

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 14th March 2006 at Rattery Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 8.00pm.

Present - 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 – 8 Members of the Public.

Apologies – Cllr B Evans (Chairman).

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

1) Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 13th February 2006.

The minutes of the above meeting have been distributed and read – Proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Cllr J Morel with all in agreement and duly signed by the Vice-Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon.

2) Police Report/Neighbourhood Watch.

No Police were present but a report had been received – One crime of assault reported since the last meeting – 12 logs which were mostly road related. Please be vigilant and report anything suspicious to the Police as soon as possible.

Neighbourhood Watch – No report given.

3) Parishioners Question Time-

- a) Mr David – Luscombe Cider was in attendance – he confirmed to the Parish Council that the Cider Business is moving to a Barn at Dean Court Farm, an application has been submitted to SHDC and although its just outside Rattery Parish he felt that he would like to keep them informed. He is expecting that most traffic will come in from the A38 as Dean Court is only just off it. The Vice-Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon thanked him for informing the Parish Council and suggested that a large sign was placed outside Dean Court so that lorries did not miss the turning and end up in the narrow lanes below Pennywell Farm.
- b) Mrs R Coaker – Reported that the Village Hall Carpark had been extended, an extra piece of land was purchased and it was done quickly because the offer of plainings from the A38 came forward. SHDC have been informed and she is awaiting to hear from Dave Kenyon as to whether change of use Planning Permission is required.

4) District and County Councillors Reports.

- a) D Cllr C Ramsay D Cllr C Ramsay reported as follows: - SHDC have agreed that the Council tax be increased by 4.8%. The cash available for promoting cultural events has not been cut. This means that the District will still be able to make good use of the Villages in Action organization and take part in what was the STRAW project (the group responsible for 9 days of art). STRAW is now the Devon Arts Network and will provide more training for people working in the creative industries to help them run their own events, apply for grants and publicise their own work. For more information Ishbel Ramsay devonartists1@btinternet.com. If you require specific details about the areas affected by the Council Tax increase contact me or SHDC – 01803 861234. Community Policy Development Group – In a new initiative to improve the Councils provision of affordable housing, land-owners ready to offer land that could be considered for development are invited to write either to Cllr Jeff Beer at SHDC Follaton House or directly to me. Village Halls and other Venues – These that are available for hire can get a free listing on a Council scheme – contact Kay Dawson 01803 861103. As

always Councils and Parishioners can contact me directly on any issues where I may be able to help – 01364 72788.

- b) C Cllr T Pennington reported as follows – Budget 06/07 – The main features – Education budget for Schools £318 million (dedicated schools grant) the increase is above inflation and ring fenced for schools only. The total budget excluding schools £394 million. The Government revenue support grant from main Government £119.189 million which is £76,000 less than the provisional allocation and an increase of 2.6%. Removal of the commitment by DCC of £2,350,000 of Second Homes Council Tax money for affordable housing was disappointing. Other savings will be made in Social Services their budget is under a severe strain and there will be an externalization of elderly peoples homes into the private sector and probably around 100 redundancies mostly through voluntary and early retirement and the Highways (there will be no increase and no new street orders as they cost money). £400,000 to be spent to improve Devons attractiveness to visitors by investing in projects to enhance the Countys heritage and Cultural Activities. £86,000 investment to make Devon Greener through investment in waste management and recycling. DCC Council Tax on a band D property to increase from £931 to £977 up £46 on last year 4.9% increase. Devon Association of Parish Councils meeting on 27th Feb 06 – A paper on Affordable Housing was discussed and the possible introduction of a levy on any new properties built to go to the Community to help them share in development gains. Planning Gain Supplement (PGS). Highway Maintenance – 06/07 Crabbers Cross the Penswell Cross – surface dressing of the carriageway costing £4,000.00. School Transport – change in policy – previously children living between 2 and 3 miles from schools got free transport up to age 8 but then it finished – now age 8 to 11 will also receive 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 39/0028/06/F – Mr & Mrs Micklewright – Knowle Farm, Rattery TQ10 9LY – Conversion of redundant storage area into 2no holiday accommodation units. After a site visit by the Parish Council – No objections. Proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr P Smerdon with all in agreement.
- b) Application nos 39/0353/06/F & 39/0354/06/LB – Mr Jackman – The Barn, The Plains, Rattery TQ10 9LF – Change of use and Conversion of the Barn to a single dwelling and erection of a two storey side extension and rear lean-to extension. 2 objections have been received by Neighbours who have raised concerns over their loss of amenity, the doubling in size of the property making it overbearing and too large for its situation and car parking concerns on an already crowded Plains area. The Parish Council will call a site visit before any decision is made.
- c) Application no 39/0334/06F & 39/0336/06/LB – Dr & Mrs M Rankin – Rattery Mill, Rattery, South Brent TQ10 9LN – Retrospective application for erection of Poolhouse – The applicant was present and standing orders were lifted to allow him to speak, he gave his apologies that the application was retrospective as for various reasons he thought that Planning Permission was not required. No objections from the Parish Council – Proposed by Cllr B Palk and seconded by Cllr S Levy with all in agreement.
- d) Application no 39/0333/06/F – Mr M Causey – Brownstone Farm, Rattery TQ10 9LQ – Erection of agricultural storage and livestock building. No objections from the Parish Council – Proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.

