

**RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 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, 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) Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 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 Clerk confirmed that an e-mail had been received, which the Chairman - Cllr B Evans duly read – 41 incidents had been logged which were mostly A38 incidents 6 reported were crimes which included several thefts of fuel. The Police are advising Parishioners that they ensure their outbuildings and barns etc are secure to help prevent crime.

**3) Parishioners Question Time-**

a) Mr Parris was present and gave a short presentation on a proposed housing scheme for the field behind the Village Hall which is owned by his family. 2 or 3 Bedroom Houses Starter Homes, Affordable homes or self-build and perhaps with a locality clause to ensure that the prices are kept to a minimum. Part of the field would be a Playing Field area and a Community Orchard. The Chairman – Cllr B Evans thanked Mr Parris and his Architect for attending and confirmed that the matter would be put forward for discussion by the Parish Council at the next meeting in May.

**4) District & County Councillors Reports.**

C Cllrs G Date reported that complaints have been made regards the Post Office now charging for people paying their Council Tax through them as the District Council have withdrawn their subsidies to the Post Offices which made it charge free to pay through them. The Council have been challenged about this but they are unmoved on their decision. Parking fees are also now being charged for disabled badge holders.

D Cllr C Ramsey was not in attendance so no report was given.

**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 39/0286/04/F – Mr A Buchanan – Luscombe Cottage, Colston Road, Buckfastleigh, Devon TQ11 OLP – Extension to Dwelling – After a site meeting by the Parish Council – No Objections. Proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr S Levy with all in agreement.

- b) Application no 39/0331/04/F - Mr A Buchanan – Luscombe Cottage, Colston Road, Buckfastleigh, Devon TQ11 OLP – Creation of Pond – After a site meeting by the Parish Council – No objections however we feel that the pond is very large and we would recommend that it be reduced in size. Proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr S Levy with all in agreement.
- c) Application no 39/0470/04/F (Retrospective) – Mr S Patrick – Marley House, South Brent, Devon TQ10 9JX – Improvements to Drive and Site Entry. A site meeting will be held.
- d) Application no 39/0690/04/F – Mr & Mrs Gibb – Springfield, Rattery, South Brent TQ10 9LD – Renewal of permission 39/1176/88/F for erection of Dwelling and Garage. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.

#### **DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council**

- a) Grant of Planning Permission – Application no 39/0233/04/F – Mr & Mrs Ryan – Culver Park Nurseries, Plymouth Road, Rattery – Erection of Kitchen Extension.
- b) Grant of Planning Permission – Application no 39/0286/04/F – Mr A Buchanan, Luscombe Cottage, Colston Road, Buckfastleigh – Extension to Dwelling.

#### **6) Matters Arising.**

- a) New Parish Council Noticeboard – The Clerk confirmed that the Rev David Winnington-Ingram has replied to her letter and given permission for the New Noticeboard to be placed on the piece of land behind the seat on the Village Green. The noticeboard maker will now be informed to go ahead with the board as soon as possible.
- b) A38 Road Signage at Drybridges – NFA this matter has been discussed at the Annual Parish Assembly.

