

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 13th February 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.

Attended by – 3 members of the Public.

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

1) Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 9th January 2007.

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

Guest Speaker – Chairman – Cllr B Evans introduced Mr Dave Kenyon (Team Leader Planning Officer from SHDC). Dave began by giving details of the new Eastern Team their various titles and jobs they do within Planning and the Parishes that they cover. Various points were raised by those present as follows:-

The Clerk raised the matter of planning issues at Friendship Barn – these are now being dealt with by Rick Crombie – enforcement officer.

Also Hollywood – Rick Crombie will also be dealing with this.

Village Hall Carparking – Mrs R Coaker confirmed that she had been in touch with the Landscape Officer regards this and had heard nothing since April 06. Dave confirmed that he would look into this.

Mrs J Sanders asked if the Appellants Statement had been received by SHDC – Dave Kenyon confirmed that this had been received.

Cllr P Smerdon – Langage Gas Pipeline - is Planning Permission needed for this. Dave Kenyon confirmed only a determination needed for services.

Delegated Powers – Dave confirmed that this is when officers make the decision, Planning Permissions should be determined within 8 weeks as per government guidelines, if there are no objections ie: for a satellite dish and the case officer is happy this would be delegated, and not go to Committee. There also can be an officer/member delegation when an objection from the Parish Council or Neighbour is involved, this then has to go through the District Councillor and SHDC Chairman and they could put this to the SHDC if they so wished. Any refusals can only be delegated with clarification from District Councillors. 20% of the applications only go to Committee.

2) Police Report/Neighbourhood Watch.

Police Report received – this was read by the Chairman – Cllr B Evans – One burglary reported a Barn broken into and Power Tools stolen.

The Clerk confirmed that Inspector Paul Morgan would be attending the March PC meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch – Chairman – Cllr B Evans reported that Mrs R Coaker had been awarded a long service award. Many Parish Councils have now taken the neighbourhood watch under their umbrella. A neighbourhood watch co-ordinator would need to be appointed after the May 07 elections. The Village Hall has been booked for the 5th March 07 at 2pm for a drama play called Trickster and a drop in session by the Police, this is to be promoted by leaflets.

3) Parishioners Question Time.

- a) Highway Maintenance – Yelland Cross to Lower Bulkamore Cross – can a drain be put in or provided by DCC to go down across the Landowners Field and take the water away. Also at Torne the same problem and a drainage/soakaway is needed. The PC will as DCC to come and have a look.

4) District and County Councillors Reports.

- a) D Cllr C Ramsay reported as follows: - In recent weeks the members have been very concerned with finalizing the budget and many officers have been involved in discussions about Sherford. **Budget** – It is anticipated that the rise in Council Tax will be under 5%. The setting panel will meet later this month to agree on the exact figure. **White Paper on Local Government** – Already the South Hams members and officers have been co-operating with the intention of minimizing costs while improving (or at least maintaining services). Not all our neighbouring councils face the same problems as we do, but Teignbridge and to some extent West Devon are viable partners. Difficulties are inevitable. For example we have been working with Teignbridge for a while concerning tourism. We have a much broader, better developed service and it is to Teignbridges advantage to join with us. However, at a recent meeting of our Prosperity Policy Development Group we decided to cut back on funding for tourism inviting hotels, restaurants, camp sites and the like to take over their own marketing. Partnership has its problems! Of the Councils in our county, Plymouth and Torbay are already Unitary – only Exeter has chosen to apply for Unitary status as a result of the White Paper. **Councillor – Who Me?** – Do take seriously SHDC reaching out to members of the public for new candidates to stand in the May elections. It is not too late for you or people you consider right for the job to apply. **Anti-Domestic Violence** – Recently I attended a DCC training aimed at drawing attention to this iniquitous problem which is far more general than many people acknowledge. Figures show that domestic abuse is horribly common in every strata of our society. Professional families, police officers, the homeless, the luxuriously houses, heterosexuals, homosexuals – all seem statistically equal when it comes to physical and/or psychological abuse. Devon was the first county to set up a male help line – a service now found throughout the country. Both men and women are victims in too many homes. Both men and women can be perpetrators. I'm now serving with a group combining several Devon councils in an attempt to alleviate suffering and offer consultation that might lead to a cure. **Admirals Court, Dartmouth – Euro Funding** – The new site for light industry designed to take heavy traffic out of the town and provide pleasant accommodation for a variety of companies had already received £180,000 when it was announced that after discussion, a further sum is to be allocated. This extra money will bring the European funding to almost £280,000.
- b) C Cllr T Pennington was not in attendance.

5) Planning Applications & Decisions.

Applications received from Dartmoor National Park

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

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. Site meeting required.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/2303/06/F – Mr Mintrum – Dunollie, Rattery, South Brent – Resubmission of 39/0739/06/F for minor amendment to garage conversion and single storey extension.

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Playing Field and adjacent Field – Meeting organised by SHDC at Ivybridge Town Hall regards Play Areas, they have suggested someone from Rattery PC attends.
- b) Friendship Barn – Steel Works – This is now in the hands of Rick Crombie – SHDC enforcement.
- c) Matthews – Hollywood, Rattery – Enforcement – Rick Crombie looking into.
- d) Annual Parish Meeting Speaker – The Police will attend March meeting and the Clerk has invited Villages in Action to April's and is currently awaiting a reply.

7) Correspondence.

- a) South Hams Strategic Partnership Community Forum – 5th March 2007.
- b) Planning in Your Parish Workshops – Cllr B Palk has already attended (see item on main agenda below)
- c) DNPA Next Forum Meeting – 22nd June 2007.
- d) Notice of appeal – Higher Velwell Stables – Application no 39/1237/06/F – Revision to approved plans 14/0544/05/F (new windows to north elevation). The Parish Council will reiterate their previous comments – This application was previously rejected by the Parish Council on grounds of overlooking and loss of amenity for the neighbours.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the envelope to be distributed (4 Envelopes).**8) Main Agenda**

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy reported – Has met Roz regards the next years funding and 2 new gates needed. Chainsaw has been purchased and he will organise to go on a course, also the insurance needs to be checked as Cllr T Pennington confirmed that he was insured to use on DCC insurance.

b) Cllrs Reports

- 1) Cllr Mrs B Palk attended the DNPA – Planning in your Parish Workshop and gave a report on this.
- c) Highway Maintenance – Items for the attention of DCC – No further items to report apart from those raised in Public Time.
- d) Millcross – Chairman – Cllr B Evans reported that he had been asked by a Parishioner to bring to the Parish Council meeting the possibility of purchasing a piece of Land on the corner of Millcross to be taken off to make it easier for lorries/coaches to turn to the Village. Cllrs agreed NFA on this matter.

9) Cheques for Signature.

Cheque no 387 = £15.00 Petty Cash for Stamps.

Cheque no 388 = £58.75 Audit Commission (Annual Audit Fee).

Cheque no 389 = £410.62 Steve Levy (P3 Chainsaw and Gear, Petrol).

The above cheque was proposed by Cllr P Smerdon and seconded by Cllr J Hampton.

Bank Balance – Parish Council – February 2007 = £4,976.75

Bank Balance P3 – February 2007 = £856.37

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

- a) Hedgecutting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 13th March 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.