

**RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at Rattery Village Hall**  
**Meeting Commenced 8.00pm.**

**Present** - Cllr B Evans (Chairman), Cllr P Smerdon (Vice-Chairman), Cllr S Levy, Cllr J Morel, Cllr M Daymond, Cllr J Hampton, Cllr B Palk.

**Attended by** – 6 Members of the Public.

**Apologies** – D Cllr C Ramsay, C Cllr T Pennington.

**1) Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2006.**

The minutes of the above meeting have been distributed and read – Proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr B Evans.

**2) Police Report/Neighbourhood Watch.**

No Police were present but a report had been received – No crimes to report in the last month but a black/brown steppe eagle has been lost from Pennywell – if anyone sights it please report to the Police or Pennywell Farm.

Neighbourhood Watch – Chairman – Cllr B Evans is to attend a meeting next week.

**3) Parishioners Question Time-**

- a) 2 Parishioners present on behalf of Marley were pleased that the Parish Council had supported their objections for 5a - (Application no 39 & 45/2236/05/F – T Herbert & B Harper – Old Marley Lodge, Marley Head, South Brent – Conversion of Lodge to Residential Cottage). Many thanks to the Parish Council for giving up their time.
- b) Mrs R Coaker – The Potholes that she reported last month have been done.

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

D Cllr C Ramsay was not present but had given a report as follows – February Points of Interest – Community Grant Fund – The fund opened for new applications in January 06. Applications can be for up to 50% match funding for projects that meet one of SHDCs priorities. All must involve the community and have their match funding identified. Eligible plans can be submitted to the Community Development Team 01803 861234. The deadline for applications is 4.30pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 06. South Devon Mediation – There is a service to help de-fuse neighbourhood disputes in the area. Peter Dale – Community Safety and Emergency Planning Officer 01803 861278. Local Tourist Weekend – This was held on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> February 06. Closer co-operation between Teignbridge & South Hams Councils – This is one of several experimental exercises in collaboration between the two Councils. It is hoped that duplication will be avoided and economies made for both Councils. Draft Supplementary Planning Documents – Open Space, Sport and Recreation and Validation of Planning Applications are being circulated. SHDC is intending to adopt both documents in June 06. The intention is to guarantee that all applications will be accompanied by every relevant documents at the time plans are submitted. If any information is not included the application will be declared invalid. Too often in the past applicants have submitted information in dribs and drabs, probably not realising how much officer time they are wasting. The new planning documents make very clear just what is needed and it is hoped that frustrating delays will be minimised.

C Cllr T Pennington – Was not present but had given a report as follows - Budget 2006/07 – Main features – Education Budget for Schools 318 million (dedicated schools grant), increase above inflation and the budget is ring fenced. Total budget excluding schools 394 million. The Government revenue support grant – 119.189 million which is £76,000 less than the provisional allocation – an increase of

2.6%. DCC propose to remove their commitment of using Second Homes Council Tax money 2 million on affordable housing. Savings will be made in Social Services and Highways Budgets. £400,000 to be spent on improving Devons attractiveness to visitors by investing in projects to enhance the Countys Heritage and Cultural activities. £86,000 investment to made Devon “greener” through investment in waste management and recycling. DCC Tax on a Band D property to increase from £931 to £977 - £46 more 4.9%.

## **5) Planning Applications & Decisions.**

### **Applications received from Dartmoor National Park**

Dartmoor National Park – Weekly List of Applications received – given to Cllr P Smerdon for perusal.

### **Decisions received from Dartmoor National Park – None**

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

- a) Application no 39 & 45/2236/05/F – T Herbert & B Harper – Old Marley Lodge, Marley Head, South Brent – Conversion of Lodge to Residential Cottage. After a site meeting by the Parish Council – The Parish Council are unable to support this application on the same grounds as before, there is no evidence that this building ever was a dwelling, the evidence given in the application infact relates to another dwelling at Marley. We have also taken into account the objections received from the residents at Marley and the previous planning history of this building. Proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Cllr B Palk with all in agreement.
- b) Application no 39/0106/06/F – Mr Bass – Ashbourne Farm, Rattery TQ10 9JZ – Retention of mobile home for further 12 month period to house agricultural worker. No objections from the Parish Council – Proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr S Levy with all in agreement.
- c) Application no 39/0074/06/F – Mr & Mrs Ashworth – Edeswell Farm, Rattery TQ10 9LN – Variation of condition 1 of existing planning permission 39/1764/03/F to allow the occupation of the twenty three static holiday homes/caravans as holiday accommodation throughout the year. No objections in principle from the Parish Council but the properties should still only be lived in for 11 months of the year, that not necessary being the same month for each property. Proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr S Levy with all in agreement.
- d) Application no 39/0028/06/F – Mr & Mrs Micklewright – Knowle Farm, Rattery TQ10 9LY – Conversion of redundant storage area into 2no holiday accommodation units. Site visit required before a decision is made.
- e) Application no 39/2355/05/F – Mr C Cooper – Sunnycot, Plymouth Road, Rattery TQ10 9LL – Replace existing bungalow with new two storey dwelling. No objections from the Parish Council – Proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Cllr P Smerdon with all in agreement.

