

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 17th April 2007 at Rattery Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 8.20pm

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, Cllr Mrs J Morel.

Attended by – 1 member of the Public.

Apologies – C Cllr T Pennington.

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

The minutes of the above meeting has been distributed and read. Proposed by Cllr S Levy seconded by Cllr P Smerdon with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr B Evans.

2) Police Report/Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.

3) Parishioners Question Time.

- a) Mrs Julia Sanders commented on Rattery Parish homes being liable for Chancel Returns (Church Tithe Tax) had anyone ever heard of this – Cllr P Palk confirmed that she would look into this. It was not something that anyone had heard of.

4) District and County Councillors Reports.

- a) D Cllr C Ramsay nothing further to report as she had already reported at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- b) C Cllr T Pennington – not in attendance – his report had already been read out at the Annual Parish Meeting.

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 39/0402/07/F – Mr E Osment – The Barn, The Plains, Rattery – Temporary siting of mobile home for two years (during conversion works to barn). The Clerk to ask Dave Kenyon – SHDC Planning to confirm if this has been withdrawn.
- b) Application no 39/0554/07/F & Listed Consent no 39/0555/07/LB – Mr & Mrs N Ayles – Barn to South, Old Torne, Rattery – Conversion of existing barn to a holiday home. The Parish Council has no objections to the Barn being converted but the design seems to be very futuristic and not in keeping with the surrounding area. Proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- c) Application no 39/0502/07/F – Mr & Mrs R Gibb – Plot adjacent to Springfield, Rattery – Erection of dwelling. Cllr J Hampton has declared an interest and left the room. One letter of objection has been received. A site meeting to be held before a decision is made.

- d) Application for Mr & Mrs J Hampton – 4 Yelland Bungalows, Rattery TQ10 9LH – Proposed Single Storey Extensions Forming Bedrooms, Conservatory and Porch Areas. Cllr J Hampton has declared an interest and left the room. Cllr S Levy has declared an interest. No objections proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr M Daymond with all in agreement.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Listed Building Consent Granted – Application no 39/0358/07/LB – Ms R Ayles & Mr N Evans – Old Torne, Rattery – Listed consent for the render of the north east chimney of property.
- b) Planning Permission Granted – 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.
- c) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/0302/07/F – Mr R J Sidoli – Hartwell, Rattery TQ10 9LG – Re-submission of application 39/1501/06/F for change of use to holistic centre.

Tree Preservation Orders

- a) Letter from SHDC – Tree Preservation Order at Marley Estate and Syon Abbey, Rattery – To confirm that this has been granted.

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Playing Field – A new Committee to be formed after the May 07 PC elections.

7) Correspondence.

- a) Dartmoor Climate Circle Exploratory Meeting – 12th May 2007 – Placed into the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- b) DAPC – Nomination of Parish Members to Dartmoor National Park Authority – Given to Cllr P Smerdon.
- c) Letter from Shelter – request for funding – no sorry.

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

8) Main Agenda

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy reported – Some quotes for new gates are on the way. Chainsaw use – the Parish Council insurance policy has been checked and volunteers are covered provided they are using the correct equipment and have taken the appropriate course. £155 P3 money from DCC this year.
- b) **Cllrs Reports** – Cllr J Morel – Have not seen SHDC road sweeper in the Village for quite a while.
- c) Highway Maintenance – Items for the attention of DCC –
- 1) Cummings Pond Lane Trees – The trees causing concern have now been cut down.
 - 2) Horse Rider Signs – Cllr B Palk reported that she has a copy of the letter from Adam Key at DCC asking for evidence that signs are required. She has replied to this and is awaiting a response.
 - 3) Drybridge Signs on A38 – Works have been carried out by Accord MP for weight restrictions on the Bridge. The Landowner and the Parish Council were not informed of these works – the Clerk to write to Accord MP and DCC.
- d) Hedgecutting – Blacksmiths Cottages – Chairman – Cllr B Evans to speak to the owners.

9) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 392 = £20.00 – Totnes & Dartmouth Ring & Ride (PC Donation).

Cheque no 393 = £20.00 – South Hams CAB (PC Donation).

Cheque no 394 = £13.50 – DAPC (Annual Sub).

Cheque no 395 = £15.00 – Devon Playing Field Association (Annual Sub).

Cheque no 396 = £228.48 – Community First (Annual Insurance Policy).

The above cheques were proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr M Daymond.

Parish Council – Bank Balance – April 2007 = £2,514.14

P3 – April 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 9.05pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (AGM) TUESDAY 15th May 2007 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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