

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 7th September 2004 at Rattery Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 8.00pm.

Present – Cllr B Evans (Chairman), Cllr B Palk, Cllr S Levy, Cllr M Daymond, Cllr J Hampton, C Cllr G Date, D Cllr C Ramsay.

Attended by – 1 Member of the Public.

Apologies – Cllr P Smerdon, Cllr J Morel.

1) Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 20th July 2004

The minutes of the last meeting have been distributed and read. They were then proposed by Cllr B Palk and seconded by Cllr S Levy 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 that most logs were vehicles and road hazards for the month and no crimes had been reported.

3) Parishioners Question Time-

- a) Mr Senna from Higher Velwell was in attendance and spoke regards Water Lane which he would like to resurface to enable him to gain access to his property as he intends to put in planning permission to convert the Barns there. It is a better access if the lane was resurfaced. Cllr B Evans confirmed that his comments had been taken on board and noted, however the Parish Council cannot comment on an application until it has been submitted to SHDC and is in the Public Domain.

4) District and County Councillors Reports.

D Cllr C Ramsey reported that the bulk of the extra Council Tax money raised from second homes has been put down against affordable Housing. DCC have also given SHDC their portion of this money to go towards affordable Housing.

C Cllr G Date reported that street cleaning changes have be implemented at SHDC (see correspondence item 7h) he is very against this as it is another cost cutting exercise. Cllr B Palk asked if he could look into placing a Litter Bin @ Drybridge as people seem to come off the A38 there to have their dinner and throw litter on the ground. Cllr S Levy also confirmed that another Bin is needed in the Childrens Play Area. Travellers – a meeting was held at DCC whilst Cllr Date was away on holiday, he has not yet received the minutes of this, the next meeting will be on the 30th September 2004. Cllr Date also reported that he is Chairing the Rural Post Office Task Group looking at rural Post Offices and why they are closing, this is partly due to loss of people using them for benefits etc as the Government are encouraging people to have these paid direct into bank accounts. Council printing costs are also being looked into and how to reduce them.

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 – None.

- a) Application no 39/1583/04/F – Mr & Mrs Boorman – 2 Mill Cottages, Rattery – Erection of a Conservatory. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- b) Application no 39/1628/04/F – Mr & Mrs S Patrick – Marley House, South Brent – Erection of agricultural store. No objections from the Parish Council provided that the building is screened for privacy and to protect the amenity value of the surrounding properties. Proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Cllr M Daymond with all in agreement.
- c) Application no 39/1706/04/F – Mr J Matthews – Land at Rattery - Retrospective application for the erection of an agricultural machinery and feed/hay store. Site visit required by the Parish Council.
- d) Application no 39/1710/04/F – Ms O B Seck – 4 Hood Cottages, Dartington – Retrospective application for garden shed and leisure/study. Site visit required by the Parish Council.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Listed and Planning Permission Granted – 39/0217/04/F & 39/0216/04/LB – Dr & Mrs K Thompson – Michaelmas Cottage, Marley House, Rattery – Installation of Glazed Roof over rear courtyard.

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Housing Needs Survey for Local Housing in the Parish – The survey has now been completed and will be available by the next Parish Council meeting.
- b) Hedgecutting – Before any letters go out some Notices will be put up around the Village to remind Parishioners about hedgecutting responsibilities.
- c) New Noticeboard – The Clerk will chase this up.
- d) Playing Fields Liability – The Clerk will chase – Mike Thomas at SHDC.
- e) Travellers Transit site in the Parish – A meeting is to be held by Rattery Villagers next Wednesday at the Village Hall, a document has been produced by John Eaton and given to DCC stating a case why Rattery does not wish to have a Travellers Site.
- f) 5 Garden Park – An e-mail has been received from Rick Crombie at SHDC confirming that the new Chalet has been completed under permitted development. The Clerk will reply to this e-mail.
- g) Green Burials – A letter has been received from SHDC to confirm that permission was granted for the Green Burials subject to a limit of 50 per year.

7) Correspondence.

- a) Clerks course – 15th September 2004.
- b) Copy letter from SHDC – Re: Creation of Pond at Colston Road, Buckfastleigh – Copy letter from the Environment Agency which has been noted.
- c) Consultation Documents from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – Re: Code of Conduct – Given to Cllr S Levy for perusal.
- d) South Hams Crime Audit Questionnaire – Given to Cllr B Evans for perusal.
- e) DAPC AGM – 25th September 2004.
- f) SHDC – Alcohol Designation Orders and Licensing Policy Statement – Given to Cllr J Hampton for perusal.
- g) Letter from Dean Prior Parish Council – Reply regards Dean Court Farm mud and stones on the Road confirming that this will be attended to.
- h) Letter from SHDC – Changes to Street Cleaning – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.

- i) Copy Letter from SHDC – Re: Oak Trees, Corn Mill, Rattery – Confirming that Mr F Palmer has permission to cut a dying tree down.
- j) Letter from SHDC – Future Management of Leisure Centres – Placed into the envelope for Cllrs perusal.

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

8) Main Agenda

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy reported that 3 New Gates have been ordered. The hedge cutter is leaking petrol, he will see if it can be fixed but it is very old, he will obtain some prices for a new one as it may not be worth fixing.
- b) **Cllrs Reports** – No reports.
- c) Highway Maintenance –
 - 1) Crabbers Cross 2 Drain Covers Missing.
 - 2) Fencing at Lower Knowle ownership to be found, the Clerk will contact Jim Morrison DCC.
- d) Rattery Web-site – Chairman – Cllr B Evans asked all Cllrs to have a look at the Web-site if possible to see how it was progressing.

9) Cheques for Signature

Cheque no 339 = £15.00 (Petty Cash for Stamps).
 Cheque no 340 = £7.50 DAPC (Clerks Course).

Proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Cllr J Hampton.

Bank Balance - September 2004 = £2,688.12

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

- a) Friendship Barn.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30pm
 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 5th October 2004 @ 8.00PM RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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