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

- a) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/2184/05/CU – Mr & Mrs Camp – Happy Stay Cattery, Velwell, Dartington TQ9 6AB – Change of use of existing outbuildings to kennels.
- b) Tree Preservation Order – Grant of Conditional Consent – Mr R D White - Land Near Rattery Cornmill.

## **6) Matters Arising.**

- a) Drybridges Junction and Slipway A38 – A reply has been received from Parsons Brinckerhoff a Safety Study has been carried out and the data is now being analysed.

- b) Rattery Village Sign and experimental traffic order review – DCC have now given the Parish Council a choice of sign – the Parish Council have chosen 2 options and will write to DCC and ask the costs before progressing further.
- c) Letter from DCC – Willing Lane, Rattery – After a site meeting a letter has now been sent to Mr Pummery – DCC, Ivybridge – Chairman – Cllr B Evans confirmed that the Parish Council met on site and could not consider that this ever was a path, they have invited DCC to visit site and see for themselves.
- d) Memorial Bench - Mrs R Coaker confirmed that there had been suggestions of a Picnic Bench in memory of Kath Gambling. Cllr S Levy confirmed that the Social Club would donate £150.00. The Village Hall AGM is on Wednesday when the matter will be discussed further. This matter will be carried forward to the next Parish Council Meeting.
- e) Fencing at Lower Knowle – The Highways Agency have visited site and confirmed that these works would be attended to.
- f) Rattery Web-Site – The Clerk will contact Trevor Paul and ask him for the correct address as some Parishioners have had trouble finding the site.
- g) Works @ Rattery Mill – Rick Crombie – SHDC has confirmed that the works require Planning Permission and that an application is expected during February 06.

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

- a) Letter from South Brent PC – Community Transport – South Brent are considering a Community Transport project – would Rattery Parish have any interest in this. The Clerk to reply – Rattery already has the Ring and Ride service which is used, most people travel into Totnes for shopping.
- b) DNPA Local Development Framework – Statement of Community Involvement – comments by 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2006 – Given to Cllr B Palk for perusal.
- c) Community Activists Network Questionnaire – Given to Cllr B Evans to complete.
- d) DAPC – Royal Garden Party – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2006 – Cllr John and Mrs Alma Hampton – names to be put forward to attend.

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

##### **In Envelope**

**Item b)** SHDC Local Development Framework – Core Strategy – Comments by 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

**Item m)** SHDC Waste Collection Changes – A road show has been booked to be held in the Village Hall – Posters to be placed on the Noticeboard.

#### **8) Main Agenda**

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy reported that he had met Roz Davies – DCC and did a walk of the Lanes – matters to be attended to have been addressed in her letter (placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal). New Tools have been purchased and receipts given to the Clerk for payment.
- b) **Cllrs Reports** – None given.
- c) Highway Maintenance – It seems that a new buddlehole has been made in on Allercombe Hill, the land owners are in discussion with DCC about this.

A letter has been received from DCC – The clerk to reply – 1) Regards areas of flooding at Rattery Sawmills and Torne Farm – The Parish Council are very concerned about these areas of flooding and are pleased to hear that steps are being taken to alleviate them. However, we note that the existing works are inadequate and that more investigation is needed on how to take the water away from these areas. 2) Ashborne Farm – Grass Triangle – The Parish Council have spoken to Mr Bass who is happy with the situation which seems to be the best conclusion all around.

- d) Speaker for Aprils Parish Meeting – Steve Malec DCC – Green Lanes and Footpaths has agreed to come to the Annual Parish Meeting – The Clerk will write to confirm.
- e) Culver Lane Parking – Parishioners had mentioned the number of vehicles present in this area, some come and go. Cllrs agreed to keep a check on this and raise the matter again if they see necessary.
- f) Playing Field and adjacent Field – Chairman – Cllr B Evans confirmed that the Parish Council had been approached by the Playing Field Committee about taking over the running of the Field. The Parish Council will write to Dartington Hall (Joanna Crocker) to ask what is going to happen to the field.

9) **Cheques for Signature.**

No cheques this month.

Bank Balance – Parish Council February 2006 - £4,741.85

Bank Balance P3 – February 2006 - £921.99

**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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006 @ 8.000PM RATTERY  
VILLAGE HALL.

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