

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 15th April 2008 at Rattery Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 8.00pm – following the Annual Parish Meeting

Present - Cllr P Smerdon (Chairman), Cllr B Evans, Cllr A Coker, Cllr J Hampton, Cllr M Daymond, D Cllr C Jones, C Cllr T Pennington.

Attended by – 14 Members of the Public, Cllr John Tucker – Leader of SHDC, Sue Hitchcock – Rural Housing Enabler, PC Jacqui Hopper & PCSO Vicky Gummow.

Apologies for absence – Cllr S Levy, Cllr Mrs B Palk (Vice-Chairman).

1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 11th March 2008.

The minutes of the above meeting have been distributed to Cllrs and read, they were proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr A Coker 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 were in attendance - we cover a large patch and do not often attend meetings - but we are about. Monthly report - no crimes - 10 incident logs created - 7 to A38 incidents. One telephone scam reported - never give personal information on the telephone when you receive calls.

Yearly report for Rattery 9 Crimes recorded – 3 were detected (33%) – 2 others had known offenders but not detected.

3) **Parishioners Question Time** - (15 minutes) – no points raised.

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

a) D Cllr C Jones – nothing further to report as he had already done so at the Annual Parish Meeting – he did add - many thanks for Sue Hitchcock – Rural Housing Enabler for coming tonight - it shows there is a need for Local Housing and hopefully it will provide a development for local people.

b) C Cllr T Pennington – nothing further to report as he had already done so 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 Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon for perusal.

a) Application no 0247/08 – Mr M Wright – Garden Cottage, Rattery TQ10 9JX – Create additional bedroom from existing attached storage area with external balcony. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.

Decisions received from Dartmoor National Park – None.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

a) Application no PS/EG/TPO 799 – Serving of new Tree preservation Order – Channer Head Plantation, Webland Lane, South Brent – The Parish Council support this application – proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr B Evans with all in agreement.

- b) Application no 39/0585/08/LB – Mr T Paul – Court Cottage, Rattery, South Brent TQ10 9LD – Listed Building Consent for removal of asbestos slates from house and corrugated sheets from garage roof and replacement with natural slate – No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- c) Application no 39/0492/08/F – Mrs L Corbett – Site at 2 Cherry Trees, Rattery – Construction of new studio/double garage – A site meeting to be arranged.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Letter from SHDC – Application no 39/2605/07/F – Channer Head Plantation, Webland Lane, South Brent – Construction of buildings & facilities (use as a knacker yard) – the application is to be reconsidered by the Planning Committee on 16th April 2008. D Cllr C Jones reported – have read the report and last time there was some confusion at the meeting as to what had been agreed. The Planning Officer inadvertently misled members that it was a temporary 3 year permission and this was a mistake and as a result of this it has been decided that the application should go back to the committee to be invited to approve as a permanent permission. It cannot be rescinded as it has already been approved but the conditions will not include a temporary 3 year permission. Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon confirmed that the Parish Councils conditions had been re-submitted for tomorrows meeting. Mr Buckpit commented - cannot understand that this planning permission is looking to be granted close to a private water supply.
- b) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/0217/08/F – Mr & Mrs R Gibb – Plot adjacent to Springfield, Rattery – Resubmission of planning application 39/0502/07/F for erection of dwelling.
- c) Planning permission Granted – Application no 39/0235/08/F – Mr K Boorman – 2 Mill Cottages, Rattery – Replacement of brick parapet wall to roof garden with glazed screen.

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Housing needs Survey & possible housing in the Village - results of the survey have now been received – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon reported that members of the Parish Council had meeting with Dartington Trust with relation to their site - 2 sites proposed within the village which are both exception sites. Sue Hitchcock - Both sites had 9 each for support in the report so neither was favoured but SHDC will have their recommendations for their preferred site. Dartington Trust have asked for their site to be a departure site which would allow for local needs and some open market housing. D Cllr C Jones and Sue Hitchcock will speak to SHDC regards a departure site and get back to the Parish Council. Sue Hitchcock confirmed that the Parish Council need to formally except the report at the next meeting.
- b) Rattery Website - now up and running as before.
- c) Willing Lane – Nothing has been heard – C Cllr T Pennington will look into.
- d) Rattery Play Area and PC Sub-Committee – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon reported – The PC wrote to parishioners after the last meeting and 3 people have expressed an interest in coming onto the committee - try to hold a meeting prior to the AGM next meeting in May 08.

7) Correspondence.

- a) DAPC – Visit to Multi Use Community Buildings – 14th July 2008.
- b) DAPC Questionnaire – What do you think – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon to complete.

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

8) Main Agenda

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy not in attendance – no report given.
- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council.
 - 1) Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon - attended development control meeting at SHDC for Channers Head Plantation - Knackers Yard and spoke on behalf of the objectors, there was quite a debate but it was approved and they looked upon it favourably, with an overwhelming vote. The three year condition was not made clear and this is why it has to go back to the committee tomorrow for ratification. Will wait to see what happened with regards to the tree preservation order.
Mr Buckpit added - congratulate the Chairman on behalf of objectors for speaking on their behalf.
 - 2) Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon attended a meeting at Ivybridge Town Hall with a presentation by Brian Greenslade regards the Boundary Commission exercise which is currently occurring.
- c) Highway Maintenance - Works ongoing at present - DCC filling in holes and parts of Roads surfaced.
Cllr B Evans confirmed the situation regards a hedge belonging to his property in the Village – No further action to be taken.

9) Cheques for Signature.

Cheque no 413 = £15.00 - Totnes and Dartmouth Ring and Ride (PC Donation).
 Cheque no 414 = £141.00 - Audit Commission (Annual Audit).
 Cheque no 415 = £13.50 – DAPC (Annual Sub).
 Cheque no 416 = £15.00 – DPFA (Annual Sub).
 Cheque no 417 = £100.00 – Paul Guess (Rattery web-site).

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

Bank Balances

Parish Council April 2008 = £3,760.60.
 P3 = £450.20

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

- a) Devon Violet Nursery - Agricultural Tie.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.00pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING & AGM - TUESDAY 13th May 2008 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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