

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 9th January 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, Cllr Mrs J Morel, C Cllr T Pennington, D Cllr C Ramsay.

Attended by – 1 member of the Public.

Apologies – None received.

1) Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 28th November 2006.

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

2) Police Report/Neighbourhood Watch.

Police Report received – this was read by the Chairman – Cllr B Evans – no crimes to report this month – 24 incident logs and 17 of these relating to the A38.

3) Parishioners Question Time.

- a) Julia Sanders from Marley – drew Cllrs attention to the Lodge Appeal and the fact that they recently had a scam incident and the Police have arrested someone.

4) District and County Councillors Reports.

D Cllr C Ramsay reported as follows: - Happy New Year to all Councillors and Clerks! - **Dartington College of Art** To some extent a miasma of rumour and gossip still veils the news that the college will close in two years. DCC and Totnes Town Council voted unanimously to oppose the move. SHDC has agreed to look for alternative sources of funding. A meeting was held at Follaton House on December 18th when both Prof Brewerton (director of the college) and Vaughan Lindsay (Chair of the Trustees) spoke. It was clear that there is little disagreement between the two and they spoke as though the decision has been made. Questions about future plans for the newly renovated studios at Dartington were not answered. The movement opposing the closure is still very active. **Re-cycling targets** 12 out of 18 councils in Devon and Cornwall are now recycling waste successfully. Teignbridge DC was one of the first in the top 10 nationally and on Dec 12th it was announced that SHDC had joined them there. Nationally 30% of refuse is re-cycled; here we recycle 45.4%. Following the success of the compostable caddie liners, SHDC has ordered bigger liners to use with the brown compost bins. They are due in Feb and will cost £3.75 for 5 by post or £3.25 if collected from Follaton House. **Climate change** In early December, 1 officer and 1 member from SHDC attended a national meeting to discuss ways councils can deal with climate change. Expect info about strategies here soon. Meanwhile, for more details, consult www.nottinghamdeclaration.org.uk or Katie.shears@southhams.gov.uk **Gypsies** Newspaper versions of research done at Plymouth University vary so much that I feel a need to support Trevor P, our DCC member. One report claimed that more than 100 sites are needed. The actual figures for 2007 claim a need for 226 pitches suggesting that as long as there are more than 2.26 vehicles per site we'll need many fewer than 100 sites. Once again, the media are using exaggeration to improve their circulation. **Public Space** I continue to encourage Parish Councils to give clear thought to the DC's invitation to contribute ideas for the public space in each parish. Don't forfeit your chance to express creative ideas in the area you

know best. **Tax for rural shops** At the December Full Council meeting I seconded a motion put by Cllr Brazil asking SHDC to allow struggling village stores and pubs 100% reduction of taxes. We can all remember villages with essential shops that have now been closed for ever. The loss for communities is very harsh. We already have to give a 50% reduction. National government allows councils to use their discretion in increasing their support for rural communities by giving bigger concessions. Our motion was heavily defeated. This week I've learnt that shdc will bill small shops etc monthly instead of quarterly in an attempt to help their budgeting. **Colston Road hedges** I'm negotiating with DCC to get some agreement between the landowners (many of whom are generally absentee) and some firm of commercial hedge-cutters to keep the roads clear 52 weeks of the year. I'll report on any progress next time. As always, contact me between meetings if there are matters where I may be able to help. Chris Ramsay 01364 7278ramsay@aish.entadsl.com

C Cllr T Pennington reported as follows – One of the options in the New White Paper is to become a unitary Councils, only Exeter are looking at this. Other Councils wish to improve on partnership and working together to improve services. The Government appears to be going to modify the Standards Board for England – prejudicial interests. Brian Greenslade congratulated me as it was one of the items I pushed for, 90% of complaints are thrown out, but this is not before they have been investigated and money and time wasted. Travellers Sites – I attended the enquiry regards the Tigley Site – we now await the inspectors decision.

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 39/2303/06/F – Mr Mintrum – Dunollie, Rattery – Resubmission of 39/0739/06/F for minor amendment to garage conversion and single storey extension. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr J Morel with all in agreement.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/2006/06/F – Mr T Chadwick – Land West of Raythorns Wood, Lower Dean, Buckfastleigh – Re-submission of application 39/1521/06/F for the erection of agricultural building for storage of agricultural machinery, hay & straw, with workshop and office space and room for packing and processing of farm produce and separate rootstore.
- b) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/2100/06/F – Mr & Mrs Kerswell -Little Barns, Culver Lane, Rattery – Retrospective application for the demolition of chimney, convert 4no flat dormer roofs to pitched and extend roof over flat roof at rear.
- c) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/2074/06/F – Mr & Mrs A Cox - Burnside, Rattery, Devon – Proposed erection of garage and storage ancillary to main dwelling.
- d) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/1826/06/F – Mr Cunningham – White Rose Farm, Rattery – Change of use from farm buildings to commercial use.

