

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 15th May 2007 at Rattery Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 8.10pm following the AGM

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.

Attended by – 1 member of the Public.

Apologies – None received.

Before the meeting began – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon welcomed newly elected D Cllr C Jones and the re-elected C Cllr T Pennington.

- 1) **Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 17th April 2007.**
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Tuesday 17th April 2007.

The minutes of the above meetings will be carried forward for signing as Cllrs have not yet received them.

- 2) **Police Report/Neighbourhood Watch** – Police report received which was read by the Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon – 2 crimes to report in the last month and 15 incident logs. Cllr Mrs B Palk commented that there had been an equine marking event at South Brent but that it needed to be more widely publicised.

3) **Parishioners Question Time.**

- a) Mrs R Coaker reported that there has still been no reply from SHDC Planning regards the new Carpark at the Village Hall.

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

- a) D Cllr C Jones – reported as follows – I have been made aware that the response from SHDC planning is slow as mentioned by Mrs Coaker in Public Time. The Chief Executive for SHDC is leaving in a couple of weeks time and an interim Chief Executive will be appointed. Many thanks to the people who voted to get me elected. The Council is now made up of 28 conservatives (as before), 9 Lib Dems and 3 Independants. The first meeting is next Monday to decide various positions, new leader and places on the various Committees.
 Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon – sad to hear about the Dairy Crest Factory in Totnes which is threatened with closure. D Cllr C Jones – SHDC is well aware of this situation and will do all they can within their powers to help.
- b) C Cllr T Pennington – Nothing to report this month.

5) **Planning Applications & Decisions.**

Applications received from Dartmoor National Park

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

Decisions received from Dartmoor National Park - None

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Application no 39/0502/07/F – Mr & Mrs R Gibb – Plot adjacent to Springfield, Rattery – Erection of dwelling. After a site meeting by the Parish Council – No objections to the dwelling but we have concerns about the access and that some screening with trees must be stipulated as a planning condition – proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk.

- b) Application no 39/0906/07/F – Mr & Mrs K Boorman – 2 Mill Cottages, South Brent TQ10 9LB – Single storey extension to dwelling and extension to stable block. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk with all in agreement.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council – None received

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Playing Field – A letter has been received from Dartington Hall Trust regards the Licence. The Clerk will reply and confirm that a new Committee is to be formed.

7) Correspondence.

- a) DNPA – Forum Meeting 22nd June 2007 – Given to Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk.
 b) DAPC County Committee – 2007-2011 – Placed into the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
 c) SHDC – Parish Councils Conference 13th June 2007.
 d) South Devon AONB – Annual Forum – 20th June 2007.

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

8) Main Agenda

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy reported – Watery Lane and Brownstone Lane need some cutting back works done. A quote for new gate and fencing is in the post – all Cllrs were in agreement for these works to go ahead if the quote was satisfactory. Chainsaw Course – 4 days in the Autumn at Cockington.
- b) **Cllrs Reports –**
- 1) Outgoing Chairman – Cllr B Evans – Many thanks to Cllr P Smerdon and all other Councillors for their support and help.
 - 2) New Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon – on behalf of all the Parish Council – many thanks to Cllr Brian Evans for all his hard work as Chairman of the Parish Council. A letter will also go to the 2 outgoing Councillors. Cllr Mrs J Morel and Cllr M Daymond.
- c) Highway Maintenance – Items for the attention of DCC –
- 1) Horse Rider Signs – Vice-Chair - Cllr Mrs B Palk reported that she had received a letter from DCC and no signs are forthcoming at present.
 - 2) Drybridge Signs on A38 – Letter received from the Highways Agency – The Clerk to reply and ask them to elaborate on the reasons for having CCTV cameras on the bridge. We see this as an entire waste of money. What is the long term future for the bridge.
 - 3) Traffic Calming Dartington to Marley Head Road – Write to Brian George and ask if this can be considered at HATOC – also invite to next Parish Council meeting.
 - 4) Water Leak on the Plains – the road is now breaking up.
- d) Annual Report to all Parishioners – Carried forward to the next meeting.
- e) Chancel Returns (Church Tithe Tax) – Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk confirmed that she has spoken to a Land Agent about this. Some churches which had homes in their vicinity could claim a tax. Marley House should not be a problem
- f) Parish Council Vacancy – Advert to go onto the Noticeboard and the web-site – 2 new Councillors can be co-opted on at the next meeting.
- g) New Code of Conduct – This needs to be adopted by October 2007.

9) **Cheques for Signature.**

No cheques this month.

Parish Council – Bank Balance – May 2007 = £3,155.11

P3 – May 2007 = £1,011.37

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 TUESDAY 12th June 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.