

**RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at Rattery Village Hall**  
**Meeting Commenced 8.00pm**

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

**Attended by –** 1 member of the Public.

**Apologies –** Cllr J Morel (due to health reasons), Cllr B Evans (Chairman), D Cllr C Ramsay.

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

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

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

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

Police Report received – this was read by the Vice-Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon.

**3) Parishioners Question Time.**

- a) The Old Mushroom Farm field at the junction of Allerton Hill and Long Lane, near Rattery Sawmills is becoming a dumping ground for cars. SHDC to contact Vice-Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon for directions if needed.

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

- a) D Cllr C Ramsay reported as follows: - **Active South Hams** – began in Ivybridge, has been so successful its being adopted in Totnes too. Social, healthy walks from South Devon Leisure Centre on Tuesdays leaving at 10.00am and from Totnes Pavillion Leisure Centre on Fridays also leaving at 10.00am. **During the Week** – beginning 9<sup>th</sup> October 06 every 10 year old in the South Hams was invited to attend a half day session on safety awareness. The District Council worked in partnership with DCC, Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, Devon Fire and Rescue, RNLI, Western Power Distribution, Health and Safety Executive and Devon Youth Association to discuss matters like chip pan fires, water safety and drug awareness. **Round 5 of the Community Grant Fund** – now open, the closing date for applications is 27<sup>th</sup> January 2007. Over £45,000 is available to help projects that support any of the Councils priorities. Eg, maintaining a distinct and clean environment or improving access to services. Village Hall Committees, community groups etc can apply for 50% match funding. The scheme is not open to individuals or businesses – Call 01803 861234. **South Hams Tourism** – has been awarded £80,000 of Euro Objective 2 funding, together with DCC, SW Tourism and both the Countryside and Environment Agencies, SHDC has provided match funding and a total of £160,000 is available specifically for sustainable tourism. Assistance will go to green tourism, new Farmers Markets, rural crafts/arts/food. For more info – James Spencer – SHDC Public Relations Officer 01803 861369. **7<sup>th</sup> November** – SHDC spending proposals were discussed. Special importance will be given to ways of dealing with the impact of climate change, renewable energy schemes, advice/grants/feasibility studies for small and medium enterprises. Apply to Carol Trant 01803 861267. **TONE** to take over 4 Leisure Centres on 1<sup>st</sup> December – A 10 year contract between SHDC and Tone has been agreed and the new management plans big changes in December – new gyms and crèche facilities in Quayside at Kingsbridge and South Dartmoor at Ivybridge. Better cardiac rehabilitation facilities in Kingsbridge and aerobics in South Dartmoor. New fitness equipment in Dartmouth LC. Lets wish them well. **9**

**Days of Art** – The opening auction in Dartington Great Hall raised £2,732.50 for the Chairmans Charity – 2 Alzheimers research groups. Artists took more than £56,000 in sales during the 9 days and expect a further £34,000 from commissions. If you missed the event – shame on you but there will be more (both local and county-wide). A copy of this report was placed into the envelope for Cllrs perusal and a copy e-mail regards 4x4 using Green Lanes.

- b) C Cllr T Pennington reported as follows – DCC has been restructured and Rattery will now be served from the Newton Abbot Office in Brunel Road – Brian George now being the main contact and Jim Morrison remains the same. Customer service centre number 0845 155 1004. Police – New Inspector is Paul Morgan serving Rattery (Clerk to invite him to the Parish Meeting in April). Plymouth University has been commissioned by DCC to investigate a needs assessment on gypsies and travellers in Devon, to be published in the Autumn, the cost £60 £70,000. Central Government direction is that reference to provision of authorised sites must now be included in the Local Development Frameworks being drawn up by District Councils. Responsibility for site provision now rests clearly with District Councils working in partnership with DCC Gypsies and Travellers Committee. Districts will need to consult with Parish Councils on possible sites to be managed by either local authority or private owners. Central Government considers that the lack of authorised encampments makes it more difficult for public bodies to evict gypsies and travellers from unauthorised encampments. DCC matters for Thursday 12 Oct 06 – Meeting. A) A motion on extending free transport for the over 60's to trains in addition to buses by Cllr Spence – I tabled an amendment `to be fully funded by Central Government` (ie not council tax payers) already currently the recent scheme for free public transport has a short fall of Government funding despite an original promise to fully fund. In South Hams it equalled £175,000 = 3 ½% on Band D Council Tax. B) Motion to oppose a possible 1% property Tax being considered by Sir M Lyons on financing of local government. In South Hams average property - £266,000 compared to National Average £199,000. Average wages in the South Hams £326 per week compared with England Average of £430 per week. Band D would increase from £1,297 to £2,600 – 113%. Band A from £880 to £1,500 – 70% increase.