- e) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/1251/06/F – Mr & Mrs Sena – Little Well, Velwell, Dartington, Totnes – Construction of new roof on workshop with glazed panels on south elevation.
- f) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/1986/06/F – Mr & Mrs M Geoghegan & A Al-Derzi – Wynards Cottage, Culver Lane – Single storey side extension, free standing garage and workshop and new vehicular access.
- g) Listed Building Consent Granted – Application no 39/1989/06/LB – Mr & Mrs N Wordie – Brownstone House, Rattery – Replacement of 1st floor window and the refurbishment of bathroom,
- h) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/2089/06/F – Mr L Hitchcock – 3 Garden Park, Rattery – Demolition of existing garage and store to provide two storey extension.
- i) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/2002/06/F – Miss Morel – Braeside Cottage, Rattery – Proposed erection of new conservatory.

6) **Matters Arising.**

- a) Playing Field and adjacent Field – SHDC have confirmed that after an insurance check – The PC have a responsibility to provide a litter bin and new spring closer for the gate. Chairman – Cllr A Evans – does the PC look into taking over full responsibility of the field, this would mean insurance, and looking after all the play equipment. (Gill Till at SHDC can be contacted to ask for more details).
- b) Friendship Barn – Steel Works – The Clerks to inform Dave Kenyon at SHDC further – Steel Buildings fabrication and paint spraying, grinding steel outside.
- c) Matthews – Hollywood, Rattery – Enforcement. The Clerk will look out further information in the filing to inform Dave Kenyon.
- d) Annual Parish Meeting Speaker – Nothing has been heard from the Police. The Clerk will try Anne Ward regards someone from Villages in Action to talk about the structure, finance and the end product of this.
- e) Dave Kenyon SHDC – Visit Feb 07 – Dave has confirmed he will come in February 07.
- f) Paper Bank – Rattery Village Hall – Now been removed.

7) **Correspondence.**

- a) Letter from Mr D Dunster – Re: Dead Tree. This has now been removed.
- b) Letter from Signpost Housing – Re: Bishops Court, Newton Ferrers. Placed into the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- c) Letter from SHDC & E-Mail from Marley – Notice of Appeal – Herbert & Harper – The Lodge, Marley, South Brent. Letter to go to Planning Inspectorate – proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Cllr J Hampton. When the PC approved the application they were unaware of the objections received, as they had all been lodged with SHDC. All were in agreement that the PC could not change their mind but they could make the Planning Inspectorate aware of the situation.
- d) DNPA – Planning in Your Parish Workshop – 30th January 2007 – Cllr B Palk to attend if a space available.
- e) Letter from SHDC – Budget Meeting 18th January 2007.
- f) Home Start South Hams – Request for funding.

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

8) **Main Agenda**

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy reported – not much done due to bad weather. It would be useful to purchase a Chainsaw and Cllr Levy is happy to attend the Chainsaw course. Proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr J Morel with all in agreement.

- b) **Cllrs Reports** – No reports made.
- c) Highway Maintenance – Items for the attention of DCC –
- 1) Cummings Pond Lane – Trees – Please can we have someone to inspect the Trees along this stretch of road, some look dangerous and may need attention but we need expects to look as soon as possible.
 - 2) Horse Rider Signs – DCC have confirmed they would cost in the region of £200 each – C Cllr T Pennington confirmed that he would look into the possibility of help with this from DCC money he is allowed to spend
 - 3) Old Yelland Farm Entrance – This is being used as a passing place and the road is collapsing.
 - 4) Road Sign to Smallcombe just up from Pennywell Farm has dropped off and needs replacing.
- d) Precept 2007-2008 - £3,740.00 – Proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.

9) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 386 = £15.00 Petty Cash

The above cheque was proposed by Cllr B Palk and seconded by Cllr J Morel.

Bank Balance – Parish Council – January 2007 = £4,559.01

Bank Balance P3 – January 2007 = £1,266.99

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 13th February 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.