

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 12th June 2007 at Rattery Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 8.00pm

Present - Cllr P Smerdon – Chairman, Cllr Mrs B Palk – Vice Chair, Cllr J Hampton, Cllr B Evans, C Cllr T Pennington, Cllr S Levy, D Cllr C Jones (at 8.45pm).

Attended by – No public present.

Apologies – None received.

- 1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 17th April 2007.
 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Tuesday 17th April 2007.
 Minutes of the AGM held Tuesday 15th May 2007.

The minutes of the above meetings have been distributed to Cllrs and read, they were proposed on bloc by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Cllr B Evans and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon.

Cllr J Hampton wished it noted that where the Parish Council Vacancies were noted in the minutes it should read Vacancies and not Vacancy as there are at present 2 seats empty.

- 2) **Police Report/Neighbourhood Watch** – No crimes to report this month – please remain vigilant in the warm weather when windows and doors are open. Be mindful of door to door callers. The neighbourhood watch had also been informed about a white transit van travelling around selling romany goods.
- 3) **Parishioners Question Time** - No points raised.
- 4) **District and County Councillors Reports.**
 - a) D Cllr C Jones – after his late arrival to the meeting - reported as follows – New Cllrs have been attending various courses. AGM was 21st May – Cllr J Carter is Chairman and Cllr J Tucker is new Leader and Cllr B Hitchins is new Deputy Leader. At the Executive Committee on the 7th June 2007 Dairy Crest closure was discussed and also the provision of having another Planning Assistant. Ruth Bagley – Chief Executive has now left and will be replaced by a Chief Executive to be shared with West Devon Council – he will spend ½ a week with each Council – this will be a 9 month post and will be reviewed during this time. Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Palk commented regards the refuse collection and that SHDC should look into trialing a weekly collection of food waste in the Summer as TDC are doing.
 - b) C Cllr T Pennington – The DCC Chair for this year is Cllr Mrs Taylor and Vice – Chair – Cllr Hayward. The externalising of the elderly care homes in now well underway. Gypsy and Travellers – District Councils need to identify sites in their new local development frameworks. DCC have written to all the District Councils to confirm this situation. Any sites which are identified will need to meet all the various planning rules and regulations.

5) Planning Applications & Decisions.

Applications received from Dartmoor National Park

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

Decisions received from Dartmoor National Park - None

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Application no 39/1164/07/F – Mr B P Donoghue – Barns SW of Rattery Mill – Resubmission of application 39/0172/07/F Conversion of barn to residential use. No objections by the Parish

Council – it is noted that the point of access has now been changed – proposed by Vice-Chair - Cllr Mrs B Palk and seconded by Cllr B Evans with all in agreement.

- b) Application no 39/1089/07/LB – Mr & Mrs N Wordie – Brownston House, Rattery TQ10 9LQ – Listed Building Consent Internal Alterations and Replacement Windows. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Cllr B Evans with all in agreement.
- c) Revised Rear Elevation and Roof Plan – 2 Mill Cottages, Rattery (no comments required from the Parish Council). This was for information only.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Planning Permission Granted – 39/0802/07/F – Mrs Hampton – 4 Yelland, Rattery – Single storey extensions.

Site Visits

- a) Site visit to Lower Torne Barn, Rattery – Proposed New Dwelling – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon attended and reported to the Parish Council, a copy of the report from SHDC has been placed into the envelope for Cllrs perusal.

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Playing Field – A Committee to be formed when the Parish Council has full membership.
- b) Financial Statement 2006/2007 – This has been distributed and read – The Internal Audit has now been completed and the Audit forms to be signed by the Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon – proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.

7) Correspondence.

- a) DNPA – Planning in your Parish – Making Improvements Happen – 10th July 2007.
- b) Devon Community Recycling Network – 29th June 2007.
- c) South Hams CVS – AGM – 27th June 2007.
- d) Samaritans Request for funding and Annual Report – No sorry.
- e) DNPA – Forum Meeting – 22nd June 2007.
- f) Totnes Police Station refurbishment open day – 23rd June 2007.
- g) Devon Playing Field Association AGM – 12th July 2007.
- h) DNPA – Core Strategy Development Plan Documents – Submission Version – Comments by 27th July 2007 – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon and Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk to peruse.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the envelope to be distributed (2 Envelopes).

8) Main Agenda

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy reported – Works have now been completed at Venton Stile and Bridge. A new gate has been put in behind The Firs. Cutting back at Brownstone and Watery Lane to be done and a Chainsaw Course to be completed in the Autumn.
- b) **Cllrs Reports** – None.
- c) Highway Maintenance – Items for the attention of DCC –
 - 1) The road going down to Knowle has lots of Potholes.
 - 2) Drybridge Signs on A38 – No reply has been received from Accord MP – Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk reported that she had received a letter from Western Power regards a Wayleave agreement to get electric to the bridge to run the camera to monitor the use of the bridge. Depending on how many users there are it will eventually be repaired or replaced.

- 3) Traffic Calming Dartington to Marley Head Road – DCC have confirmed in a letter that the speed has been monitored over a 10 day period and it averaged at just under 40mph – therefore they do not believe a speed limit implementation would be necessary.
- 4) Water Leak on the Plains – This has now been completed.
- d) Annual Report to all Parishioners – A draft is now being prepared.
- e) Parish Council Vacancy – Advert to go onto the Noticeboard again – one applicant has come forward to but another vacancy still remains.
- f) New Code of Conduct – Copies of the new code have been ordered by the Clerk to be distributed to Cllrs and adopted at the next PC meeting.
- g) Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator – Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk – proposed by Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr S Levy.

9) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 397 = £20.00 Petty Cash for Stamps.
 Cheque no 398 = £124.44 – S Levy (P3 Works).
 Cheque no 399 = £558.13 - J W Baron (P3 Works).

Parish Council – Bank Balance – June 2007 = £5,025.44
 P3 – June 2007 = £328.80

The above cheques were proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr B Evans with all in agreement.

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 17th July 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 any information and ideas for this please send to Trevor Paul – trevor@flaxey-green.co.uk.