

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 13th June 2006 at Rattery Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 8.00pm after the AGM

Present - Cllr B Evans (Chairman), Cllr B Palk, Cllr M Daymond, Cllr S Levy, C Cllr T Pennington.

Attended by – 3 members of the Public.

Apologies – Cllr J Hampton, Cllr P Smerdon (Vice-Chairman), Cllr J Morel, D Cllr C Ramsey.

1) Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 16th May 2006 and Minutes of the AGM held Tuesday 16th May 2006.

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

2) Police Report/Neighbourhood Watch.

A Police report had been received and reported on one crime since the last meeting, a burglary at the Post Office. Many thanks to all the Villagers who helped with information on the description of two suspicious males.

3) Parishioners Question Time-

- a) Mrs M Farrow-Jones updated the Parish Council on her campaign for the A385 Speed restrictions in the form of a progress report as follows:-
 A campaign has been started on the bbc action network. To access this go to www.bbc.co.uk/actionnetwork then go to the South Hams local page and click on campaigns. (you need to register with the bbc to leave comments for the campaign but this is a simple process). We are in the process of visiting/contacting everyone who has raised concerns about the road again to encourage them to write to Mr Halliday. Initial contact has been started with Dartington Primary School and KEVICCS to ask for support (South Dartmoor Community College is also going to be visited). Contacted group for sustainable development in the South Hams to ask for support, they have expressed interest and we are preparing a presentation for them.

4) District and County Councillors Reports.

- a) D Cllr C Ramsay was not in attendance but the Chairman – Cllr B Evans read out a report which had been provided as follows:- Travellers Sites – If SHDC is to benefit from the offer of a 100% refund initiative it will have to provide a permanent site for Travellers soon. To that end, Jeff Beer – Chairman of the Community Policy Development Group is actively seeking possible sites. Not all Parish Councils automatically take a negative stance when the issue is raised and it is hoped that an appropriate piece of land will be found. Offers of any sites that could be considered can be made to me 01364 72788 or Cllr Beer 01364 72655. Affordable Housing – On May 17th a Government Commission report revealed that Whitehall is aware of the acute shortage of affordable houses in rural communities and mentioned South Hams as an example. The report said – What characterised South Hams was a commitment across the whole authority to meeting rural housing affordable needs. Parishioners in Eastmoor Ward should note that I shall make clear in Council that the success story is not evident in our Parishes with only three houses built in recent years. Cllr J Brazil (SHDC member of Saltstone) was quoted in the same report as saying that within the next decade more than half the households in South Devon will not be able to buy their own houses. As always, I am fighting our restrictive label of being unsustainable. Research into the causes of Dolphin Deaths – DEFRA plans to cut from 800 to 100 the number of post mortems on dolphins washed up on South Devon beaches – to the amazement of Devon Wildlife Trust. Since most dead dolphins are washed ashore on South Hams beaches SHDC is already looking into ways

of coping with both research and disposal now that government help has been so drastically reduced. Walking for Health – This initiative coming from SHDC, NHS & DCC is going well. For details of walks James Spencer 01803 861234 – www.whi.org.uk. Small Businesses Missing out – Many small businesses in the South Hams are not benefiting from the Small Business rate Relief – Call 01803 861234.

- b) C Cllr T Pennington reported as follows – Travellers/Gypsy Sites – (see Cllr Ramsays report above) New policies mean that legal sites must be found and this will then enable authorities to move Travellers out of unauthorised sites.

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.

- a) Application no 0567/03 – Brittan & Co – Marley Farm, South Brent – Detailed design for new agricultural workers dwelling. Cllr B Palk declared an interest. A site visit was held and no objections proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr P Smerdon with all in agreement.

Decisions received from Dartmoor National Park - None

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Application no 39/0800/06/F – Mr Millman – Bulkamore, Rattery – Conversion of existing agricultural building to plastics grading centre. This application has now been withdrawn.
- b) Application no 39/0894/06/F – Mr Simpson – Ash House, Rattery – Alteration and extension to dwelling. After a site visit by the Parish Council – No objections – proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr B Palk with all in agreement,
- c) Application no PS/TPO 752 – Serving of a New Tree Preservation Order – Springfield, Rattery – No objections from the Parish Council – all in support of this.
- d) Application no 39/1012/06/F – Mr Goode – Culvers, Rattery TQ10 9LJ – Erection of a Conservatory to the rear. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr B Palk with all in agreement.
- e) Application no 39/0960/06/F – Mr L Hitchcock – 3 Garden Park, Rattery TQ10 9LD – Extension to Dwelling – This application has been withdrawn temporarily.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Listed Building Consent Granted – Application no 39/0727/06/LB – Dr & Mrs Rankin – Rattery Mill, Rattery – Replacement of Roof Covering to Natural Slate and repair and replacement of windows.
- b) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/0739/06/F – Mr Mintrum – Dunollie, Rattery TQ10 9LF – Garage conversion and single storey extension.
- c) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/0631/06/F – Mr Bass – Ashbourne Farm, Rattery – Resubmission of application 39/0106/06/F for the retention of mobile home for a further 3 year period to house agricultural worker.

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Drybridges Junction and Slipway A38 – A letter now received from Parsons Brinckerhoff has confirmed that later this year some extra signage will be provided on the Eastbound approach.
- b) Rattery Village Sign – DCC have confirmed that this will go ahead within the next 6 weeks.
- c) Playing Field and adjacent Field – Chairman – Cllr B Evans confirmed that a letter had been received from Dartington Hall and a meeting has been arranged for 12 noon – Friday 23rd June 06 in the Village Hall.
- d) Willing Lane – Nothing further to report at present.
- e) Traffic Speeds on the A385 Edeswell to Culver Lane – The Parish Council will write to DCC – Mr John Halliday and confirm that they support the residents who are campaigning for a reduction in speed and ask if the matter can go onto the HATOC Committee.

7) Correspondence.

- a) RCS – Highway Parish Forums – Monday 26th June 2006 – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- b) Victim Support – Request for funding – No sorry.
- c) South Hams AONB – Annual Forum – 22nd June 2006 – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- d) Devon Playing Fields Association – AGM – 7th July 2006 – 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 had nothing to report.
- b) **Cllrs Reports** – No reports made.
- c) Highway Maintenance – The following items to report to DCC.
 - 1) Lower Knowle – Road Pitted and Potholes appearing.
 - 2) Road just up from Almshouse Cross towards Pennywell – Potholes.
 - 3) Hole at the base of the bridge on the Plains in the Village centre.
 - 4) Ashbourne Farm – When is the island which is being eroded by lorries going to be attended to.

9) Cheques for Signature.

Cheque no 378 - £15.00 Petty Cash for Stamps

The above cheques were proposed by Cllr B Palk and seconded by Cllr M Daymond.

Bank Balance – Parish Council – June 2006 = £3,592.90

Bank Balance P3 – June 2006 - £1,266.99

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.10pm
NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 18th July 2006 8.00pm at 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 – They can also be found on the Parish Web-site www.ratteryvillage.co.uk any information and ideas for this please send to Trevor Paul – trevor@flaxey-green.co.uk.