

**RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at Rattery Village Hall**  
**Meeting Commenced 8.00pm**

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

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

**Apologies –** Cllr J Morel (due to health reasons), C Cllr T Pennington.

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

Carried forward to the next meeting as they have not yet been received due to the postal strike.

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

Police Report received – several thefts have occurred in the area of trailers and outside equipment – owners please be extra vigilant.

**3) Parishioners Question Time.**

- a) Mr Chadwick was present - Application no 39/1521/06/F – 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. He outlined the details of his application for discussion later in the Parish Council meeting.

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

- a) D Cllr C Ramsay reported as follows: - Electoral Roll Services – All households will receive forms to up-date their details for the Electoral Roll. Information, whether new or a confirmation of no change, must be sent to Follaton House before the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> October 06. Fines of up to £1,000 could meet any failure to respond to the forms. Replies can be done on line, by phone or by returning the form as indicated. Safety Grants – SHDC has received funding to help give out grants for lower income families to maintain secure and safe houses. Occupiers of homes that might be eligible for financial assistance should contact the District Council. Ideally, claims needs to go in now if families are to have help dealing with cold and damp before next winter. Housing problems are increasing – The latest figures suggest that the average house price in our district is now sixteen times the average annual wage. Despite efforts and some successes, the situation is getting worse and we now live in the most afflicted part of the country. Re-cycling – from 25<sup>th</sup> September 06 there will be changes in collection times for some houses. These changes are linked to the roll-out of phase 6 (the final stage) of South Hams introduction to the scheme. Households involved in the changes will be give 2 weeks notice. Phase 6 will bring the collection service to the really outlying areas of the district and involve some 4,000 homes. That will bring the total of homes included to 38,000. Already residents have saved 11,500 tonnes of recyclable waste from going to land-fill sites. The aim is to increase this amount to 45% of all waste by the end of the year. If we succeed, our record will be nearly three times the national average. Ivybridge Play Park – The park is between the central car park and the leisure centre. I visited it with a 7 year old grandson a week after it opened. Initially I thought the park very small for the £80,000 it cost. But Jake absolutely loved it and 2 hours were not enough for him even to begin to get bored. The ground cover is from re-cycled trainer soles and feels very springy. The equipment, though condensed on the small site, offers a staggering range of swinging/climbing/balancing activities. We came away thinking the park an excellent installation. SPARSE – a coalition of Englands most rural councils – claims that tax payers in remote areas pay more for schools, school transport, older peoples care and refuse collection. They are calling on government ministers to change the local government finance system to take into account these extra costs.

- b) C Cllr T Pennington was not in attendance – no report given.

### **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 39/45/1394/06/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.
- b) Application no 39/1405/06/F – Pennywell Farm & Wildlife Centre, Lower Dean, Buckfastleigh – Erection of a timber clad agricultural livestock building. No objections from the Parish Council – Proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- c) Application nos 39/1453/06/LB & 39/1454/06/F – Mr & Mrs R Simpson – Ash House, Rattery TQ10 9LD – Resubmission of application no 39/0894/06/F for extension to existing property. No objections from the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- d) Application no 14-39-50/1478/06/F – Ms L Morpeth – Lower Hood Barn, Dartington TQ9 6AB – Change of use of garage to design studio to support research workers. No objections from the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- e) Application no 39/1501/06/F – Mr R Sidoli – Hartwell House, Rattery TQ10 9LG – Removal of agricultural occupancy tie and change of use to holistic healing centre. No objections from the Parish Council, however they feel they cannot pass comment on the Agricultural Tie side of the application as this is a more in depth subject. Proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- f) Application no 39/1608/06/F – Ros Bourne & David Goodbaw – Woodside, Colston Road, Buckfastleigh TQ11 OLP – Ground floor extension. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- g) 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 to be held by the Parish Council.
- h) 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. A site visit to be held.
- i) Application no PS/CP/H – Agreement that Hedgerows may be removed under exemption – Various sites in the South Hams – Fishacre to Choakford Gas Pipeline. No comments are required and the application was placed into the envelope for Cllrs perusal.

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

- a) Planning Permission Refused – Application no 39/1237/06/F – Mr & Mrs A Sena – Little Well, Velwell, Dartington, Totnes TQ9 6AD – Revision to approved plans 14/0544/05/F (new windows to north elevation).
- b) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/0401/06/F – Ms L Morpeth – Lower Hood Barn, Dartington TQ9 6AB – Amendments to approved plans to allow change of use of part of residential dwelling to offices for research group.

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

- a) Playing Field and adjacent Field – A confirmation letter has been received from Dartington Hall Trust thanking the Parish Council for their support.
- b) Willing Lane – Nothing further to report at present.
- c) Noticeboard at Velwell – Carried forward to the next meeting – Cllr P Smerdon will look at.
- d) Visit to PC Meeting – Dave Kenyon SHDC (Carried forward Jan 07).

### **7) Correspondence.**

- a) Letter from DNPA – Management Plan – First Review – Second Round of Working Groups. Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- b) DAPC – AGM – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006. Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- c) SHDC Conservation user group meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2006.
- d) NHS AGM – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2006 – Dartington.

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

### **8) Main Agenda**

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy had nothing to report. Cllr J Hampton reported there is a very overgrown stretch in Brownston Lane and a Tree down in Watery Lane.
- 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?
  - b) Horse Rider signs – we still feel they are need by Ashborne Farm and in Culver Lane – a Cllr is also writing to the BHS about this, cars travel very fast on this stretch of road.

Items for the attention of SHDC -

- a) Friendship Barn – a number of large lorries use this entrance now, they are so big they knock out the hedges and can only get in one way, they have to go up the road to turn around. Some of the steel work is being done outside – please can you let us know what use they have there.
- b) Mr Matthews – Land know as Hollywood, Rattery TQ10 9LF – Planning Permission DK/39/1413/05/F was granted but the Parish Council were under the impression that some of the extra works carried out had to be taken down again, please can you update us.

Items for the attention of Highways Agency –

- a) A38 Signage – when are the signs promised likely to appear?

9) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 380 = £11.00 Sharon Orchard (Virus Controls).

Cheque no 381 = £180.00 Rattery Village Hall (Hall Hire).

Cheque no 382 = £255.18 Devon County Council (New Village Signs).

The above cheques were proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr S Levy.

Bank Balance – Parish Council – September 2006 = £3,355.38

Bank Balance P3 – £1,266.99

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25pm

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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](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).**