#### **7) Correspondence.**

- a) A38 Management Strategy – Parsons Brinckerhoff – Given to Cllr B Palk for perusal.
- b) SHDC – Letter regards Printing Facilities – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- c) DCC Letter regards proposed 20mph Speed Limit – This confirmed that a 20mph speed limit will be advertised and implemented for a trial period of one year. The Clerk will write back to DCC to confirm that a 20mph limit is still required, but please consult the Parish Council before any signage is put in place and what happened to the new Green Rattery Village Sign that was promised.
- d) CCD New Cllrs Training Day – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2004 – Given to Cllr S Levy, he will let the Clerk know if he wishes to attend.
- e) SHDC Letter regards Play Area Fence repairs – Given to Cllr P Smerdon.
- f) The Countryside Agency – Provisional Map for Rattery – Only one small piece of Land is shown on this Map at Bulson Head, the Clerk will keep the Map for reference.
- g) DNPA Community Forum – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2004 – Given to Cllr B Palk.
- h) SHDC Letter from Graham Rowe – Monitoring Officer – Courtesy letter to confirm that he is retiring.
- i) Letter from SHDC – Re: Erection of Seasonal Lambing shed/Agricultural Machinery Store at Ashbourne Farmhouse – The Clerk will ask D Cllr C Ramsay to find out what reason for its withdrawal.
- j) SHDC Local Development Framework – Draft Scheme – comments by 14<sup>th</sup> May 2004 – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- k) Copy letter from SHDC Re: Agricultural Determination for Greenhouse at Ashbourne Farm, Rattery – Parish Council copy for file.
- l) Life into Landscape exhibition – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2004 – Details placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- m) Letter from BT confirming that due to losses in use they will be removing the Phone Box in Culver Lane. The Parish Council appreciate the situation but if the Box in Culver Lane goes the one in the

Village Centre must stay as is and they would be much opposed to this one being removed at a later date.

**Matters not requiring discussion placed in the envelope to be distributed (4 envelopes).**

**8) Main Agenda**

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy reported that Small Lane has been cut and mostly cleared. Brownston Lane is mostly done and needs clearing now so some volunteers are needed to help out. The Strimmer has been serviced and is up and running and he will be attending a Strimmer course to enable him to use it correctly. Lister Bass has got the new gate which is soon to be put up.
- b) **Cllrs Reports** – No reports given.
- c) Highway Maintenance –
  - 1) Some Oaktree Branches have been noted as hanging down on Culver Lane just down from Bulson Head – Cllr M Daymond confirmed that he would have a look and establish the Land owner responsible.
  - 2) Hedgecutting to be placed on the July Agenda to chase up any that were not done this year.
  - 3) Pothole outside Holwells on the Mill Cross to Rattery Mill Road.
- d) Lane/Footpath at Willing Farm – Cllr P Smerdon and Cllr S Levy have had a meeting with Mr & Mrs Woodley at Willing Farm. The Lane in question is shown on maps as an unclassified road and DCC confirms this. The Woodleys are disputing that there was ever a through route. This matter is now in the hands of DCC.
- e) Barn in Cummins Pond Road adjacent to Bidwell – The Clerk has written to SHDC asking them to look into this, no reply has been received.
- f) Rattery Web Site Progress – The Chairman – Cllr B Evans commented that he had noticed that the site was not yet up and running – Cllr Morel confirmed that she would look into this.
- g) Proposed Development in the Field by Rattery Village Hall – To be placed on Mays Agenda for discussion.
- h) New Track Opposite Edeswell on Main Road by Viaduct – The Chairman – Cllr B Evans confirmed that he had taken a look at this track which goes under the Archway by the Railway, some activity is present – the Clerk will ask SHDC to look into – Copy to Cllr C Ramsay.

**9) Cheques for Signature**

Cheque no 319 = £1,851.47 Sharon Orchard (Clerks Salary & Expenses).  
 Cheque no 320 = £20.00 Sharon Orchard (Virus Controls for Computer).  
 Cheque no 321 = £12.50 DAPC (Local Council Review Sub).  
 Cheque no 322 = £15.00 Totnes & Dartmouth Ring & Ride (PC Donation).  
 Cheque no 323 = £15.00 South Hams CAB (PC Donation).  
 Cheque no 324 = £15.00 Totnes Rail Transport Group (PC Donation).  
 Cheque no 325 = £80.00 Rattery Village Hall (Meeting Hall Hire).  
 Cheque no 326 = £1.00 Dartington Property Ltd (Playing Field Rent).

Proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr J Morel  
 Bank Balance - April 2004 = £5,346.17

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

- a) Trials Motorbikes following the Cycle Route Signs.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20pm  
 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AGM TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> May 2004 @ 8.00PM RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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