements with another company on the same terms as provided now. The Clerk reported that Peter Rowcliff carries out our Councils payroll free of charge and it would now be prudent for this Council to arrange the payroll with the new providers with a formal contract. It was agreed to consider at the budget meeting

The Public Sector Bodies (Website & Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations

The Clerk will forward this on to our Web Site Manager

18/12/13 TARMAC LIAISON MEETING REPORT

Cllrs Marshall, Laws and Fudge and residents from the Gravelands area in Ruishton attended this meeting. A written report had been sent to Councillors.

18/12/14 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he attended a meeting consultation event in regard to the Creech Castle junction improvements. The cycle paths have been slightly changed and they hoped to link this scheme in to the J25 improvements. The Chairman continued that he had questioned Sunita Mills of SCC about some works near to J25 where a footpath has been closed with no diversion in place. Sunita Mills said she would look into to this and get back to him but she hasn't yet. The Clerk will chase up.

18/12/15 FINANCIAL MATTERS

BUDGET 19/20

It was agreed to look at the January precept meeting:

Tree at Newlands	Payroll costs	Donation CAB
Bus shelter maintenance	Tree maintenance	Footpath maintenance

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.

18/12/16 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 8.45 pm.

DATE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2nd JANUARY, IN RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL. PQT 7.30pm