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

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

Dartmoor National Park – Weekly List of Applications received – given to Cllr B Palk.

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

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

- a) Application no 39/1826/06/F – Change of use from Farm Buildings to commercial use – White Rose Farm, Rattery TQ10 9LJ. The Parish Council cannot support the above application for the following reasons:-
- The site is just not suitable for large vehicle use – it would bring extra Traffic onto Culver Lane which goes through the centre of the Village, this road is very windy and is used by residents who walk to the Village.
  - It would cause an excessive amount of noise pollution being situated on the top of a hill where any sound would carry across are large area and would certainly be heard by Village Residents.
- Proposed by Cllr B Palk and seconded by Cllr M Daymond with all in agreement. The Clerk to check with D Cllr C Ramsay not going through Planning on delegated powers.
- b) Application no 39/2100/06/F – Mr & Mrs Kerswell – Little Barns, Culver Lane, Rattery TQ10 9LB – Demolition of chimney, convert 4 no flat dormer roofs to pitched and extend roof over flat roof at rear. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr B Palk and seconded by Cllr M Daymond with all in agreement.

- c) Application no 39/2074/06/F – Mr & Mrs A Cox – Burnside, Rattery TQ10 9LD – Proposed erection of garage and storage ancillary to main dwelling. No objections – proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- d) Application no 39/2089/06/F – Mr L Hitchcock – 3 Garden Park, Rattery TQ10 9LD – Demolition of existing garage and store to provide two storey extension. A site meeting is required.
- e) Application no 39/1986/06/F – Mr & Mrs M Geoghegan & A Al-Derzi – Wynards Cottages, Rattery TQ10 9LJ – Single Storey side extension, free standing garage & workshop and new vehicular access. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- f) Application no 39/1989/06/LB – Mr & Mrs N Wordie – Brownston House, Rattery TQ10 9LQ – Listed building consent for the replacement of 1<sup>st</sup> floor window and the refurbishment of bathroom. The Parish Council support the above application – proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Cllr M Dymond with all in agreement.
- g) Application no 39/2006/06/F – Mr T Chadwick – Re-submission of application 39/1521/06/F for the erection of agricultural building for storage of agricultural machinery, hay & straw, with workshop and office space and room for packing and processing of farm produce and separate rootstore. No objections – however the Parish Council wish to make the same observations as before with regards to hygiene and hand washing facilities. Proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- h) Application no 39/2002/06/F – Miss Morel – Braeside Cottage, Rattery TQ10 9LF – Proposed erection of new conservatory. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr B Palk and seconded by Cllr M Daymond with all in agreement.

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

- a) Planning Permission Refused – Application no 39/1754/06/F – Ms S Wakeham – Lower Torne Barn, Rattery – Proposed conversion of barns to dwelling with ancillary utility and office.
- b) Planning Permission Refused – Application no 39/45/1394/06/F – Mr T Herbert and Ms B Harper – The Lodge, Marley, South Brent – Re-submission of application 39 & 45/2236/05/F for conversion of lodge to residential cottage.
- c) Planning Permission Refused – Application no EB/39/1586/06/F – Mr L Hitchcock – 3 Garden Park, Rattery TQ10 9LD – Demolition of existing garage and store to provide 2 storey extension.

#### **Planning Matters**

- a) Letter from SHDC – Tree preservation Order 2006 – Springfield, Rattery – This letter was placed into the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- b) Copy letter from SHDC to Mr Bass – Ashbourne Farm, Rattery – Agricultural determination for erection of new barn for forestry and agricultural purposes (non livestock) field at SX7314 6184, Rattery.

