

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 10th June 2008 at Rattery Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 8.0pm

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

Attended by – 10 members of the Public.

Apologies for absence – None received.

- 1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 13th May 2008.
 Minutes of the AGM held Tuesday 13th May 2008.
 Minutes of the Recreation Sub-Committee – held Tuesday 13th May 2008.

The minutes of the above meetings have been distributed to Cllrs and read, they were proposed by Cllr S Levy 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 reported that 46 surveys were completed and 22 of those has no issues raised – 38 residents felt very safe and 8 fairly safe. The top issue of concern as traffic and lorries in the lanes with others that ranged from lighting, lack of transport, travellers and motorcycles in the green lanes. Report for May & June 24 incident logs – 22 relate to the A38. Keep an eye on fuel tanks as there have been some thefts and people with horses report to police any suspicious vehicles seen near fields. There have also been Tarmac men coming around asking if you want drives done.
- 3) **Parishioners Question Time** - (15 minutes) no points raised.
- 4) **District and County Councillors Reports.**
 - a) C Cllr T Pennington - plan now in for the new Primary School at Dartington – it is an ecobuilding and is an imaginative scheme, will go to SHDC for their comments and also to Dartington PC so they can have their say on the scheme. Will be started to be built this year and is a much needed building. Local government reorganisation – The Boundary Committee will put forward only one concept for public consultation on the 7th July 2008 and not sure as to which one this will be yet. Mayor of Torbay come out to say he wants an enlarged Torbay to include the whole of South Hams and Teignbridge. Rural Parishes would not want to be lumped in with Urban Parishes. Willing Lane - now had the information through on the modification order for this and will await the comments tonight further on the Agenda.
 - b) D Cllr C Jones - Boundary Committee - 7th July 08 - 2 month consultation period after this, everyone should study this as soon as possible and make their feelings known - After September 08 they will look at the responses and come up with the results close to December 08 when it will go to government to see if they like it or not. SHDC Executive meeting - community grant fund which has been going for about 4 years. Not many applications have been forthcoming because the rules have been very strict. Some changes have now been made to broaden the criteria to enable a wider range of projects to apply - a Parish Plan would be supported for instance. Willing Lane would be pleased to hear your comments and also on the issue of the Post Office closure in Rattery.

Questions raised -

Cllr B Evans - Do the Travellers Camp at Marley Head pay community charge – it was confirmed that they do not pay anything.

Bins - Wheelie Bins and lots of other rubbish left outside the Marley Head Travellers Site and it is being collected by SHDC.

D Cllr C Jones - SHDC has provided bins because else huge amounts of rubbish that will be left behind if not and in order to protect the environment and to prevent a health hazard they are collected.

Vice Chairman – Cllr Mrs B Palk – A horse has also appeared now on the site and being tethered illegally in fields.

C Cllr T Pennington - South Brent Parish Council are involved and Rick Crombie at SHDC enforcement is also involved - weekly visits are being made on site and the number of travellers there on site is now becoming unacceptable but the answer you get from the enforcement is if they are shifted on where do you move them on too.

Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon - now graffiti on the bridge over the A38 and part of fencing to A38 removed probably to be burnt which means there is open access to the A38.

D Cllr C Jones - DNPA are the authority involved.

The Parish Council will send a Letter to South Brent PC - offering support and please keep Rattery PC informed.

Vice-Chairman – Cllr Mrs B Palk - KEVICS Playing Field in Totnes - is this going to be lost to houses as pupils are concerned about losing their playing field. C Cllr T Pennington - there are some plans drawn up but they want to move all the children onto one site rather than having to cross the road. There will be land available on the other side for modern new facilities including a playing field, its the plan for housing but it has not yet been submitted.

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.

Decisions received from Dartmoor National Park –

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 0247/08 – Mr M Wright – Garden Cottage, Rattery – Create additional bedroom from existing attached storage area with external balcony.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Application no 39/0827/08/F – Dr Gay - Little Farm, Rattery – Extension and Alterations to dwelling and replacement of existing garage. After a site meeting by the Parish Council – No objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr B Evans with all in agreement.
- b) Application no 39/1023/08/F – Mrs O Seck – 4 Hood Cottages, Dartington – Variation of condition 2 of planning approval 39/1710/04/F to allow use of garden building for Bed & Breakfast accommodation and erection of garage - no problems with the garage proposed but the Parish Council has reservations that the problems with highways has not been resolved with the addition of B & B infact it would be exacerbated by this and we recommend refusal. Proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr M Daymond with all in agreement.
- c) Application no 39/0957/08/F & 39/0958/08/LB – Mr & Mrs N Wordie – Brownston House, Rattery TQ10 9LQ – Replacement of flat garage roof with slate pitched roof. No objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Cllr M Daymond and seconded by Cllr B Evans with all in agreement.
- d) Application no 39/1033/08/F – Mr A Hughes – 4 Garden Park, Rattery – Erection of shed. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Vice-Chairman – Cllr Mrs B Palk and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.

