

**RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Wednesday 3rd September 2008 at Rattery Village Hall  
Meeting Commenced 8.00pm**

**Present** - Cllr P Smerdon (Chairman), Cllr B Evans, Cllr A Coker, Cllr J Hampton, Cllr M Daymond (from item 6), Cllr S Levy, Cllr Mrs B Palk (Vice-Chairman), D Cllr C Jones (from item 7).

**Attended by** – 2 members of the Public

**Apologies for absence** – C Cllr T Pennington.

1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 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** –

The police were not in attendance having sent their apologies – no crimes had occurred in the Parish since the last meeting – 18 incident logs recorded 14 of which related to the A38.

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

a) What happened to the Tor Homes open day which was going to happen at the garden show. Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon - Parish Councillors considered this suggestion and I have spoken to Steve Prime and suggested that he spoke to Dartington Trust - they said that they were going to contact Steve Prime and they had a meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 08 but nothing has been heard since. The Plans were not fully drawn up so they were not in a position to do anything at the Garden Show.

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

a) **C Cllr T Pennington** – not present – no report given.

b) **D Cllr C Jones** – Unitary proposals – On the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008 a draft proposal came out proposing a big unitary authority covering the whole of DCC run area apart from Plymouth and Torbay which is already unitary. The second proposal was that Exmouth and Exeter also became a unitary authority. In the last months some developments have come to light - Norfolk and Suffolk are also under review and have also got a proposal for a large unitary authority running the counties. The matter of the status quo has to be considered and if you wish for this to remain you can say so. Figures have not yet been circulated as to what it will cost. Size of the proposed authority has to be considered - community boards - no detail has been given for these. The proposals put forward from SHDC were not considered as they preferred a larger option. If you do not want this larger Devon you should go for keeping the status quo.

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 – None received**

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

- a) Application no 39/1564/08/F – Rattery Village Hall – Erection of photovoltaic panels on roof of existing community village hall. Mrs R Coaker was present and explained the details of the application, they are still awaiting confirmation from Western Power - regards the amount of voltage it will produce. No objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr A Coker with all in agreement.
- b) Application no 39/1655/08/F - Mr E J Holloway - Fir Tree Lodge, Mill Cross, Rattery - Erection of single storey extension to create an en-suite bedroom. 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) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/1325/08/CU – Mr Fussell, Budock Vean, Rattery – Change of use to include letting as well as existing studio use.
- b) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/1219/08/F – Dr D Gay, Little Farm, 1 Mill Cross Cottages – Extension and alterations to dwelling and replacement of existing garage.
- c) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/1179/08/F – Mr Sena, The Stables, Higher Velwell Barns, Dartington – Amendments to planning application 39/0544/05/F for relocation of flues, vents, skylights and glazed gable, siting and screening of oil tank, temporary access and parking positions and replacement gateway.
- d) Planning Permission & Listed Permission Granted – Application no 39/0958/08/LB & 39/0957/08/F – Mr & Mrs N Wordie – Brownston House, Rattery – Replacement of flat garage roof with slate pitched roof.

### **Planning Matters**

- a) Devon Violet Nursery – Agricultural Tie – chase SHDC for a reply – the Clerk has asked twice about a reply to this inquiry and has still not received one.

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

- a) Housing needs survey & possible housing in the Village. Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon – the two housing organisations at Dartington were going to talk to each other but as yet nothing further has been heard. A full copy of the housing needs report has now been produced by CCD and will be placed into the envelope for Cllrs perusal. The Parish Council will also look into the possibility of sports grants etc for possible purchase of the field.
- b) Willing Lane - letter received from DCC acknowledging receipt of the Parish Councils letter - this letter will be forwarded to the Secretary of State for a possible public enquiry.
- c) Local Government Boundary Committee proposals - proposed would like to keep the status quo – a letter to be sent from Rattery Parish Council

### **7) Correspondence.**

- a) CCD – Devon Rural Health Conference – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008.
- b) DNPA – Planning in Your Parish Conference – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008 – Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Palk to attend if possible.
- c) 1) Letters x 2 from South Brent PC – Travellers Site at Marley Head.  
2) E-Mail from Karen Plimmer – Travellers Site at Marley Head.

These were read by the Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon a letter to now go to SHDC and DNPA as this site is so close to the Rattery Parish Boundary we want to be kept up to date of any developments appertaining to this site and be updated on the situation.

- d) Dartington Housing – AGM – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008 – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon to attend.
- e) SHDC – The Linhay, The Plains – Planning Application Withdrawn.
- f) SHDC – 4 Garden Park – Planning Application Withdrawn.
- g) CCD – Powering Up Communities Conferences.
- h) Transition Town Totnes – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2008 – Given to Cllr A Coker.
- i) DAPC – AGM – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2008.
- j) Questionnaires from University of Plymouth – given to all Cllrs for completion and to be returned at the next PC meeting.
- k) SHDC – Public Meetings for Local Government Review - 17<sup>th</sup> September - Great Hall Dartington.
- l) E-Mail from Maria Farrow-Jones & Carol Clifton – A385 Speed Limit and Signage – the Clerk will speak to D Cllr T Pennington about DCC and will speak to Police about coming to the next PC meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 08 to discuss matters further.
- m) SHDC – Affordable Housing Surgeries – 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October 08 at Follaton House, Totnes.
- n) Samaritans – Request for Funding - £20 Proposed by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Palk and seconded by Cllr B Evans – Cllr JHampton in agreement for a one off payment for this year – a vote was taken resulting in 6 for and 1 abstention.
- o) SHDC – Tree Planting for Winter – Schemes across the South Hams for the Winter.
- p) CCD – Community Planning - Get information pack - producing the Parish Plan.
- q) SHDC – Local Development Framework – Planning Obligations SPD – Comments by 10<sup>th</sup> October 2008.
- r) Lifelong learning network - 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008.
- s) Totnes Police - South Hams and West Devon Policing.
- t) Devon and Cornwall Police - recording Keyholder details – Given to Cllr B Evans for the Village Hall.

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

**8) Main Agenda**

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy - nothing to report.
- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council –
  - 1) Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon and Cllr J Hampton attended a planning meeting at 4 Garden Park this application has currently been withdrawn.
- c) Highway Maintenance – nothing to report.
- d) Website - c/forward to the next meeting.

**9) Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 428 = £19.96 – Castles (Ink Cartridge).

Cheque no 429 = £3.00 – Dartington (Field Licence).

Cheque no 430 = £50.00 – Rattery PCC (Annual Grant for Church Grounds Upkeep).

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

**Bank Balances**

Parish Council September 2008 = £4,730.85

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 10.20pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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