

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2019.

CLLRS PRESENT: Lowe, (Chairman) Anderdon, Bulgin, (arrived at 8.00pm) Dickinson, Marshall, Hancock, Harper, Laws, Mullins and John.

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

It was reported that a hazel hedge at Bushy Cross Lane was overgrowing onto the payment. It was not known if it was a privately-owned hedge or owned by the County. Cllr John agreed to ask neighbouring properties if they knew who owned the hedge.

19/2/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Fudge

19/2/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

19/2/3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd JANUARY 2019

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

19/2/4 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)

19/2/5 PLANNING

31/18/0014/T Application to carry out management works to on Robinia tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Ruishton No 1) TPO at Premier Inn, Ruishton Lane.

The Council had no comments

Any other Planning Matters

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

This application has been withdrawn

19/2/6 TREE WARDEN

Taunton Deane Borough Council has forwarded some information on the work of a Tree Warden. but not a map of the Tree Preservation Orders in the Parish. The Clerk stated that she has some maps in the TPO file. She would look these out and forward copies to Cllr John.

19/2/7 DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk reported that we now have the code but will check with the Heartstart representative to ask if Cllrs Mullins and Fudge need to be shown how to upload the data to pass on to the S.W. Ambulance web site.

The training date has been arranged for Saturday 16th March for parishioners.

19/2/8 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS ISSUES

It was reported that there is overgrown vegetation encroaching onto the footpath at Lipe Lane which is over the boundary with Creech St Michael. The Clerk will contact the Clerk at Creech St Michael.

Overflowing drains at the top of Bushy Cross Lane - It was reported that workmen were seen working in the vicinity of these drains. The Chairman agreed to check if the work had been done.

Cllr Bulgin arrived at 8.00pm

19/2/9 RECREATIONAL GROUND

To receive the annual Recreational Ground Report from PI

Cllr Bulgin reported that there were minor, non-urgent problems listed in the report which he will check and correct or purchase missing components if necessary. The main problem is the lifting of the mat surface.

Dog bin and 2 litter bins

These bins will be delivered to Cllr Hancock's address next week. It was agreed that Cllr Hancock could arrange the fitting of the bins with the handyman

19/2/10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

Cllr Marshall reported that he did not attend the last meeting due to illness. However, the Steering Group were working on drafting policies ready for the Council approval in March.

Dave Duke and Jim Claydon attended a Neighbourhood Planning meeting in Wellington. It was revealed that the West Somerset and Taunton Borough will not be obliged to review the Local Plan until 5 years after their amalgamation.

The NP progress report was noted.

19/2/11 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Clean Air Strategy consultation – This was noted

Taunton Area Cycling Campaign for new and improved cycle routes and cycle parking in the Taunton Area

The Clerk will check if there is a deadline date. If there is a deadline date that is before the next meeting, the Clerk will gather individual Cllr responses. If there is no deadline date or the deadline date is after the March meeting, the Clerk will include on the March agenda.

Very large trees at Boon Orchard

The Clerk reported that she has reported that the trees would need significant pruning to Somerset County Council. She has had an acknowledgement to the email but no reply. The Clerk will chase up.

19/2/12 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he will purchase a rowen tree to replace the tree at Lawn Meadow. The cost would be around £80

19/2/13 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.

NATIONAL SALARY AWARD 2019-20 AGREED

RESOLVED: to approve the following salary awards

Clerk – SPC 19 (Now SPC 8) £10.37 an hour x 40 hours a month. (2.6% increase)

Cllr Bulgin declared an interest as a close relative is the NP Administrator

NP Administrator SPC 14 (Now SPC 5) £9.77 an hour x 24 hours a month, (6% increase)

19/2/14 MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING

The Clerk will check with the Crime Commissioner's Office that it is still scheduled for Sue Mountstevens to attend the P.C. meeting on 6th March.

The Chairman reported to note the 7.00pm start and he would appreciate help to set up the hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

DATE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6TH MARCH 2019, IN RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL. PQT **7.00pm**