- e) Copy letter received from Mr Hughes regards the footpath closure from SHDC – this was read by the Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon – SHDC have confirmed that this is not a council matter and needs to be discussed with the neighbours who are entitled to a right of way.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) PS/CP/TPO 799 – Tree preservation order – Channer Head Plantation, Webland Lane, South Brent – Confirmed as Served.
- b) Listed Building Consent Granted – Application no 39/0585/08/LB – Mr T Paul – Court Cottage, The Court, Rattery TQ10 9LD – Removal of asbestos slates from house and corrugated sheets from garage roof and replacement with natural slate.
- c) Planning Permission Granted – Application no SLM/39/2605/07/F – Mr A Goatman – Channer Head Plantation, Webland Lane, South Brent – Knackers Yard.

Planning Matters

- a) Devon Violet Nursery – Agricultural Tie – chase Dave Kenyon – SHDC for a reply.

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Housing needs survey & possible housing in the Village - Letter from Dartington Housing Association - read by Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon. Steven Prime the Chief Executive would like to attend a PC meeting and give a presentation - they are interested in the site behind the Village Hall. The Clerk will write and invite to July 15th PC meeting.
- b) Willing Lane - The modification order has been received from DCC also people in the Village have received. Standing orders have been raised to allow Parishioners to comment - Mr Woodley - Landowner - it has never been a right of way and would have a major effect on himself and his family if it were to be opened, there was enough proof that it was never a right of way but the decision of recommendation is different. The order is asking for objections now by the 11th July 2008. The only proof they have is that sometime in the past the route appeared as an unclassified road on a map - this dates back to before the war and has never been an issue and was left shown on a map incorrectly. The Parish Council will write with objections and concerns on the impact it would have on the Village. Proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon with all in agreement.

7) Correspondence.

- a) DNPA – Visitor Whats on – Winter 2008/2009 – Given to the Village Hall Committee.
- b) Totnes and District Road Safety Committee meeting – 25th June 08 – Guildhall, Totnes – 7.00pm. Vice-Chairman – Cllr Mrs B Palk to attend if possible.
- c) DPFA – AGM – 10th July 2008 & New Nominations Form – Given to Cllr S Levy – Playing Field Chairman.
- d) DAPC – Lifelong learning conference – 15th July 2008 – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon.
- e) Team Devon – 2012 Olympics – 11th June 2008.
- f) Post Office Closure Programme - Rattery Post Office has been given notice of closure and the village is to be served by an outreach service with the village hall being the venue for this – it will be open for 2 hours week on a Tuesday morning by staff from South Brent Post Office - a full range of services will be available. The post box will need to be moved from the present post office wall and a suggestion has been made for outside the Village Hall freestanding or on the Village Hall - suggestion to ask the village and write to post watch with suggestions by the end of the month as to where the Box is to be placed.
- g) SHDC – Local Government Reorganisation - in envelope for cllrs perusal.
- h) DAPC – Planning Courses - not at present.
- i) South Devon Railway Trust – Transport and Works Act 1992 - noted for maintenance works on the Railway Line.

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

8) Main Agenda

- a) P3 Report - Levy - nothing to report at present. Inspected Play Park fence which is in good order, one bar missing from the gate and it needs 2 return springs put on - he will attend to this.
- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council.
 - 1) Village Hall Solar Cells - Plug into the Sun to come up with a price and apparently planning permission is required for the Village Hall, so this would be the next stage to apply for the maximum to put onto the roof. Western Power need to find out how much power they can take onto the grid at Rattery but this may not be as much as the Village Hall want them to take.
- c) Highway Maintenance -
 - 1) A38 holes made in the road - signposts have now been put up to indicate works to be done at Dean Prior - outside Marley Farm and was put up at 2 in the morning. Vice-Chairman – Cllr Mrs B Palk - was told it was temporary sign and works would be finished by Christmas. C Cllr T Pennington will look into this matter. Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon - the proposal is to resurface the downhill section of the A38 from dry bridge to Dean with a non-skid surface at the end of June 2008 and the slip road will be closed during this period.
 - 2) Almshouse Cross and down to Buckfastleigh - holes in road sprayed with dots but no one has been to do and they have been like this for weeks.

Best wishes to Cllr M Daymond this coming Saturday on the occasion of his wedding.

9) Cheques for Signature.

Cheque no 422 = £90.00 Rattery Village Hall (Hall Hire)

Cheque no 423 = £19.96 Castles (Ink Cartridge)

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

Bank Balances

Parish Council June 2008 = £5,131.06

Playing Field = £280.47

P3 = £450.20

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.50pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 15th July 2008 - 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 .