

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Crime Commissioner, Sue Mountstevens, PCSO Jake Edwards, 19 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.)

Crime Commissioner, Sue Mountstevens

Sue gave a very interesting talk on her role as a Police and Crime Commissioner and answered many questions from the Councillors and 19 parishioners that were present.

Cllr Hancock left the meeting at 8.00pm

19/3/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Hancock for leaving the meeting early.

19/3/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Marshall declared a prejudicial interest in application No 31/19/0001 as the applicant.

Cllr Bulgin declared a personal interest in Application No 31/19/001 as he lives next door to the property in question

19/3/3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH FEBRUARY 2019

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

19/3/4 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)

It was agreed to change the order of the agenda for the next item.

19/3/5 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

RESOLVED: to approve the draft Neighbourhood Plan Policies

Cllr Marshall & Bulgin left the room for the next item

19/3/6 PLANNING

31/19/0001 Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of 13 Lawn Meadow, Ruishton
The Council had no comments.

19/3/7 TREES

Trees at Boon Orchard

The Clerk reported that she had an email from the Highways Arboriculturist stating that he would check if the trees were surveyed last year and if they were not, he would take a look. The Highways Arboriculturist warned that it is not the Council's policy to prune the trees due to their size, so unless there is something wrong with the trees, they would not reduce them.

The Clerk will contact the Highways Arboriculturist stating that the Council is concerned about the close proximity of these large trees to nearby housing.

Dead Elm trees at Bushy Cross Lane

The Clerk will report the dead elms to the Highways Arboriculturist

Rowen Tree planted at Lawn Meadow

The Chairman reported that he had planted the tree with the help of Cllr McEvans.

19/3/8 DEFIBRILLATOR

Training

Training will take place on Saturday 16th March at 9.30am in Ruishton Village Hall

Upgrade of the shrubbery bed adjacent to the defibrillator

Cllr John reported that the memorial stone had been knocked over by a vehicle at 3.00am on 6.3.19. The Clerk will contact the Police. Cllr Mullins agreed to contact Tarmac to see if they could help in putting the stone upright.

The Clerk reported she had one reply from the newsletter article for volunteers to tidy up the shrubbery bed.

19/3/9 A358 COMMUNITY FORUM

The Chairman and Cllr Marshall attended the meeting. The meeting was attended by other Parish Councils and a variety of other interested bodies. Highway England's preferred route should be announced by 21st June 2019. It is planned to hold quarterly meetings

19/3/10 M5 JUNCTION 25 ROADWORKS

Representatives from SCC and Alun Griffiths will be at Ruishton Village Hall for 'drop ins' events on Thursday 7.3.19 between 3.00pm - 8.00pm and Thursday 14.3.19 between 3.00pm - 8.00pm. Alyn Jones, Somerset County Council has offered to meet the Parish Council to discuss the plans. The Clerk will try to arrange an evening meeting so all Cllrs can attend.

19/3/10 CAMPAIGN FOR NEW AND IMPROVED CYCLE ROUTES IN THE TAUNTON AREA

The Clerk reported that there is no deadline date. Cllrs John and Mullins have sent their contribution to the Clerk. The Clerk will send the details of the campaign to the Cllrs again by email

19/3/11 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS ISSUES

There were no highway and footpath issues

19/3/12 MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR APRIL 2019 – MARCH 2020

The Clerk reported that the quote for maintenance from Taunton Deane Open Spaces was incomplete as only 7 items had been quoted whereas there are 11 items on the schedule. Also, the cost for each individual item is significantly higher than the previous year. The Clerk has contacted Taunton Deane in regard to the schedule & cost and is waiting for a reply. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Parsons Landscape for a quote

19/3/14 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

School Transport

A parishioner who had been campaigning for free school transport to Monkton Heathfield School due to the unsuitability of the walking route thanked the Parish Council for the letter of support for his campaign.

Forthcoming elections

The Clerk gave out nomination packs to Cllrs who were standing for the May 2019 elections.

Hazel hedge at Bushy Cross Lane overgrowing onto the pavement

Cllr John reported that she had visited the property along Virginia Orchard to ask if they were responsible for the hedge but nobody was at home. The Clerk will contact Taunton Deane.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to hold this in April. The Clerk will contact the Hall Secretary for dates when the hall is free.

19/3/15 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Taunton – A vision for our Garden Town

The Chairman emailed a copy of the above document which is asking for feedback. It was agreed that Cllrs can respond individually.

19/3/16 FINANCIAL MATTERS

DIRECT DEBIT

RESOLVED: to approve a monthly Direct Debit for electric to the defibrillator - SSE

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.

19/3/17 MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING

There were not any matters to report. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

DATE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 3rd APRIL 2019, IN RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL. PQT 7.30pm