

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 15th February 2005 at Rattery Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 8.00pm.

Present – Cllr P Smerdon (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M Daymond, Cllr J Hampton, Cllr B Palk, D Cllr C Ramsey.

Attended by – 1 Member of the Public

Apologies – Cllr B Evans (Chairman), Cllr J Morel, Cllr S Levy, C Cllr G Date.

Vice-Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon took the meeting in the absence of the Chairman – Cllr B Evans.

1) Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 4th January 2005.

The minutes of the last meeting have been distributed and read. They were then proposed by Cllr B Palk and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement. They were then duly signed by the Vice-Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon.

2) Police Report/Neighbourhood Watch.

The Police had sent their apologies by e-mail – 32 incidents had occurred during the last month mostly on the A38 with 3 crimes occurring in the Parish.

Cllr P Smerdon also confirmed that the Neighbourhood Watch were now sending through some information by e-mail to those who had e-mail available.

3) Parishioners Question Time-

- a) Mr R Hughes was in attendance regards the new wall and other works at 5 Garden Park, he has been in contact with SHDC who have referred him back to the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed that she will let him have copies of the minutes with the matters in question, and the Parish Council have them advised that he goes back to SHDC.

4) District and County Councillors Reports.

C Cllr G Date – was not in attendance so no report was given.

D Cllr C Ramsey – Reported that the Licensing move to the District Council will happen this year and people are now applying for Licences to the District Council, longer opening hours were discussed as some concerns have been shown regards these. Cllr P Smerdon asked about Village Hall Licensing. Cllr Ramsey confirmed that this would come under a temporary events notice.

Recycling – A new system will be implemented this year between July & September.

Budget Meeting held – 4.4% increase on Council Tax.

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 39/0051/05/LB – Marley Estate Management Co Ltd – Marley House, Rattery, South Brent – Listed Building Consent for the removal, waterproofing and relaying of existing terrace paving. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr B Palk.

- b) 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.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Grant of Consent – Tree Preservation Order – Mr R F D White – Land at Cornmill, Rattery.

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Hedgecutting – Most of the Hedges have now been attended to or are now in the pipeline to be done as they all must be done by the 1st March 2005.
- b) Retrospective Planning Permissions – A reply has been received from Anthony Steen MP regards this, he agrees with the Parish Councils comments on this matter but confirms that nothing will be done regards charging for these permissions as the law needs to be changed and as an election is coming up it could not be addressed until after this.
- c) Donation to Rattery.net – Cllr P Smerdon confirmed that the web-site is still being run by Paul Guess but that the address has now changed to rattery.village.net with no payment needed. Paul also has a Parishioner – Trevor Paul who is helping him to run the web-site. Small Local Businesses will be asked to make a small contribution to it and help to support it by placing a small advert.
- d) Rattery 20mph Limit & New Village Sign – A letter has now been received from Neil Oxtan at DCC – When the 20mph experimental comes to an end all the signs in the Village will be reviewed – The Clerk will write back and confirm that the Parish Council wish to be consulted on this.
- e) Gate & Access Track at Cholwell Farm – Cllr P Smerdon will look into this.
- f) Stream in Village - Clearance and Overhanging Bushes – Carried forward to the next meeting.
- g) Works at Rattery Mill – The Clerk will ask SHDC if they have looked into this matter.

7) Correspondence.

- a) Copy Letter to Cllr G Date from SHDC Re: Waste Collection Changes in Rattery & Letter to Parish Council regards Waste Collections – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- b) Letter from DAPC – Re: Royal Garden Party – 21st July 05 – Cllr J Hampton and his wife to be nominated.
- c) Letter from WRVS – Re: Request for Donation – No sorry.
- d) The Countryside Agency – Consultation for undertaking a review on the boundary of a National Park – Given to Cllr P Smerdon.
- e) Letter from SHDC – Re: Play Area inspection – Given to Cllr P Smerdon.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the envelope to be distributed (5 Envelopes).

8) Main Agenda

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy was not in attendance so no report was given. Cllr M Daymond reported that Rattery is next on the list for the gang to come and replace gates which need doing.
- b) **Cllrs Reports** – No reports.
- c) Highway Maintenance – A letter has been received from Jim Morrison – DCC – regards the Bike Riders using Brownstone Lane – The Clerk will reply to confirm that it is an organised Trail Riders Group and that they do put up Yellow Signs showing the way before the ride begins.

- d) Parish Meeting Speaker – Chairman – Cllr B Evans was not in attendance but had previously suggested someone from Planning at SHDC. The Clerk will ask if anyone is available.
- e) Rally Cars using the Rural Lanes – Cllr J Hampton confirmed that there was going to be a Rally on the 12th March 12.45am to 2.30am.
- f) 4 Wheel Drives using Small Lane (DCC Highways) – The Clerk will write to Highways as this Lane is unsuitable for 4x4 use.
- g) Garden Park Matters – This matter had been covered in Public Time (see item 3).

9) Cheques for Signature

Cheque no – 346 - £15.00 Petty Cash (Stamps).

Cheque no – 347 - £470.00 Peter Williams (New Notice Board).

Proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr M Daymond

Bank Balance – February 2005 = £3,437.13

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

- a) Cllr J Hampton will report on the Rally Cars using the Lanes.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.39pm
NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 15th March 2005 @ 8.00PM RATTERY
VILLAGE HALL.

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