

**RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2005 at Rattery Village Hall**  
**Meeting Commenced 8.00pm.**

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

**Attended by** – No Public present.

**Apologies** – D Cllr C Ramsay, Cllr J Morel, Cllr S Levy.

**1) Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2004.**

The minutes of the last meeting have been distributed and read. They were then proposed by Cllr P Smerdon 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.**

No Police report had been received.

**3) Parishioners Question Time-** No Public present.

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

C Cllr G Date – reported as follows:- The Post Office task Group have compiled a report and made recommendations in an effort to keep Post Offices open. Rural Post offices will be easier to keep as the government are giving out grants for them. The Council Tax Budget is going to be hopefully kept at inflation only. Travellers Sites – Now all applications have been withdrawn all the sites will again be evaluated in an attempt to look for a suitable site, Cllr Date will keep the Parish Council up-to-date with any further developments. Cllr B Palk asked about recycling collections – Cllr Date confirmed that in 2-3 months time a coloured bag and bin scheme will start to be operated by SHDC, Cllrs confirmed that Dean Prior had already got the scheme – Cllr Date will check and ask when Rattery can be expected to start this scheme.

D Cllr C Ramsey was not in attendance but had e-mailed a report which was read by the Chairman – this was regards Villages in Action.

**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 39/2210/04/F – Mr I Keys – Land opposite West Mead Cottage, Rattery – Retrospective application for the erection of Summerhouse & Decking. Site Visit required by the Parish Council. After a site visit by the Parish Council – No objections but the following recommendations –
- i. The barbecue area should be kept away from the neighbours propane cylinder.
  - ii. Conifer or Hedge screening should be provided to the front of the structure.

Proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr P Smerdon.

- b) Application no 39/2488/04/F – Mr & Mrs P Sena – Little Well, Higher Velwell Farm, Dartington, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6AD – Re submission of application 39/1919/04/F for conversion of garage to additional accommodation and conversion of stables to dwelling. The Parish Council recommends refusal of this application, as there is still an intrusion on the privacy and amenity of the neighbouring properties by windows, the Parish Councils previous comments on this application still stand as they feel these have not been taken into consideration. Proposed by Cllr B Palk and seconded by Cllr M Daymond with all in agreement.
- c) Work to Tree Preservation Order Trees – Notice no 2245 – Land at Cornmill, Rattery – No objections from the Parish Council – Proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr P Smerdon with all in agreement.

**DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council - None.**

**6) Matters Arising.**

- a) Hedgecutting – Most of the Hedges have now been attended to, however some still remain not done – this matter will be carried forward to the next meeting and letters will be sent to the remainder who have not cut their hedges.
- b) New Parish Council Noticeboard – This has been completed and delivered – Cllr P Smerdon and Cllr S Levy will put up behind the Seat on the Village Green.
- c) Playing Fields Works – Cllr P Smerdon did not think that any further works were outstanding (NFA).
- d) Retrospective Planning Permissions & Matthews 39/1706/04/F – Rick Crombie from SHDC has confirmed that Mr Matthews has the right to appeal but ultimately SHDC would require the removal of the part of the building which has been put up without permission. A letter has been received from Dave Kenyon at SHDC regards Retrospective Planning Permissions, this was read to Parish Councillors who felt that a copy of this letter should be sent to Anthony Steen MP to ask his views.
- e) Donation to Rattery.net – An account has been received which will be returned as the Parish Council felt that they had only agreed to fund the web-site for one year to get it started, then it would be down to Paul Guess who is running the web-site to get advertising to enable it to pay for itself, they are willing however to give a donation towards the payments but not the whole amount.
- f) Rattery 20mph Limit & New Village Sign – No response has been received so the Clerk will chase again.
- g) Field Behind Garden Close – This has now been cut and tidied up.
- h) Gate & Access Track at Cholwell Farm – Cllr P Smerdon will e-mail Rick Crombie at SHDC direct regards this with further details.
- i) Budock Vean – Planning Permission for Studio – Chairman – Cllr B Evans confirmed that he had spoken to the owners who confirmed that tenants are living in the Studio and are moving out by the end of February 2005.
- j) Stream in Village - Clearance and Overhanging Bushes – Carried forward to the next meeting.

**7) Correspondence.**

- a) Copy letter from South Brent PC to SHDC Re: The Local Development Framework – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- b) Letter from Dean Prior PC – Re: Windy Corner – Confirming that they had received the Parish Councils letter and would look at the situation and report back.
- c) SHDC Budget Consultation Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2005 – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs if they wished to attend please let the Clerk know asap.
- d) Crime and Disorder Consultation Document (replies by 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 05) – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- e) Letter from Parsons Brinckerhoff – Public Transport Improvements – Regards Bus Stop improvements at Hood on the main Totnes to Buckfastleigh Road A384/A385.

- f) TDC Statement of Community Involvement Consultation Document – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- g) Totnes & Dartmouth Ring & Ride – Request for Donation - £15 Proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- h) DCC Towards a Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Consultation Document – Given to Cllr S Levy (P3).
- i) South Hams CAB – Request for Donation - £15 Proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr J Hampton.
- j) Letter from SHDC – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of end of World War II – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- k) Letter from SHDC – Sea Britain 2005 – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.

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

**8) Main Agenda**

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy was not in attendance so no report was given. It was noted that the path from the Pub down the bank to the road needs re-gravelling.  
Brownstone Lane – Clerk to write to DCC Highways, this Lane is being used by Bikes which are making a mess and the Lane is being eroded.
- b) **Cllrs Reports** – No reports.
- c) Highway Maintenance –
  - 1) Lengthsman Cards – Given to Cllr J Morel.
  - 2) Higher to Lower Bulkamore Cross the Road surface is breaking up with Potholes.

**9) Cheques for Signature**

Cheque no 343 - £15.00 Petty Cash (Stamps).  
 Cheque no 344 - £34.64 Castles (Ink Cartridge and Envelopes).  
 Cheque no 345 - £22.26 S Levy (P3 reimbursement).

Proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr M Daymond

Bank Balance - January 2005 = £3,641.98

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

- a) Rally Cars using the Rural Lanes.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.00pm  
 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> February 2005 @ 8.00PM RATTERY  
 VILLAGE HALL.

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