

**RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006 at Rattery Village Hall**  
**Meeting Commenced 8.00pm**

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

**Attended by** – 2 members of the Public.

**Apologies** – Cllr J Morel (due to health reasons), Cllr Mrs B Palk.

**1) Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2006 & Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2006.**

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

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

Police Report received – several thefts have occurred in the area of outside equipment – a warning to all to be vigilant.

**3) Parishioners Question Time.** No points raised.

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

- a) D Cllr C Ramsay reported as follows: - SHDC – Community Grant Fund – Strete Parish Hall has just received £11,000 from the District Council. 50% matching funding is available to Parishes for renovation and up-keep of Village Halls. Call 01803 861234 and ask for the Community Development Team. Electoral Register – Almost 30% of South Hams residents have not returned the information sought by post some weeks ago. Up-dating of the Register is essential. Residents who fail to give the information are liable to heavy fines. Deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> October 2006. Do spread this info around the Parish. Rural Funding – Last month I spoke about SPARSE (Sparsity Partnership for Authorities delivering Rural Services). Devon CC, South Hams DC and Mid Devon DC have joined to fight for a fairer deal for rural communities. To date, no other councils in Devon have chosen to join the struggle. Statistics reinforce what we already suspected – care services for older people in rural areas are between 33% and 110% more costly than in urban areas. – home to school transport costs over £700 per pupil more than in towns. – refuse collection is between 70% and 90% more expensive. – out of 150 local education authorities, we're the 144<sup>th</sup> worst funded per school pupil. – Devons elderly population is significantly above the national average. The SPARSE report is available on [http://www.devon.gov.uk/cma\\_report.htm?cmadoc=report\\_fi074.html](http://www.devon.gov.uk/cma_report.htm?cmadoc=report_fi074.html).
- b) C Cllr T Pennington reported as follows – Gypsy and Travellers Committee – A housing needs survey has been completed for them at a cost of £60 - £70,000 this cost was split between several Councils. The new Local Development Framework makes provision for Gypsies and Travellers to meet their needs by provided authorised encampments. Early identification of any suitable sites would be useful now as this matter has now been placed in the hands of the District Councils in conjunction with DCC. Any unauthorised sites are at current hard to move on but if there were authorised sites this would make it easier. Any sites identified will go through the usual planning process. The private site at Tigley was refused by SHDC but is going to appeal on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2006 – 10.00am Follaton House, Totnes. It was refused mostly on Highway Grounds and the remote proximity of the site to schools/education facilities. Dartington Primary School – subject to funds rebuild 2007/2008. The Planning Permission for the new School has been granted – tenders will now go out and must be advertised in Europe – however this will delay matters more.

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

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

Dartmoor National Park – Weekly List of Applications received – given to Cllr P Smerdon.

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

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

- a) Application no 39/45/1394/06/F – Mr T Herbert & Ms B Harper – The Lodge, Marley – Re-submission of application 39 & 45/2236/95/F for conversion of lodge into residential cottage. This application has now been withdrawn. There has been some confusion as to whether this application has been withdrawn or not. The Clerk will speak to Dave Kenyon – SHDC to confirm. After confirmation it is still valid – No objections from the Parish Council – Proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- b) Application no 39/1586/06/F – Mr L Hitchcock – 3 Garden Park, Rattery TQ10 9LD – Resubmission of application 39/0960/06/F for demolition of existing garage and store to provide 2 storey extension. Cllr B Evans declared a personal interest in this application and took no part in any discussion. A site meeting by the Parish Council to be held. Cllr P Smerdon reported that no site meeting had been held as yet – so issues regards the permission had arisen with SHDC which needed to be sorted out by the applicant before it progresses further.
- c) Application no 39/1521/06/F – Mr T Chadwick – Land West of Raythorns Wood SX 7409 6414, Lower Dean, Buckfastleigh – 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. After a site visit by the Parish Council, no objections but we would question the hygiene of facilities on site for packing vegetables. This application has now been withdrawn. The Clerk to contact Dave Kenyon and ask about the structures already in situ.
- d) Application no 39/1754/06/F – Ms S Wakeham – Lower Torne Barn Rattery – Proposed conversion of Barns to dwelling with ancillary utility and office. The applicant was present and briefly outlined the proposal. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr S levy with all in agreement.
- e) Serving of New Tree Preservation Order – Marley House, Marley Head, Rattery – No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr M Daymond with all in agreement.
- f) Application no 39/1826/06/F – Change of use from Farm Buildings to commercial use – White Rose Farm, Rattery TQ10 9LJ. Site meeting required – The Clerk will find out from Dave Kenyon about current planning before this takes place.

