

**RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at Rattery Village Hall**  
**Meeting Commenced 8.00pm**

**Present** - Cllr P Smerdon – Chairman, Cllr Mrs B Palk – Vice Chair, Cllr J Hampton, Cllr B Evans, Cllr S Levy, Cllr M Daymond, D Cllr C Jones.

**Attended by** – 3 Members of the Public.

**Apologies** – C Cllr T Pennington.

1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

The minutes of the above meeting have been distributed to Cllrs and read, they were proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr J Hampton and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon.

2) **Police Report/Neighbourhood Watch** – No report had been received from the Police.

3) **Parishioners Question Time** -

- a) Pennywell Farm Entrance & Exit – Loose chipping are coming out from this area making the surface slippery and there is on warning for cars coming out that they are coming out onto a road and they just shoot out, signs are needed before an accident occurs – The Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon confirmed that he would speak to Mr C Murray in the first instance about this problem.

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

- a) D Cllr C Jones – reported as follows – The draft licensing policy for the next 3 years is now being revised. Executive meeting on Thursday when the Dairy Crest site will be discussed, this closes on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 07 – some people still need to find alternative employment and how the site is to be sold will be discussed. The Council wish to get involved to try and plan the future of the site. Elections – voting places consultation has been undertaken to see if the Public are happy with where they go to vote ie: Schools & Village Halls. Electoral registration forms have now gone out, all Parishioners should complete one of these. Performance Plan 2007 – this has just been published, everything is going well. Budget Priorities meeting is taking place in November 07 to discuss next years budget and the introduction of single status salaries.  
 Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Palk – commented on the Fire Service cuts taking place – The Clerk will try to get a speaker on this subject to a PC meeting.
- b) C Cllr T Pennington – not in attendance.

**5) Planning Applications & Decisions.**

**Applications received from Dartmoor National Park**

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

**Decisions received from Dartmoor National Park - None**

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council**

- a) Revised Plans – Application no 39/0554/07 – Mr & Mrs N Ayles – Barn to South, Old Torne, Rattery – Conversion of existing barn to a holiday home. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr S Levy with all in agreement.

- b) Application no 39/1841/07/LB – Mrs G Murray – Marley House, South Brent – Retrospective application for Listed Building Consent for internal alterations. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr B Evans with all in agreement.

#### **DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council**

- a) Listed Building Consent Granted – Application no 39/1089/07/LB – Mr & Mrs N Wordie – Brownston House, Rattery TQ10 9LQ – Internal alterations and replacement windows.

#### **Appeals**

- a) Herbert & Harper – Application for Conversion of Lodge into Residential Cottage – Marley – South Brent. Appeal Date Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007 @ Follaton House, Totnes.

#### **6) Matters Arising.**

- a) Playing Field –
  - 1) SHDC have reported to the Parish Council that the Entrance gate to the Childrens Play Area is broken and a fence post is rotten – this will be attended to.
  - 2) A letter has also been received from SHDC regards a site meeting to discuss the way forward and SHDC involvement with the Play Park with the Parish Council – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon will arrange this.
  - 3) A Draft Licence has been received from Dartington Hall Trust – this will be carried forward to the next meeting after the site meeting with SHDC after the site meeting has taken place.
  - 4) The Clerk to check out the Parish Councils insurance on the Play Park.

#### **7) Correspondence.**

- a) DCC – Claimed Byway Open to all Traffic – Willing Lane, Rattery – A letter has been received from DCC regards the opening up of Willing Lane as a possible byway for all traffic. The Parish Council to comment as before, there has never been a vehicle down this Lane and that DCC are welcome to come and walk the route with the Parish Council if they wish to see for themselves.
- b) Dartington Housing AGM – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007.
- c) SHDC – Events 2008 – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon to complete.
- d) South West Regional Assembly – Public Consultation – Pitch requirements for Gypsies and Travellers in the South West – Placed into the envelope and carried forward to the next meeting for comments.
- e) South Hams Local Development Framework – Focus Group Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007.
- f) Dartington Housing Association – Consultation – Completed and returned.
- g) Sport South Hams Awards 2007 – Placed into the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- h) SHDC – Parish Cluster Meetings Feedback – Completed and returned.
- i) DAPC AGM – Sat 29<sup>th</sup> September 2007 – Placed into 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 – Watery Lane – some cutting has been done and more to do, the surface of the Lane is quite worn as its being washed away by water. Brownston Lane – the surface has been damaged by motorbike use. Will be undertaking a chainsaw course in Autumn 2007.
- b) **Cllrs Reports** – None.

- c) Highway Maintenance – Items for the attention of DCC –
  - 1) Just past Torne on Long Lane the road is breaking up.
  - 2) Opposite the Car Park at Pennywell Farm – the drainage gully has been filled in by tractor wheels passing over it – its needs the Parish Lengthsman to dig out again.
- d) Parish Council Vacancy – Duly co-opted onto the Parish Council – Mr Antony Coker – proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr S Levy with all in agreement.
- e) New Code of Conduct – All Cllrs have now received a copy and it was duly adopted including paragraph 12(2) – proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr S Levy with all in agreement.
- f) Village Appraisal – Environment – Footpaths, Trees and Community Composting (Amanda Harvey SHDC) – These items can from the Village Appraisal and the Clerk will confirm to Amanda that the Parish Council no have an appointed P3 officer who looks after the footpaths and an appointed Tree Officer.
- g) Noticeboard at Velwell – possible replacement – A new board is needed that will not let in the weather or allow the notices to be eaten by the slugs & snails. Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon will speak to Rob Marchant about making a possible replacement for the Parish Council.
- h) Post Office (Public Consultation starts – April 2008) – For Cllrs information.
- i) Willow Park – Field Next to Village Hall – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon confirmed that the field may be sold. Mr Parrish the owner has approached Dartington Housing and a meeting is to be held on site with the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee and Dartington Housing tomorrow. The Clerk also reported that the CCD have contacted her with regards to updating the Housing Survey which was done 4 years ago. All were in agreement that this should be done.

9) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 403 - £19.96 – Castles (Ink Cartridge).

Parish Council September 2007 = £4,327.98  
P3 = £328.80

The above cheques were proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr S Levy with all in agreement.

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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