- e) Letter from SHDC – Re: Application no 39/0106/06/F – Ashbourne Farm, Rattery – Retention of Mobile Home for further 12 month period to house Agricultural Worker. The letter advises that they have spoken to Mr Roberts – Farm Consultant who advises that any further consent of temporary accommodation should be for 3 years and not 1. They have advised Mr Bass to submit another application. The Parish Council will confirm to SHDC that they will re-assess the new application when it arrives.
- f) Application no 39/0401/06/F – Ms L Morpeth – Lower Hood Barn, Dartington, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6AB – Amendments to approved plans to allow change of use of part of residential dwelling to offices for research group. No objections from the Parish Council – Proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr B Palk. One comment to be made – Any alterations to the building should be in keeping with its surroundings.
- g) Application no 39/0429/06/F – Mr Richards – Churchview, Rattery, Devon TQ10 9LE – Extension and alterations to existing dwelling. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr S Levy with all in agreement.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Planning Permission Granted - 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.

Letter received from SHDC regards the above Granting of Permission.

- b) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/2355/05/F – Mr C Cooper – Sunnycot, Plymouth Road, Rattery TQ10 9LL – Replace existing Bungalow with new two storey dwelling.

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Drybridges Junction and Slipway A38 – Nothing yet heard – if not by the next meeting the Clerk will chase again asking if at least signs can be put up if nothing else.
- b) Rattery Village Sign and experimental traffic order review – DCC have spoken to the Clerk and confirmed that they will make a template of the required sign and bring back to the Parish Council before it goes ahead.
- c) Memorial Bench – Vice-Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon confirmed that at the Village Hall AGM it was decided that a memorial garden will be made for Kath and Pip, suggestions were maybe with a bench maybe a memorial map in the hall and a picnic table outside. The Parish Council confirmed that whatever was decided they would make a contribution towards this.
- d) Rattery Web-Site – The Clerk has spoken to Trevor Paul and the correct Web-site address is on the Minutes and Agendas. Invite to the Annual Parish Meeting to give the Parish Council an up-date on how its going.
- e) Playing Field and adjacent Field – The Clerk has written to Dartington but has not yet received a reply.

7) Correspondence.

- a) Letter from CCD – Parish Plans – Questionnaire to complete given to Vice-Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon.
- b) SHDC Parish Cluster meeting – 4th April 06 – Vice-Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon to attend and one other Cllr.
- c) DNPA – Conference @ Buckfast Abbey – 11th April 2006 – Given to Cllr B Palk if she wishes to attend.
- d) Letter from DCC – Willing Lane, Rattery – Now given to Helen Buckingham to deal with – The Clerk will write and ask for an update on the situation.
- e) Light Pollution Event – 28th March 2006.

- f) National Grid Exhibition – Bittaford Village Hall – 15th March 2006 – Vice-Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon will try to attend.

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

8) Main Agenda

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy had nothing to report this month had been quiet and nothing has really started growing yet.
- b) **Cllrs Reports** – None given.
- c) Highway Maintenance –
- 1) Write to Dean PC – There are some concrete blocks which need tidying up at Drybridges where an accident had occurred and was not cleaned up properly.
 - 2) DCC – Road breaking up at Alms House Cross.
 - 3) Lower Knowle – Parish Lengthsman needed to clear up mud which has been washed down in heavy rain.
 - 4) DCC programme of works for 06/07 – placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- d) Car Park works at the Village Hall – Cllr J Hampton commented that the new works should be screened off to prevent loss of amenity to any neighbours around the Hall.
- e) Destruction of Lanes around Rattery due to the large number of full and empty huge lorries running up and down from the A38 road works – Many lorries using the lanes have broken up road surfaces and scraped the sides of the banks bringing mud onto the roads.

9) Cheques for Signature.

Cheque no 368 = £557.98 Steve Levy (P3 New Cutter & Petrol).
 Cheque no 369 = £141.00 Audit Commission (Annual Audit Fees).

The above cheques were proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr J Hampton.

Bank Balance – Parish Council – March 2006 - £4,404.98

Bank Balance P3 – March 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 10.00pm
 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING & ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 18TH APRIL
 2006 @ 7.30PM 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