

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2021 held by Zoom conferencing.

CLLRS PRESENT: John (Chairman) Bulgin, Dickinson, Fudge, Harper, Marshall, McEvans and Mullins

ALSO, PRESENT: County Councillor John Thorne, District Councillor Sue Buller, one member of the public and the Clerk, Heather Bryant.

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME (ON GENERAL PARISH MATTERS)

A member of the public spoke on Application No. 31/20/0028

21/1/1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND APPROVE THE REASONS GIVEN

Received from Cllr Garbutt

RESOLVED: to approve the apologies for the reason given.

21/1/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mullins declared an interest on Application No 31/20/0028.

21/1/3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd DECEMBER 2020

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

Cllr Mullins left the meeting

21/1/4 PLANNING

31/20/0028 Application for outline planning with all matters reserved, except for access and scale for the erection of 1 no bungalow in the garden to the rear of Cartref, Bushy Cross Lane.

RESOLVED: to object to this application on the following grounds: (Cllr Fudge abstained)

- The site is not large enough to sustain two properties.
- It is a back-land development and will create another line of dwellings so infill is not appropriate.
- The dwelling will create more traffic on a busy but narrow Bushy Cross Lane

Cllr Mullins returned to the meeting.

SWT has approved the following application

31/20/0029 Erection of a single storey extension to the rear with alterations to windows at Ruishton Village Hall, Cheats Road. 31/20/0029 Erection of a single storey extension to the rear with alterations to windows at Ruishton Village Hall, Cheats Road.

21/1/5 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Councillor Report

C.C. John Thorne referred to his written report which was emailed to Cllrs.

It was reported that vegetation is encroaching on the pavements on the A358.

District Councillor Report

D.C. Sue Buller reported SWT building has closed down completely. The Local Plan covering to 2040 is likely to be delayed.

Cllr Marshall asked if a date has been set for the Issues & Options consultation. Cllr Buller stated that she did not know and she will try and find out.

21/1/6 OPERATION GANNEX AND VILLAGE PUMP

Operation Gannex

Zoom meeting will be arranged with Dawn James and her colleague Emma Griffard, (Community Engagement Team, Somerset Rivers Authority & partners in Somerset Prepared) the Chairman, Cllr Garbutt, Cllr McEvans and a member of the Flood Committee. Probably 14th January 2021 at 1.00pm. The Clerk will send the link to all Councillors.

Village Pump

The Chairman reported SWT has agreed to fund 50% of the cost of a text dialler out of Climate resilience money. The cost to the Parish Council would be £761 excluding VAT. The annual rental of £180 a year will be charged to the SWT pumping station maintenance budget.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to fund £761 excluding VAT as long as an organisation will act on the message and it is not a member of the Parish Council.

21/1/7 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATHS

Junction 25 progress

There is a zoom meeting on 14th January 2021 at 6.00pm with Alyn Jones and Andy Coupe, representing Somerset County Council.

Cllr Mullins stated that the Council members attending this meeting should have united views as at the last meeting with SCC there was a difference of opinion between Cllrs

Speeding on the A358 through Henlade

Reference an email from a parishioner in regard to speeding on the A358 through Henlade-

It was agreed to mention this problem with SCC on 14.1.21 and the Clerk to ask if the Police can attend.

Flooding at the top of Bushy Cross Lane

C.C. John Thorne had previously reported that that tree roots had damaged the drain and it should be in the system for remedial work.

It was agreed to mention this problem with SCC on 14.1.21.

Hedges that need cutting back along Ruishton Lane

It was agreed to mention this problem with SCC on 14.1.21 as the ideal time to carry out the works would be when the road is closed.

21/1/8 S106 AGREEMENT £27209.75 FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION

Cllr Bulgin and Cllr Fudge completed the application

The application was agreed to forward on to SWT

21/1/9 RECREATIONAL GROUND

To note the Annual Inspection Report and consider any actions required.

Cllr Bulgin reported that there was no immediate action required as the minor faults all came in as very low risk or low risk.

However, it was recommended that signage, with information including the site address, contact information for maintenance issues and emergency contact details are provided for the facility. The Clerk will investigate suitable signage and also the replacement of the 'No Dogs Allowed' notices.

21/1/10 MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR 21/22

RESOLVED: to approve the maintenance contract and if required, ask SWT for an extra cut to the hedge between Newlands & Virginia Orchard.

21/1/11 BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 21/22

RESOLVED: to set a precept of £25,158 for the above year under the power of Local Government Finance Act 1992 Section 41.

21/1/12 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the defibrillator pads will need replacing within 3 months. Heartstart can replace and fit for £35. This was agreed.

21/1/13 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman had nothing to report.

Cllr Mullins commented on the electric cuts that have been happening recently. Cllr Mullins continued that there is a Western Power number to ring who will act on the information received or if they already know about the power failure, give estimated time when they expect it will be connected. Cllr Mullins will pass the details onto the Clerk so she can include in the newsletter. It was noted that work will be carried out on the sub-station at Lawn Meadow.

21/1/14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Marshall reported that they are putting the draft plan together which hopefully will be ready to be presented to the Parish Council at the February meeting.

21/1/15 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.

21/1/16 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 21.20pm.

DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 3RD FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM.