

**RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 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, Cllr J Morel, Cllr S Levy, C Cllr G Date.

**Attended by** – 2 Member of the Public.

**Apologies** – D Cllr C Ramsey.

**1) Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2005.**

The minutes of the last meeting have been distributed and read. They were then proposed by Cllr J Hampton 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 had sent their apologies by e-mail – No Crimes had occurred during the last month – some Road Traffic Accidents and Logs had been made. There was also a note from the Police regards Door to Door pedlars – they need Licences and if any Parishioners are in any doubt call 999. This notice regards pedlars will be placed on the Noticeboard.

Cllr P Smerdon also confirmed that the Neighbourhood Watch details are now being placed on the web-site.

**3) Parishioners Question Time-**

- a) Mrs R Coaker raised the matter of the Recreation Field, the last Committee Meeting for this was June 1992. Some funds remaining from the old committee are in the Village Hall Account, a new Committee needs to be formed. The Chairman confirmed that this would be discussed further later in the meeting as a matter on the Agenda.
- b) Mr R Hughes – The Clerk provided Mr Hughes with the copies of the minutes he had requested.

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

C Cllr G Date – The Council Tax is to go up by 3 ½% which means that 10 million is to be cut off DCC expenditure, this will mean a loss of jobs. The 2<sup>nd</sup> homes Council Tax – ½ will go to the District Council and ½ will be retained by DCC to go towards housing for the vulnerable – eg – Children and the Old. Adult and Community Learning has received an offstead report which did not fare too well, this needs to improve or the funding will be withdrawn. Cllr J Hampton confirmed that it was the management element that had received the thumbs down in the report, another inspection will be carried out in September 05. Cllr Date confirmed that this would be his last meeting with Rattery before the election and although he was standing again his ward boundaries have been changed and Rattery is not included in his new Ward. The Chairman and Parish Council extended their thanks to him for all his efforts (The Clerk will write a letter of thanks).

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/ref no DK/JMC/39/0331/04/F – Creation of Pond, Luscombe Cottage, Colston Road, Buckfastleigh – After looking at the new Plans and letter from SHDC – The Parish Council comment as follows:- No objections in principal to the Pond but they still consider that the Pond itself is too big, it has not been reduced on the new Plans by a significant enough amount to make a difference, it is of excessive size and needs to be reduced further to gain the Parish Councils approval – Proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- b) Application no 39/0269/05/F – Mr & Mrs David – Luscombe Farm, Buckfastleigh TQ11 OJD – Increase pitch of existing roof, enlargement of existing windows, insertion of new window and creation of gable end to the east end of the roof – No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- c) Application no 05/00815/FUL – Land West of Raythorns Wood, Buckfastleigh – Mr S Lord - Stable Block. Although this application is just outside the Parish boundary the Clerk will ask TDC for a copy of the plans.

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

- a) Listed Building Consent Granted – Application no 39/0051/05/LB – Marley Estates – Marley House, Rattery – Listed Building Consent for the removal, waterproofing and relaying of existing terrace paving.

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

- a) Gate & Access Track at Cholwell Farm – Cllr P Smerdon confirmed that the track was at map reference SX759636 – The Clerk will let Rick Crombie at SHDC know.
- b) Stream in Village - Clearance and Overhanging Bushes – The Clerk will write to Tim Rowsell regards the clearance of vegetation on both sides of the Bridge and Stream on The Plains, part of which is on his Land, the Parish Council would like to organise a working party and ask for permission to undertake the clearance.
- c) Works at Rattery Mill – Rick Crombie at SHDC was going to take a look, the Clerk will ask for his findings.
- d) Rally Cars using the rural lanes – Cllr J Hampton confirmed that the last Rally had gone the other way as he had asked them to do and not gone around the sharp bend opposite the houses at Yelland.

### **7) Correspondence.**

- a) SHDC – Ethical Framework Meetings – Cllr B Evans will try to attend a meeting.
- b) Shaping the future of Torbay and South Devon to 2026 – Consultation Document – Given to Cllr S Levy for perusal.
- c) SHDC Letter – Re: Burial Grounds Survey – The Clerk will write back to SHDC regards the Burial Grounds in the area – 3 of which Cllrs know of – St Marys Church, Bidwell Woods and Syon Abbey.
- d) Letter from SHDC – Plymouth and Torbay Sub-Regional Spatial Strategies – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- e) The Standards Board – A Code for the Future – Consultation Document – Copy of this given to all Cllrs.
- f) Letter from Mr J S Prosho – 5 Garden Park – The Parish Council will be taking further advice on this letter before replying.
- g) Letter from Mr & Mrs S Fussell – Budock Vean, Rattery – The Parish Council will be taking further advice on this letter before replying.

- h) Letter from Balfour Beatty – Mr Mike Hamilton – regards the current Water works happening through Rattery Village. Cllr B Palk confirmed that she had received one complaint from a Parishioner regards this as the Water was cut off when she badly needed it. Cllr Palk will contact Mike Hamilton direct to inform him of this situation.

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

**8) Main Agenda**

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy confirmed that 3 gates have been done with one more to go in and a new stile has been put in down by the Bridge where the vegetation has been cut back and there are some railings still to be done. Small Lane – Roz Davies has spoken to DCC regards the 4 wheel drive vehicles using it and the Clerk confirmed that she had also written to DCC Highways. Cllr Levy confirmed that the finance forms have been filled in for next years grants, some more new equipment will be required. A Bag of Chippings will be purchased to put down on the path from the Church beside the Church House Inn.
- b) **Cllrs Reports** – No reports.
- c) Highway Maintenance –
- 1) Ask SHDC what has happened to the Road Sweeper as he has not been seen in the Village.
  - 2) Large Pothole at Lower Bulkamore Cross – inform DCC.
  - 3) A letter has been received from Jim Morrison at DCC regards the Trail Riders using the rural lanes – he will be looking into this.
- d) Parish Meeting Speaker – Dave Kenyon – SHDC or Jim Morrison DCC.
- e) 4 Wheel Drives using Small Lane (DCC Highways) – The Clerk has written to Jim Morrison DCC regards this and Roz Davies from DCC – P3 has also contacted him regards the Parish Councils concerns.
- f) Rattery Recreation Field – it was reported that the Committee had £293.69 in the Village Hall Account but a new Committee needs to be formed. SHDC do cut the Grass but it needs to be ascertained as to whether they still insure the field and whether they are maintaining the equipment. The Clerk will also ask Dartington Hall trust whether the field is still going to be available. It may be possible to form a sub-committee of the Parish Council but the above matters need to be confirmed before going ahead.

**9) Cheques for Signature**

No Cheques.

Bank Balance – March 2003 = £2,362.86

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.11pm  
 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> April 2005 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
 @ 7.30PM RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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