

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 3rd January 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, D Cllr C Ramsay, C Cllr T Pennington.

Attended by – 13 Members of the Public.

Apologies – None received.

1) Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 22nd November 2005.

The minutes of the above meeting have been distributed and read – Proposed by Cllr J Morel 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 report was received. Cllr B Palk reported that Horse Tack is at present being stolen in the area and people should be vigilant.

3) Parishioners Question Time-

- a) A number of Parishioners were present with regards to (Application no 39 & 45/2236/05/F – T Herbert & B Harper – Old Marley Lodge, Marley Head, South Brent – Conversion of Lodge to Residential Cottage). 2 Parishioners spoke on behalf of all the Parishioners and raised their objections to this application. Letters have also been sent to SHDC with the Parish Council receiving copies.
- b) Mr Richards spoke with regards to a letter received by the Parish Council from DCC regards Willing Lane and opening up this Green Lane with passes his property. He is very against this as are several other Parishioners who were present, opening this Green Lane and giving access to Motorbikes and 4 Wheel Drive vehicles is totally the wrong thing to happen, there are various ways of fighting this legally if it looked likely to go ahead.
- c) Mr & Mrs Woodley the Landowners for Willing Lane were present, they have also received this letter from DCC, they also confirmed that the opening up of the Lane to Motorbikes and 4 Wheel Drives was the last thing they would want.
- d) Mrs R Coaker – Could the Parish Council report to DCC the Potholes from Brownston Cross down and from Brownston Cross to Willing Head.

4) District and County Councillors Reports.

D Cllr C Ramsay – reported as follows – At a full Council meeting on 22.12.05 – Discussion on Council Tax base and individual bases for the towns and Parishes - Announcement due soon. No colossal rise envisaged. Review of SHDC priorities – Affordable Housing continues to be the main concern, closely followed by local prosperity. Discussion about the Air Ambulance Services. Staffordshire CC had asked SHDC to support their call to the government to finance the service from public funds. No one on the Council doubted the vital work done by the Air Ambulance, but we were concerned that the essentially local efforts that currently maintained the services as charities might be doing a better job than would central government. Any views from the Parish? Also discussed was the possibility of sharing some services (yet to be discussed) with TDC in an effort to avoid duplication and thus improve services without increasing costs. Still early days – but expect more information. Jim Knight MP has replied to our letter deprecating his proposal for Self Invested Personal Pensions (SIPPS). The plan has been scrapped. SHDC Councillors are going to be asked to invite offers of land appropriate for the building of Affordable Housing. Any landowner with possible parcels should

contact me. Since the use of land in AONBs and the like are severely restricted, no promises can be offered. However knowing where possible sites lie could be useful – 01364 72788. SHDC has just received £200,000 Lottery money for play and recreation facilities. Suggestions about specifically local needs are invited. For info and suggestions – Jenny Bishop 01803 861369. The customer service team is now functioning and will be extended during 2006. 01803 861234 – customer.services@southhams.gov.uk - 24hr info www.southhams.gov.uk - or just drop in at Council Offices – Follaton House.

C Cllr T Pennington – At a DCC meeting today concerns were shown about the revenue support grant which will be received from main government, this may show a £15 million black hole which means that services will be cut – those likely to be affected particularly will be Highways and Social Services. SHDC 2nd Homes Council Tax Money – this was ringfenced to be put back into the South Hams for affordable housing, DCC now want this to be spread throughout the County – money collected in the South Hams should go back to the South Hams and not the rest of the County – I will not let this rest as I feel strongly about it.

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 39/1981/05/F – Mr Evans & Ms Ayles – Old Torne, Rattery TQ10 9LQ – Retrospective application for renovation and change of use of barn for use as workshop/storage. After a site meeting – No objections from the Parish Council – Proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr B Evans.
- b) Application no 39 & 45/2236/05/F – T Herbert & B Harper – Old Marley Lodge, Marley Head, South Brent – Conversion of Lodge to Residential Cottage. A Site Meeting to be held.
- c) Application no 39/2184/05/CU – Mr & Mrs T Camp – Happy Stay Cattery and Kennels, Meadowfields, Dartington – Change of use of existing outbuildings to Kennels. No objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr B Palk.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Planning Permission Refused – Application no 39/1991/05/F – Ms Seck – 4 Hood Cottages, Dartington – Removal of condition (2) of planning permission 39/1710/04/F to allow the use of the leisure/study area for commercial purposes.

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Drybridges Junction and Slipway A38 – The Clerk will chase up Parsons Brinkerhoff for a reply.
- b) Rattery Village Sign and experimental traffic order review – This experimental order came to an end in November 2005 – The Clerk will write again now regards the Village Sign with cc: Cllr T Pennington.

7) Correspondence.

- a) SHDC Briefing – Waste Collection Changes Project – 12th January 2006 – Cllr B Evans to attend.
- b) Letter from DCC – Willing Lane, Rattery – A site meeting will be held and comments returned to DCC from the Parish Council after this.

- c) Letter from Environment Agency – Blocked Stream in Village – This confirmed that the adjacent owners of Land next to the blocked stream have the responsibility to clear it.
- d) DCC Consultation about Kenwyn, Ashburton – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- e) Letter from SHDC – The Barn, The Plains, Rattery – This confirmed that the application has been withdrawn.
- f) Letter from DCC – Second Homes Council Tax – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- g) Appeal Decision – Site at Luscombe Cottage, Colston Road, Buckfastleigh – Permission for Pond has been granted.
- h) Letter from Parochial Church Council – Request for Donation – Proposed £50 be given for this year plus the last 2 years grant (£30 x 2) which has not been claimed making a total of £110.00 – proposed by Cllr S levy and seconded by Cllr P Smerdon.
- i) Letter from SHDC – Budget Meeting – Thursday 19th January 2006 – 7.00pm – SHDC – Follaton House, Totnes.

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

8) Main Agenda

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy reported that all OK at the moment – 2 New gates are needed which he will speak to Roz about. He has seen some bikes coming out of Green Lanes recently. Some new equipment still to be purchased and some money from the P3 account should be saved back each year so that a 3 yearly lane cut can be carried out. Cllr B Palk confirmed that the Stile going across her land needs replacing.
- b) **Cllrs Reports** – None given.
- c) Highway Maintenance – Rattery sawmills – a lake forms in the road when it rains, also flooding below Torne Farm – the Clerk will inform DCC.

Fencing at Lower Knowle which drops down onto the A38 – this fencing needs repairing as its getting dangerous – The Clerk will ask the Highways Agency as ownership cannot be ascertained.

- d) Memorial Bench – This matter needs more discussion after the Village Hall AGM.
- e) Rattery Web-site – Cllr P Smerdon confirmed that the address is ratteryvillage.net.
- f) Works at Rattery Mill – The Clerk has informed Rick Crombie at SHDC planning of the works and asked him to have a look, apparently a sauna is be installed – The Clerk will ask for a reply from SHDC as she has not received one.
- g) Precept 2006/2007 - £3,530.00 – proposed by Cllr B Palk and seconded by Cllr S Levy.
- h) Speaker for Aprils Parish Meeting – Please think about some suggestions – maybe Steve Malec (P3) ? The matter to be carried forward for discussion at the next meeting.

9) Cheques for Signature.

Cheque no 367 - £15.00 Petty Cash for Stamps

Cheques proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr M Daymond

Bank Balance – January 2006 = £5,672.89

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

- a) Parking in Culver Lane.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.36pm
NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 14th February 2006 @ 8.00PM RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAS SPECIAL NEEDS AND REQUIRES A COPY OF THESE MINUTES SENT TO THEM – PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK – 01364 644109.