

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd January 2019.

CLLRS PRESENT: Lowe, (Chairman) Anderdon, Bulgin, Dickinson. Fudge, Marshall, Hancock, Harper, Laws, Mullins and John (after co-option)

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 member of the public commented that parked vehicles are causing a problem when there is football at the Recreational Ground. He stated that this long line of parked vehicles obstructs the visibility for seeing oncoming traffic. He asked if the Council could investigate the possibility of double yellow lines.

Cllr Marshall replied that the Parish Council had found in the past that the police had not supported double yellow lines in the village. Cllr Fudge stated that he would have a word with the Football Club to see if they could park more appropriately.

19/1/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received

19/1/2 CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR

RESOLVED: to co-opt Domini Johns as a Councillor for Ruishton & Thornfalcon Parish Council.

Domini Johns duly signed Declaration of Office form.

19/1/3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

19/1/4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th DECEMBER 2018

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

19/1/5 VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION

The Chairman of the Hall Committee spoke about the Committee plans for the £20,000 legacy that the Council is holding. It is planned to build an extension of 36sq meters for a storage room which will free up the chair and table cupboards. The long-term plans are to use the chair cupboard into a new kitchen area.

Cllr Marshall stated that the Council is holding the money for a capital project and once the plans have been passed, the Council could release the money.

19/1/6 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) C.C. Thorne also informed the Council on the project of planting 14,000 trees in Somerset Wood where volunteers are required.

The Chairman asked C.C. Thorne if he could chase up Sunita Mills of S.C.C. in regard to some works near to J25 where two footpaths have been closed with no diversions in place. Sunita Mills said she would look into to this and get back to him but hasn't as yet.

19/1/7 PLANNING

40/18/0009 Change of use of land from agricultural to vehicle parking area with associated landscaping works on land south of Thornfalcon Garage

The Council had no comments

19/1/8 TREE MAINTENANCE

RESOLVED: to appoint Domini John as the Tree Warden for the parish.

Cllr Mullins stated that he would like to see a budget for maintenance of trees in the parish other than the trees sited on land owned by this Council (Recreational Ground) It was reported that three large trees sited at Boom Orchard need reducing which is Somerset County Council owned land. The Clerk will contact SCC.

19/1/9 RECREATIONAL GROUND

To receive the annual Recreational Ground Report from PI

Councillors commented that they had not seen the report so the Clerk will email for next month's meeting.

19/1/10 DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Mullins reported that the defibrillator is in its cabinet and presumably is functional. There is also a double-sided sign to direct to where the defibrillator is positioned. The Clerk will thank Phil James of P.J. Signs for donating the sign and to Tarmac for supplying the concrete for the pole base for the defibrillator in an article in the February newsletter.

Cllr Mullins continued that Cllr Fudge and himself will be regularly uploading info to S.W. Ambulance web site so a code to access the cabinet is required. The Clerk will contact the representative from Heartstart for the code.

It was agreed that the 'Dinhams Garden' where the defibrillator is adjacent needs a 'makeover'. The Clerk will ask in the February newsletter for volunteers.

The Clerk will liaise with the Heartstart representative and the Village Hall for a training date on a Saturday for 16 parishioners.

Cllrs John and Hancock stated that they would like to be considered for Defibrillator training if there was room.

19/1/11 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS ISSUES

Small Improvement Scheme – Cllr Mullins commented on an idea for pedestrian safety for Ruishton Lane which is a warning system at either end where pedestrians press a button to indicate to motorists that there is a person walking along the lane.

19/1/12 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Marshall reported that the Neighbourhood Plan was hoped to be completed by September 2019 but the postponement on the A358 upgrading decision to Spring 2019 may delay the process.

The Clerk confirmed that Dave Duke and Jim Claydon have been booked in to a Neighbourhood Plan event at Wellington on 29.1.19

19/1/13 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that she had a phone call this week from a gentleman who cut himself while depositing a 'poop bag' in the dog bin at Dinhams bungalows. Cllr Hancock reported that he had looked at the bin and it had sharp edges due to rust.

It was agreed to replace the dog bin. The Clerk will order from JRB Enterprises 2 litter bins in green for the Recreational Ground and 1 dog bin in red for Dinham Bungalows. Cllr Hancock agreed to receive the supply.

19/1/14 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman had nothing to report.

19/1/15 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Donation to Citizens Advice Bureau

After a full discussion it was agreed by a majority vote to include £100 to CAB in the 2019/20 budget. (The vote was recorded as 6 in favour, 4 against and 1 abstention)

BUDGET FOR YEAR 19/20

It was agreed to include a Parish Project budget of £1409 which could include Tree Maintenance, New tree at Lawn Meadow, Bus shelter maintenance, Footpath maintenance,

RESOLVED: to set a precept of £22,150 for the above year under the power of Local Government Finance Act 1992 Section 41. Band D £37.67

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.

19/1/16 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 9.00 pm.

DATE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6th FEBRUARY 2019, IN RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL. PQT 7.30pm