

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 16th May 2006 at Rattery Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 8.15pm after the AGM

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

Attended by – 21 members of the Public.

Apologies – Cllr J Morel, D Cllr C Ramsey.

1) Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 18th April 2006 and Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Tuesday 18th April 2006.

The minutes of the above two meetings have been distributed and read – One amendment proposed – Item 8a) Spelling error – should read Belfield. Proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr B Evans.

2) Police Report/Neighbourhood Watch.

A Police report had been received which confirmed that crime was down on last year from 17 to only 10 crimes in the past 12 month period.

3) Parishioners Question Time-

- a) Mr Maynard-Potts spoke on behalf of residents at Bulkamore regards planning application 39/0800/06/F Plastics Grading Centre. He voiced the residents concerns on various items – extra volume of traffic, unsuitable entrance to the site, noise pollution and water pollution.
- b) Mr M Causey spoke also regards the above planning application being one of the applicants and answered various questions raised from the floor.
- c) Mrs M Farrow-Jones voiced her concerns regards the speed and carelessness of the Traffic on the A385 Marley Head to Totnes Road, particularly the area from Edeswell Farm to Culver Lane. C Cllr T Pennington confirmed that he would take this matter up with John Halliday at DCC Ivybridge and the matter will be placed on the next PC Agenda for discussion.

4) District and County Councillors Reports.

- a) D Cllr C Ramsay was not in attendance.
- b) C Cllr T Pennington reported as follows - C Cllr T Pennington reported as follows – Falling rolls in Small Schools in Devon and the possible merger for schools or sharing a Headteacher for example. The new DCC Logo I and a number of other Councillors objected to it on the grounds of costs and inappropriate design. I have tabled a motion for the next DCC meeting similar to the one I achieved at SHDC to reform the Local Government Act on prejudicial interests which prevents Parish and District Councillors from speaking on behalf of their electorate. P3 Insurance – Insurance for footpaths is covered by the DCC Insurance Policy if your Parish is in the P3 scheme.

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 39/0800/06/F – Mr Millman – Bulkamore, Rattery – Conversion of existing agricultural building to plastics grading centre. Cllrs B Palk, M Daymond and P Smerdon have declared an interest and left the room. It was proposed that a site meeting be held asap before a decision is made.
- b) Application no 39/0727/06/LB – Dr & Mrs Rankin – Rattery Mill House, Rattery – Listed building consent for replacement of roof covering to natural slate and repair and replacement of windows – No objections from the Parish Council – Proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr M Daymond with all in agreement.
- c) Application no 39/0739/06/F – Miss Mintrum – Dunollie, Rattery – Garage conversion and single storey extension – No objections from the Parish Council – Proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr J Hampton, a vote was then taken and Cllr M Daymond abstained.
- d) Letter from SHDC – Agricultural determination for erection of 12 mobile chicken houses – Yelland Cross Farm, Rattery – Mr Samuel. This is for Parish Council information only.
- e) Application no 39/0894/06/F – Mr Simpson – Ash House, Rattery – Alteration and extension to dwelling. A site visit to be held before a decision is made.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council – None

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Drybridges Junction and Slipway A38 – The Clerk has written but has not yet received a reply.
- b) Rattery Village Sign – DCC have been informed of the Parish Councils decision to go ahead with the new sign a copy of this will be placed on the Noticeboard for Parishioners to view.
- c) Playing Field and adjacent Field – Chairman – Cllr B Evans confirmed that a letter had been received from Dartington Hall acknowledging that the rental will be extended for a further year at £1 peppercorn rent. They have asked for a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss the future of the Field.
- d) Willing Lane – DCC have confirmed that they will let the Parish Council know when this matter will go before the PROW Committee – C Cllr T Pennington confirmed that he would also like to know so that he can attend if possible.
- e) Snail Farm – Building Works – Rick Crombie from SHDC has visited the site, some steel structures had appeared on site but they have now been removed again.

7) Correspondence.

- a) Local Authority Byelaws in England – A discussion paper – Placed in the envelope for Councillors perusal.
- b) Local Works – Public Meeting – 18th May 06 – Totnes Civic Hall - Placed in the envelope for Councillors perusal.
- c) Sustainable Community Strategy – Final Consultation - Placed in the envelope for Councillors perusal.
- d) South Hams DC Housing Needs Survey - Placed in the envelope for Councillors perusal.
- e) Copy correspondence received from Mrs Levy – regards determination of barn to the rear of her property. Placed in the envelope for Councillors perusal.

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

8) Main Agenda

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy had nothing to report.
- b) **Cllrs Reports** – No reports made.
- c) Highway Maintenance – A letter had been received from DCC regards the stones at Drybridge which will be attended to and the appearance of the HGV signs, they were put up because Parishioners had rung DCC to explain that lorries were getting stuck using Drybridge Cross through Rattery as possibly a shortcut. Further items were identified to be brought to the attention of DCC as follows:-
 - 1) Road to Knowle is very slippery for Horses.
 - 2) Road from Pennywell to Yelland Cross – there are very deep ruts in the passing places, they need tarmac in them as they are being eroded.
 - 3) Willing Gate Crossroads & Rattery Sawmills Road have Potholes.
 - 4) Culver Lane is again being used as a shortcut for Jettadrain.

9) Cheques for Signature.

Cheque no 377 = £219.25 Community First (Insurance Premium).

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

Bank Balance – Parish Council – May 2006 = £3,771.19

Bank Balance P3 – May 06 = £1,266.99

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.45pm
 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 13th JUNE 2006 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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