

**RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL**

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The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 held in the Village Hall observing the Council's Covid-19 Risk Assessment.

**CLLRS PRESENT:** John (Chairman) Bulgin, Dickinson, Fudge, Harper, McEvans and Mullins  
**ALSO, PRESENT:** County Councillor John Thorne and the Clerk, Heather Bryant.

**PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME (ON GENERAL PARISH MATTERS)**

There was no public present

**21/6/1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND APPROVE THE REASONS GIVEN**

Cllr Marshall sent his apologies

**RESOLVED:** to approve the apologies for the reason given.

**21/6/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mullins declared a personal interest in Application No 31/21/0008

**21/6/3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021**

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

**21/6/4 CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR TO FILL ONE OF THE VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL**

Mrs Susan Garbutt who was due to be co-opted on the Council sent her apologies

**21/6/5 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

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

District Councillor Sue Buller sent her apologies

**21/6/6 PLANNING**

31/21/0008 Change of use of part of the park and ride, for a temporary period for the purposes of Hinkley Point C construction workplace car parking and associated bus parking with erection of a temporary welfare building and amendments to height restrictions and white lining at Taunton Gateway Park & Ride, Ilminster Road, Ruishton. (retention of part works already undertaken)

The Council's comments were:

The Parish Council had a pre-planning meeting with EDF on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

In regard to the temporary modular building possibly to 2024; the Parish Council requested if this could be a permanent building feature for the ordinary bus user after they had left the site.

31/21/0009CLA Notification for prior approval for the installation of a 20m high monopole supporting 6 No antenna and 2 No. transmission dishes, 4 No equipment cabinets with development works ancillary thereto on land south-eastern side of Ruishton Lane, Ruishton.

It was agreed to object to this application as the siting of the monopole is inappropriate placed on the pavement at the village gateway and would therefore have a negative impact for residents living in the village and visitors visiting the village.

The Council suggests that an appropriate siting of the monopole would be in the Park & Ride complex

**21/6/7 OPERATION GANNEX AND FLOOD GROUP**

Operation Gannex - static flood warning signs

Ian Tucker is still waiting for the Traffic Engineer at SCC to contact him to arrange a site meeting. The Clerk will chase up

Flood Group

Cllr McEvans will contact Richard Sargent to establish a way forward.

**21/6/8 VILLAGE PUMP**

The Chairman reported that AWP, who are fitting the text dialler, is waiting for parts to arrive.

**21/6/9 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATHS**

Report from Cllr Marshall on the A358 forum

Cllr Marshall sent the slides to the presentation by email.

Permanent name for the new Nexus link road

Somerset County Council has informed the Parish Council that this was a temporary handle given to the road due to its proximity to the proposed Nexus business park. S.C.C. would like to give this road a permanent name to mark its importance and the completion of the Junction 25 project as a whole, which is scheduled to be by the summer. In accordance with guidelines, it cannot be named after a living person. The plan is to build up a list of suggestions from key stakeholders and potentially the public. A panel representing the District, Parish and County Councils will then come up with a shortlist.

It was agreed to put forward the name of Growtage Way. The name is in association with the late Mary Growtage who was a resident in Lower Henlade for over 50 years and was the Parish Council Clerk for over 40 years. Mary was a very well respected and an active member of the community and was involved in many organisations providing 'good works' in the community. Mary won the Somerset County Councils Chairman's Award for outstanding service to the Community in 2014

Meeting with Somerset County Council on the completion of Junction 25 project

The Clerk reported that Alyn Jones and Andy Coupe are willing to meet but would like to know which matters the Council would like to discuss.

It was agreed the Council would like to discuss signage, general lay out, cycle route issues and road surface Bushy Cross Lane. It was further agreed for a face-to-face meeting is preferable.

Small Improvement Scheme – Ruishton Lane

Andy Nellist, Project Manager, Infrastructure Programmes Group has emailed to inform that the scheme would include pedestrian detectors at each end of the section of Ruishton Lane that is without a footway. When pedestrians are detected, warning signs (the LED equivalent of the 'exclamation point' triangle warning sign with a legend underneath stating 'pedestrians in road') would light at each end of this section to warn approaching drivers.

The new detector and sign opposite Orchard Rise are currently shown on land that is not public highway, and he will be writing to the adjacent landowners to seek their approval in principle to placing this equipment on their land (for which a wayleave would be required). If not possible, they will investigate alternative locations to try and develop suitable proposals.

**21/6/10 S106 AGREEMENT £27209.75 FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION**

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the S106 Co-ordinator and she has agreed that only one quote is required for the concrete bases for the picnic tables. We already have the two quotes for the one piece of disabled equipment, four picnic tables (one with wheel chair access) and one goal post. A quote is required for fixing the picnic benches onto concrete bases or paving slabs.

**RESOLVED:** to delegate to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman, Cllrs Bulgin and Fudge to obtain and accept a quotation.

**21/6/11 RECREATIONAL GROUND**

It was reported that the recent vandalism to the safety surface at the bottom of the slide had been replaced at a cost of £250.00

**21/6/12 TREES WORKS**

To carry out work on Council land at the back of the Village Hall to remove a large branch and a couple of smaller branches ascending on the Village Hall. To remove the side branches of a Field Maple and to remove two Elm trees. Total cost £450.00 plus VAT.

The Clerk approved the quote in consultation with the Chairman under delegated powers

**21/6/13 RUISHTON VILLAGE TRUSTS**

Cllr Bulgin reported that the John Thorne Trust was registered with the Charity Commission in 1962. It was originally set up for the poor in the parish but recently small grants have been given to the school. There is another Village Trust Nichola Marks Trust which has been used for tools for apprentices but this Trust is no longer registered with the Charity Commission.

Ruishton Village Trusts should be included as an Agenda item for Annual Parish Meetings.

**21/6/14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Bulgin reported that the NP Administrator is currently collating the responses so far to the Public Consultation which ends on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**21/6/15 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

Councillors Essentials and Chairman Training - The Clerk reported that both sessions are now fully booked

**21/6/16 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Introducing Airband

The Clerk reported that she had an email from Airband – connecting Devon & Somerset to deliver full fibre broadband. The Community Liaison Executive has offered to discuss the project with the Council. It was agreed for the Clerk to arrange a meeting via Zoom

Overgrown Hedges

Cllr Mullins reported that a resident had spoke to him in regard to an email that was sent to the Council on several locations within the village with overgrown hedges and complained the email was not acknowledged. The Clerk will locate the email and reply to the resident.

Defibrillator

Cllr Mullins reported that the defibrillator has been registered on The Circuit- the National Defibrillator Network.

**21/6/17 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported that she had been asked to attend and give a welcome speech at the Welcome Service for the new vicar in Creech St Michael Church.

**21/6/18 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS (Local Audit & Accountability Act 2014, Sections 26 & 27)

Confirmed that the Notice of Public Rights has been posted on the Council's web site.

**21/6/19 MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Next Agenda – Queen's Jubilee celebrations

**21/6/20 PURCHASE OF LAND**

**RESOLVED:** to appoint Porter Dobson Solicitors to be the Council's legal representatives in regard to the purchase of a piece of land for an extension to the Recreational Ground. The land is around 1 acre and is adjacent to the present Recreational Ground and at the back of the Village Hall.

*The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm*

DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.