

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 13th March 2007 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, Cllr Mrs B Palk, D Cllr C Ramsay, C Cllr T Pennington.

Attended by – 3 members of the Public.

Apologies – Cllr Mrs J Morel, C Cllr T Pennington.

1) Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 13th February 2007.

The minutes of the above meeting has been distributed and read. Proposed by Cllr Mrs B Palk and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr B Evans.

Before any further business was conducted – Cllr P Smerdon asked for a one minute silence to be observed for Mr Harry Jonas who had recently passed away.

2) Police Report/Neighbourhood Watch.

Chairman – Cllr B Evans introduced Inspector Paul Morgan who talked about the new Police Community Support Officers (Vicky Gummow for Rattery Parish) and their powers and answered any questions that Cllrs and Public present asked. Rattery Parish is seen as a low crime area – last months report 18 incident logs most of which relate to the A38 and one reported crime – a non dwelling burglary where cash was stolen.

The Parish Council also asked if Ins Morgan could look into the A38 signage which they have been asking DCC for so long to do, a copy of the Highways Agency letter will be sent to him.

3) Parishioners Question Time. No points raised.

4) District and County Councillors Reports.

- a) D Cllr C Ramsay reported as follows: - **Street Scene Officers** – The first of several planned meetings at Follaton House has been held to introduce this new scheme intended to catch anti-social behaviour in its early stages. The powers (or lack of powers) of the potential sources of trouble such as substance abuse, fly tipping, abandoned cars, graffiti, dog fouling. Each will work with a more senior police officer and support him/her in the villages and towns. Have you seen any in your village? For more details Peter Dale 01803 861278. **Free Compost Give-Away** – I am sorry I could not get this in my February report because the Totnes give-away was on the 24th Feb 07. Because we are now re-cycling 45% of our waste, SHDC wanted to repay locals by handing out free compost from the Newton Abbot plant. 3 more sessions are planned. 10th March in Dartmouth, 17th in Kingsbridge & 31st in Ivybridge. Take your own bags for filling. Sessions run from 9.30 to 1.30. For more info Chris Hillyer 01803 861496. **Planning and Climate Change** – As part of a bigger, government initiated consultation, SHDC was invited to comment on what should/can be done in the field of planning to anticipate the anticipated changes in climate. The closing date for our participation was 6th March. I will try to include reactions to the consultation in the next month or so. **Community Grants** – Something I have mentioned before – see P13 of the most recent South Hams Magazine for details of the on-going round. Closing date 29th June 06. Up to 50% matching funding available with a maximum grant of £25,000. The magazine gives reports on 3 successful bids.
- b) C Cllr T Pennington reported as follows:- County Council Budget for 2007/2008 – Revenue Budget £414,098,440. Increase in Council Tax 4.7%. Band D Council Tax increase from £977 to £1,023 ie: by £46. One area of reduction which causes concern is in highway maintenance from £34,234 million to £32,303 million ie: by £1,931 million. By contrast Public Rights of Way Budget increased from £411,000 to £666,000. Government Revenue Support Grant

£122,980 million but per head of population it represents a sum of £49 less per person than the national average. This is equal to around £30 million less than we ought to receive or around 12% on Council Tax. I have taken up the issue of Horse Rider signs with Brian George of the DCC Highways and have also requested him to e-mail Cllr Mrs B Palk with a reply and keep me informed.

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 39/0172/07/F – B P Donogue – Barns SW of Rattery Mill, South Brent – Conversion of Barns to form residential unit. After being unable to arrange a site meeting – The Parish Council cannot pass comment on the building, however we are slightly concerned about the highways situation – the access and entrance.
- b) Application no 39/0431/07/F – Mr D Goodban & Ms R Bourne – Woodside, Colston Road, Buckfastleigh TQ11 OLP – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement. Site visit required.
- c) Application no 39/0402/07/F – Mr E Osment – The Barn, The Plains, Rattery – Temporary siting of mobile home for two years (during conversion works to barn). Site visit required.
- d) Application no 39/0337/07/F – Ms S Wakeham – New Dwelling, Lower Torne Barn, Rattery – Resubmission of previous application 39/1754/06/F for conversion of barn to dwelling house with ancillary utility and office. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Palk with all in agreement.
- e) Application no 39/0358/07/LB – Ms R Ayles & Mr N Evans – Old Torne, Rattery – Listed Building Consent for the render of the north east chimney of property. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- f) Application no 39/0302/07/F – Mr R J Sidoli – Hartwell House, Rattery – Re-submission of application 39/1501/06/F for change of use of holistic centre. No objections from the Parish Council proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr S Levy with all in agreement.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Application no PS/EG/TPO 749 – No 7 – Tree preservation Order 2006- Marley Estate & Syon Abbey – Confirmed as modified.
The Clerk will contact Miss Polly Stone – SHDC Tree Officer as Cllr P Palk had spoken to the owner of some of these trees in W9 on the plan, which need thinning out.

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Annual Parish Meeting Speaker – Roger Werner from Villages in Action has confirmed he is unable to make it – The Clerk to try Rick Crombie – SHDC, Brian George – DCC, Lesley Smith – DAPC.
- b) Playing Field – A new Committee to be formed after the May 07 PC elections.

7) Correspondence.

- a) Victim Support – Request for Donation.
- b) SHDC – Town & Parishes Meeting 2nd April 2007.
- c) Parish Cluster Meetings questionnaire – Chairman – Cllr B Evans will complete.
- d) SHDC – Community Land Trust Questionnaire – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the envelope to be distributed (3 Envelopes).**8) Main Agenda**

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy reported – A contractor will shortly be giving a price for some jobs which need to be done. Steve Malec to be contacted regards the Chain Saw Insurance to ask if he knows who is responsible.
- b) **Cllrs Reports** – No reports given.
- c) Highway Maintenance – Items for the attention of DCC –
 - 1) Cllr P Smerdon confirmed that Yelland Cross to Bulkamore Cross drainage has been looked at and some channels have been dug to try and alleviate this.
 - 2) Cummings Pond Lane Trees – Cllr Mrs B Palk to contact DCC.
 - 3) Cummings Pond Lane – There were travellers who moved into a field, they have since moved on after the Police were informed.
 - 4) Horse Rider Signs – C Cllr T Pennington is looking into.
 - 5) Drybridge Signs on A38 – a copy letter from the highways Agency to go to Inspector Paul Morgan – Totnes Police Station.
 - 6) Cllr P Smerdon is looking into another sign for the Village Hall.
- d) Hedgecutting – Some road hedges which have not been done may need to be looked at for safety. Blacksmiths Cottage Hedge has not been cut – Chairman – Cllr B Evans will approach the owners.

9) Cheques for Signature.

Cheque no 390 = £17.50 – SLCC (Clerks Exam Registration).

Cheque no 391 = £2,000.00 Sharon Raggett (Clerks Wages & Expenses)

The above cheques were proposed by Cllr Mrs B Palk and seconded by Cllr S Levy

A letter has also been signed by PC members to allow to Clerk to do internal transfers between the 2 Parish Council bank accounts.

Parish Council – Bank Balance – March 2007 = £4,563.41

P3 – March 2007 = £856.37

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 (Annual Parish Meeting) TUESDAY 17th April 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@flaxy-green.co.uk.