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

- a) Listed Building Consent & Planning Permission Granted – App nos 39/1453/06/LB & 39/1454/06/F – Mr & Mrs R Simpson – Ash House, Rattery TQ10 9LD – Resubmission of application 39/0894/06/F for extension to existing property.
- b) Planning Permission Granted – App no 39/1608/06/F – Ros Bourne & David Goodbam – Woodside, Colston Road, Buckfastleigh – Ground Floor Extension.
- c) Planning Permission Granted – App no 39/1405/06/F – Pennywell Farm, Buckfastleigh – Erection of a timber clad agricultural livestock building.

- d) Planning Permission Granted – App no 39/50/1478/06/F – Ms L Morpeth – Warren House Group, Warren Lane, Dartington TQ9 6EG – Change of use of garage to design studio to support research workers.

**6) Matters Arising.**

- a) Playing Field and adjacent Field – A letter has been received from Dartington – this was given to Cllr P Smerdon who is looking into the formation of a Playing Fields Committee – to report back at next PC meeting.
- b) Willing Lane – NFA at present.
- c) Noticeboard at Velwell – Cllr P Smerdon has removed the old one and it is currently being repaired.
- d) Visit to PC Meeting – Dave Kenyon SHDC (Carried forward Jan 07).
- e) Friendship Barn – Steel Works – Big Lorries are coming up from Pennywell and turning at Yelland some are getting jammed up and the road surface is being damaged – The Clerk to ask Dave Kenyon about the usage of the site as its not suitable for big delivery vehicles.

**7) Correspondence.**

- a) Letters x 3 - A385 Speed Limit reduction – 2 letters have been received regards this – The Clerk will acknowledge receipt and confirm that the matters have been brought to the attention of DCC – John Halliday and DCC have confirmed that they will conduct a feasibility study, its down to the results of this and budget.
- b) DNPA – Planning in your Parish Workshops – Ratterys is in January – C/F to the next meeting.

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

**8) Main Agenda**

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy reported – Watery Lane – Tree has been cut down which was blocking the way. Brownston Lane – went to have a look at the gate which was across but this is now closed, some hedge trimming back has been done. Cllr J Hampton commented that Dartmoor National Park were banning 4x4 vehicles and Motorbikes using Bridleways – does this extend to the other District Councils? District Cllr C Ramsay will look into.
- b) **Cllrs Reports** – No reports made.
- c) Highway Maintenance – Items for the attention of DCC –
  - a) Road outside Friendship Barn towards Yelland, some patching work has been done at sides but in the middle of the Road nothing – what has happened? This is where a BT Cable has been laid.
  - b) Horse Rider signs – A letter has been received from DCC – a copy to Cllr Mrs B Palk who raised the issue for discussion at the next meeting.
- d) Village Hall Field – Some rough drawings have been submitted to the Parish Council as a courtesy and to SHDC but as yet no Planning Application.

**9) Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 383 - £36.94 Castles (White Paper and Ink Cartridge).  
 Cheque no 384 - £94.00 Langford Sykes (Internal Audit Fees).

The above cheques were proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr J Hampton

Bank Balance – Parish Council – October 2006 = £3,361.41

Bank Balance P3 – October 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 9.35pm  
NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006 8.00pm at RATTERY  
VILLAGE HALL.

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ideas for this please send to Trevor Paul – [trevor@flaxey-green.co.uk](mailto:trevor@flaxey-green.co.uk).**