

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 15th June 2004 at Rattery Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 8.00pm.

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.

Attended by – 74 Members of the Public.

Apologies – C Cllr G Date, D Cllr C Ramsay.

1) Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 18th May 2004 & Parish Council AGM held Tuesday 18th May 2004.

The minutes of the last meeting have been distributed and read. They were then proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Cllr B Palk with all in agreement. They were then duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr B Evans.

2) Police Report/Neighbourhood Watch.

The Police were not in attendance but an e-mail had been received by the Clerk which confirmed there had been no crimes in the Parish except for the continued theft of fuel at Always Cleansing. The Police ask any public with information to come forward.

3) Parishioners Question Time-

All the Parishioners were present due to their concern about a possibility of a Travellers Transit Site in the Parish at the old Snail Farm site. Cllrs informed Parishioners regards all they knew, that the site had been offered to DCC by the land owner as a Transit Site. Cllr P Smerdon confirmed that at present the site was only being considered with 14 others in the area. Parishioners confirmed that they wished to form an Action Committee. Chairman – Cllr B Evans confirmed that the Parish Council would support any views of the Parishioners and would be able to transmit these as comments on any Planning Application which materialised for this site, however at present no application had been received and may never transpire as the site may not be suitable for DCC needs. The Action Committee will be run by Parishioners and they will send a letter to every house in the Parish asking for help. The Chairman – Cllr B Evans also confirmed that he would speak to Lesley Smith at DAPc regards the Legal Obligations as the spokesperson for the Parishioners confirmed that they wanted to write to everyone and ask for money to help with prepare a fighting fund.

4) District & County Councillors Reports.

D Cllr C Ramsey was not in attendance but had sent the Clerk an e-mail report for the meeting which was duly read by Chairman – Cllr B Evans with points confirmed as follows:- Velwell – she has altered SHDC to building which may be going to be converted into Holiday Homes as commercial use will not be permitted and planning could be retrospective. Villages in Action - £6,750 still outstanding to be given to the Arts. Agenda 21 is still in existence but its currently thinking about changing its name and making clear what its objectives are. District Councils from 2005 will be taking over Licensing which is currently the job of Magistrates Courts. As a District Councillor she cannot take any action about the proposed Travellers Site, but welcomes copies of letters to keep her informed, however, letters of action need to be sent to DCC.

5) Planning Applications & Decisions.

Applications received from Dartmoor National Park

Dartmoor National Park – Weekly List of Applications received – given to Cllr B Palk for perusal.

Decisions received from Dartmoor National Park – None

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Application no 39/0940/04/F – Mr Corsellis – Hatchlands House, Rattery, South Brent, Devon – Extension to Dwelling – After a site meeting was held – No objections from the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr B Evans with all in agreement.
- b) Application no 39/0984/04/F – Mr & Mrs R Micklewright – Knowle Farm, Rattery, South Brent TQ10 9JY – Alterations and Extension to Provide Indoor Pool, Storage and Leisure Facilities and relocation of Car Parking. No objections from the Parish Council, but we suggest that a gate should be erected to prevent any livestock entering the proposed carpark as there is a right of way over the Lane from a nearby Farm. Proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr M Daymond with all in agreement.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/0690/04/F – Dr & Mrs Gibb – Springfield, Rattery, Devon TQ10 9LD – Renewal of permission for erection of Dwelling and Garage.
- b) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/0470/04/F – Mr S Patrick – Marley House, Rattery, South Brent, Devon TQ10 9JZ – Improvements to Drive and Site Entry.

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Housing Needs Survey for Local Housing in the Parish – The initial form sent by Lizzie Utley – CCD has been completed and will be returned, this will get matters underway.
- b) Hedgecutting (to be discussed in July).
- c) New Parish Council Noticeboard – The Clerk will Chase Peter Williams.
- d) Trials Motorbikes following the Cycle Route Signs – Cllr J Hampton noted that on a Sunday morning Motorbikes have been following the cycle route signs around the Parish – The Clerk will write to DCC and ask when these temporary signs will be taken away.
- e) Playing Fields Liability – No reply yet received from SHDC – the Clerk will chase.
- f) Travellers Transit site in the Parish – Some letters of objection have been received from Parishioners, these will all be forwarded to C Cllr G Date. The Parish Council will support the views of the Parishioners which are in strong objection to the site. Parishioners are going to form a Parishioners Committee and collect a fighting fund. The Clerk will obtain an electoral roll to enable them to write to everybody in the Parish.

7) Correspondence.

- a) Letter from BT – Re: Removal of Payphones – This letter acknowledged the Parish Councils letter and apologised for the delay in reply as so many letters have been received regards payphone removals in Devon.
- b) South Hams CVS – AGM – 22nd June 2004.
- c) Totnes & Dartmouth R&R – Thanks for Donation.
- d) Devon Wildlife Trust Workshops for July 2004 – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- e) Letter from DNPA – Re: Development Control Procedures – This confirmed that the document in full can be found on the Website but will be redrafted next year due to changes in the planning system.
- f) Letter from South Hams CAB – Thanks for Donation.
- g) Letter from Parsons Brinckerhoff – Re: A38 Drybridge Junction – This confirmed that Road signs have been ordered and will be installed when they arrive, also the parapet railing on the bridge and the vehicle safety fencing on the slip road on the north side will be replaced in the Autumn. The Clerk will write to Mr Axon and thank him for his help.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the envelope to be distributed (3 envelopes).

8) Main Agenda

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy reported that Lister Bass had now put his gate up – Mark Daymond and Barbara Palk will have a look at this gate as they both need a new one, they will contact Cllr Levy to get them ordered. Cllr Levy also confirmed that he had obtained some Lawnmower prices to purchase a Lawnmower for P3 use.
- b) **Cllrs Reports** – No reports given.
- c) Highway Maintenance –
 - 1) Manhole Cover/Drain opposite the Village Green in the Highway is breaking up.
 - 2) The fence by the river at Lower Knowle?
- d) Statement of Assurance for Annual Accounts 2003/2004 – Proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in favour.
- e) Shed @ 5 Garden Park, Rattery – A large Shed has appeared in the Garden at 5 Garden Park, the Clerk will write to SHDC Planning with a copy to D Cllr C Ramsay, asking if this needed planning permission.
- f) Cllrs asked the clerk to chase up SHDC regards the Barn in Cummins Pond Road adjacent to Bidwell which was being filled in and worked on.

9) Cheques for Signature

Cheque no 332 - £15.00 Petty Cash for Stamps.

Cheque no 333 - £27.71 Steve Levy – P3 Expenses

Proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr J Hampton

Bank Balance - June 2004 = £5,005.22

10) Any Items to go onto the next Parish Council meeting Agenda.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.20pm
 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 20th July 2004 @ 8.00PM RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAS SPECIAL NEEDS AND REQUIRES A COPY OF THESE MINUTES SENT TO THEM – PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK – 01364 644109.