#### **6) Matters Arising.**

- a) Playing Field and adjacent Field – Cllr P Smerdon confirmed that a sub-committee will be formed in the new year to look after the recreation field.

- b) Noticeboard at Velwell – The has now been replaced.
- c) Visit to PC Meeting – Dave Kenyon SHDC – The Clerk will write and invite him in to January 07 meeting.
- d) Friendship Barn – Steel Works – An incident has occurred since the last PC meeting which involved an artic lorry doing a u-turn at Yelland and Children awaiting the school bus, the police have been informed. The Clerk will write to Mr Clifford Friend explaining the situation, the problems that large artics are causing, the damage to the road and the inconvenience to local residents.
- e) Matthews – Hollywood, Rattery – Enforcement. The Clerk will chase Dave Kenyon again.

## 7) Correspondence.

- a) Letter from the Countryside Alliance – Rural Postoffices – C Cllr T Pennington confirmed that SHDC has supported this cause.
- b) Letter from Totnes & Dartmouth Ring & Ride – Request for Donation - £20.00 proposed by Cllr B Palk and seconded by Cllr S Levy with all in agreement.
- c) DNPA – Dartmoor Visitor 2007 – Given to Cllr P Smerdon – the Garden Show to be put in.
- d) South Hams Citizens Advice – Request for Donation - £20.00 proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr B Palk with all in agreement.
- e) Letter from DNPA – Survey of Listed Buildings in Rattery Parish. This was for Cllrs information only.
- f) E-Mail from South Brent PC – Community Transport. This confirmed that the scheme was not going ahead.
- g) Letter from SHDC – Customer Services Response. An apology due to the weight of calls coming in they have taken a time to be answered.
- h) Letter from DNPA – Park Management – The next steps – December 12<sup>th</sup> 2006 – Given to Cllr B Palk.
- i) Letter from Highways Agency – Drybridge Junction – The Clerk to acknowledge the letter and pleased that the signage will be undertaken asap.
- j) DNPA – Planning in Your Parish Workshop – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007 – Chairman and Vice-Chairman – Cllrs Evans and Smerdon to attend.
- k) Devon Wheels 2 Work CIC – Request for funding – This was placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- l) E-Mail from DAPC – Free Bus Fare Scheme for Pensioners – This was read to Cllrs and was regards to the funding of the scheme by District Councils.

## **Matters not requiring discussion placed in the envelope to be distributed (6 Envelopes).**

### **8) Main Agenda**

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy reported – not much done due to the weather, one new gate has been noted as needed in the new year. The survey for next years P3 to be undertaken.
- b) **Cllrs Reports** – No reports made.
- c) Highway Maintenance – Items for the attention of DCC –
  - 1) Cummings Pond Lane – Highway Maintenance.
  - 2) Contact Mr David Dunster regards the dead Oak Tree in Long Lane, please can he attend to.
  - 3) BT will be attending to the road at Friendships Barn were the cable has been laid across.
  - 4) A copy letter from DCC to Mr O Fogden was read out by the Vice-Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon – he had hit a raised drain cover in the road and ripped open his car tyre.
  - 5) Horse Rider Signs – Cllr B Palk reported that she had written to the BHS and received a reply which she read out to Parish Cllrs, evidence of usage by riders is required. C Cllr T Pennington confirmed that he would look into this matter further and copy letters will be forwarded to him. The Clerk will write back to DCC and try and ascertain the cost of one of these signs to inform Cllr Pennington of whats involved.

d) Waste Paper Bank – The Bank in the Village Hall Carpark is no longer required now as there is the new paper recycling household collection. The Clerk will write to SHDC to ask them to remove.

9) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 385 = £15.00 Petty Cash for Stamps.

The above cheques were proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr J Hampton

Bank Balance – Parish Council – November 2006 = £4,563.87

Bank Balance P3 – November 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 9.55pm  
NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007 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](http://www.ratteryvillage.co.uk) any information and ideas for this please send to Trevor Paul – [trevor@flaxey-green.co.uk](mailto:trevor@flaxey-green.co.uk).**