

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 13th May 2008 at Rattery Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 8.20pm – following the AGM

Present - Cllr P Smerdon (Chairman), Cllr B Evans, Cllr J Hampton, Cllr M Daymond, Cllr S Levy, Cllr Mrs B Palk (Vice-Chairman), C Cllr T Pennington.

Attended by – 1 member of the Public.

Apologies for absence – Cllr A Coker, D Cllr C Jones.

- 1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 15th April 2008.
 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Tuesday 15th April 2008.

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

- 2) **Police Report / Neighbourhood Watch** – PC Jacqui Hopper and PCSO Vicky Gummow visited the plant sale recently and spoke to Parishioners about the way Rattery was being policed and whether they were happy with it. Rattery has a reasonably low crime rate.

- 3) **Parishioners Question Time** - (15 minutes)

- a) Mrs R Coaker – The Village Hall is going ahead with the Solar Panels, but it may be a long drawn out process and Western Power have to decide how much power they will take, grants are looking good and it maybe that not too much money will have to be put to it by the Village Hall.

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

- a) D Cllr C Jones – Local Government Review in Devon – Submissions of a variety of concepts have now taken place and the Committee is now researching and evaluating these – a provisional unitary plan to be published on the 4th July 2008. Sherford - new town, outline planning has been given by SHDC - its a big area from A38 at Deeplane Ivybridge, down to Yealmpton - 5,500 new dwellings, 68thousand sq metres of retail, 3 primary schools and 1 secondary school, 2 wind turbines, park and ride interchange will be some of the facilities planned. SHDC has now taken over parking and issuing fines etc. Annual Council Meeting on Thursday - new Chairman Basil Cane - Vice-Chairman Melvyn Stone. There was a debate on the need for the Council to progress and help increase the recycling of trade waste – the Council is moving forward on this – so watch this space. Parish Cluster Meeting - 22nd May 08 - items on agenda, local government review and waste management review.
- b) C Cllr T Pennington – The Mayor of Torbay has confirmed that he is pushing for a greater Torbay Unitary proposal which would encompass the whole of South Hams and ½ of Teignbridge.

- 5) **Planning Applications & Decisions.**

Applications received from Dartmoor National Park

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

- a) Application no 0309/02 – Mr M Wright – The Garden Cottage, Marley Head – Extension to create additional bedrooms and living space, including the conversion of the existing workshop (amended plans). Cllr B Palk has declared an interest. No objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr B Evans with all in agreement.

Decisions received from Dartmoor National Park – None.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Application no 39/0492/08/F – Mrs L Corbett – Site at 2 Cherry Trees, Rattery – Construction of new studio/double garage. After a site meeting by the Parish Council – The Parish Council approve this application with the following conditions. Some excavation of the site needs to be done to set the building lower, and lower the roofline. Screening of the building by planting on the hedgerow should be done. We would like to apply the condition that the studio should not be able to be converted into a dwelling. Proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr S Levy with all in agreement.
- b) Application no 39/0827/08/F – Dr D Gay - Little Farm, Rattery – Extension and Alterations to dwelling and replacement of existing garage. Site visit required.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/0492/08/F – Mrs L Corbett – Site at 2 Cherry Trees, Rattery – Construction of new studio/double garage.

Planning Matters

- a) Marley Lodge Appeal - the appeal was upheld and SHDC have been ordered to pay costs. Ask if conditions still stand as before.
- b) Devon Violet Nursery – Agricultural Tie - Now advertised as a healing centre - agricultural tie on this property. Can service people occupy agricultural tied properties - ie: ex army & navy – the Clerk will ask SHDC.
- c) SHDC – Letter Re: Flat 2 – The Dower House – application withdrawn.
- d) Syon Abbey, Marley – Tree Works – Grant of Exemption.
- e) SHDC – Case details for Channer Head Plantation – Knackers Yard - details in envelope.

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Housing needs survey & possible housing in the Village -
 - 1) Acceptance of report – proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr B Evans that the outcome of the Housing Needs Survey report be adopted by the Parish Council with all in agreement.
 - 2) Way forward – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon reported he has arranged another meeting with Dartington tomorrow at 11.00am. Dartington Housing Association - Chief Executive - Steve Prime – ask what is happening about the site. Until the PC receives a Planning Application to consider there is no way forward at present
 - 3) Sue Hitchcock – Rural Housing Enabler - Role onwards - at present will wait and see what happens at tomorrows meeting before going forward.
- b) Willing Lane - nothing further to report at present.

7) Correspondence.

- a) Vitalise – request for funding - no sorry.
- b) DCC – Listening Event – 22nd May 08 – Ashburton Town Hall – Vice-Chairman - Cllr Mrs B Palk to attend.
- c) SHDC – Parish Cluster Meeting – 22nd May 2008 – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon to attend.
- d) Land Registry – Voluntary First Registration of Title - nothing to register.
- e) DNPA – Next Forum meeting – 23rd May 2008.
- f) SLCC – 23rd May 2008.

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

8) Main Agenda

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy reported - Brownston Lane getting overgrown and needs attention .
- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council –
 - 1) Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon - attended the planning inspectorate enquiry for Wakehams Barn at Torne, this was held at Follaton House, Totnes. John Eaton Planning Consultant spoke on their behalf and did a very good job, he had researched various other situations of isolated barns which have been developed. A verdict is expected 6 to 8 weeks time.
 - 2) C Cllr T Pennington - Travellers site at Marley Head - lots of concerns from South Brent PC - Dogs in Road, Tent in Field and hygiene issues.
- c) Highway Maintenance -
 - 1) Roads through village been surface dressed.
 - 2) Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Palk – noted pits being dug up through A38 at present.
 - 3) Hedge down by Rattery Mill needs attention.
 - 4) New Guttering at Rattery Mill sticking out.
 - 5) Potholes in Allerton Hill.
 - 6) Yelland Cross to Lower Bulkamore - potholes.
 - 7) Brownston Lane - potholes.
- d) Village Hall Solar Panels – Letter of support - the Parish Council were in agreement that his could be done when asked by the Village Hall Committee.

9) Cheques for Signature.

Cheque no 418 = £15.00 – Petty Cash for Stamps.
 Cheque no 419 = £242.75 – Community First (Annual Insurance).
 Cheque no 420 = £153.56 – SHDC (Election Expenses).
 Cheque no 421 = £19.96 – Castles (Ink Cartridge for Printer).

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

Bank Balances

Parish Council May 2008 = £6,053.15

P3 = £450.20

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 10th June 2008 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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