

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly
Held Tuesday 20th April 2004 @ Rattery Village Hall 7.30pm

Present – Cllr B Evans (Chairman), Cllr J Morel, Cllr B Palk, Cllr S Levy, Cllr P Smerdon (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M Daymond, Cllr J Hampton, C Cllr G Date.

Attended by – 8 Members of the Public & Guest Speaker Roger Axon from Parsons Brinckerhoff Ltd.

Apologies – D Cllr C Ramsay.

- 1) The Minutes of last years Annual Parish Assembly held on Tuesday 15th April 2003 have been distributed and read, these were then proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr J Hampton and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr B Evans.
- 2) Public Question Time – No questions were raised.
- 3) **Guest Speaker** – Roger Axon from Parsons Brinckerhoff Ltd was present and reported as follows regards the A38 – in particular the Parish Council were interested regards the A38 Sliproads at Drybridges. Roger confirmed that there are going to be a lot of Roadworks to do on the A38 particularly around the Trago Mills area.

He confirmed that there have been numerous accidents Ivybridge to Plymouth recently and most are due to bad driving, driving without due care and attention and bad vehicle condition.

At the time that the A38 was built the Drybridge Junction was adequate for the Road, now it would not be constructed in this way. Accidents have been logged at this junction with one fatality in 2001 the other accidents have just been vehicle damage, he acknowledged that there is a problem with the junction but there are many other schemes which are more worthy at present where more fatalities have occurred so these must take first priority so it would be on a non-urgent list and no funding would be available for improvements as these funds would have already been allocated. However signing could be looked at and this would be the 1st initial stage of improvement.

Questions Raised

- 1) The point was raised that the East Bound Sliproad is the worst problem as visibility in joining the A38 is only a split second as you come down onto it, signage is needed to let motorists know that as they come over the brow of the Hill that Traffic is joining the carriageway, which could be slow moving ie: tractors with trailers.

Roger confirmed that he would go away and have a look at the points raised and see what he is able to do, finances will dictate how much is done to the Sliproads and possibly only more signage will be available.

Cllr B Evans then thanked Roger very much on behalf of the Parish Council and the Public present for a very interesting talk.

The Assembly closed at 8.00pm to be followed by a Parish Council Meeting.