

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 14th April 2009 at Rattery Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 7.30pm

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

Attended by – 2 Members of the Public

Apologies for absence – none received.

- 1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 10th March 2009.

The minutes of the above meeting has 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 had sent a written report as follows – one crime and 10 incident logs in the last month – 8 relating to the A38 – Crime – garden shed forced open and power tools taken. Police Surgery at the Village Hall going well. Fuel thefts are ongoing and a yellow truck has been reported in the Diptford area acting suspiciously.
- 3) **Parishioners Question Time** - (15 minutes) – no points raised.
- 4) **District and County Councillors Reports.**
- a) **C Cllr T Pennington** – nothing further to report as reported earlier at Annual Parish Meeting.
- b) **D Cllr C Jones** – nothing further to report as reported earlier at Annual Parish Meeting.

5) Planning Applications & Decisions.

Applications received from Dartmoor National Park - None.

Decisions received from Dartmoor National Park – None.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Application no 39/0501/09/F – Mr & Mrs Bastone – The Linhay, The Plains, Rattery TQ10 9LF – Amendments to planning ref 39/1289/08/F for conversion of barn to dwelling. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr S Levy with all in agreement.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Application no 39/0040/09/F – Planning Permission Granted - Mr D Goode – Culvers, Culver Lane – Retrospective application for garage and workshop.

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Willing Lane – Comments to Planning Inspectorate by 20th May 2009 – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon confirmed - will send a letter to the Planning Inspectorate before the next PC meeting.
- b) A385 Speed Limit and Signage - carried forward to next meeting as DCC confirmed that they would attend to the Signage.
- c) Sustainable South Brent – Chairman - Cllr P Smerdon reported - spoken to them - they would like to put up a community wind turbine at Marley Thatch Farm where there are some telecommunication masts already. They are currently looking into what they can have and

consulted with SHDC but SHDC have confirmed that various surveys would need to be done before going further, this would include a Bat survey. The centre of the blades would be as high as the transmitter masts that are already there. If it were to be approved it would have a visual impact on Rattery but there are already National Grid Pylons there also. Its a fair way off the Planning Application stage yet and neighbours it may affect will be spoken to, have asked them to keep the Parish Council informed of further developments.

7) Correspondence.

- a) SHDC – Affordable Housing Surgery – 16th April 2009 - Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon to attend if possible.
- b) CCD – Parish Plan Surgery – 24th April 2009.
- c) DNPA – Local Development Framework – Comments by 15th May 2009 – given to Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Palk for perusal.
- d) SHDC – Parish Cluster Meeting – 20th April 2009.
- e) South Hams Tree Wardens Steering Group - Tree planting 2009 carried forward to next meeting – can Cllrs think of anywhere that trees could be planted.
- f) Letter from S Isherwood – Development at Velwell and recently made gateway opening onto road – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon commented - SHDC have confirmed that you can make an opening onto an unclassified road, they have been informed of the situation. This letter has been circulated to Cllrs to make them aware of the situation.
- g) E-Mail from Pas Sena – Velwell Hedges – The Parish Council will confirm in writing - You have responsibility for your hedge only, adjoining landowners have responsibility of their own hedges - if landowners do not cut their hedges then DCC will cut and charge them accordingly - suggest you contact DCC Highways who will also have responsibility for the lane.
- h) SLCC – South West Conference – 13th May 2009 - into envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- i) Boundary Committee – Further Draft Proposals – Comments by 14th May 2009 – The Parish Councils opinion has not changed on this matter.
- j) SHDC – Charity Golf – 1st May 09.
- k) CCD - Financing and Growth Seminar – 13th May 09 – into envelope for Cllrs perusal.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder for circulation.

8) Main Agenda

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy - Hedgecutter needs a repair – this will be attended to.
- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council.
 - 1) Cllr J Hampton and Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk went to meeting regards the Travellers site and DNPA Planning Application at Marley Head.
- c) Highway Maintenance.
 - 1) E-Mail from May Gurney – Road Closure – Culver Lane from junction of the A385 to Culver Park to the junction of Crabbers Cross to Mill Cross from 29th June to 3rd July 2009.
 - 2) Allerton Hill - Potholes.
 - 3) Bungalow at Alms House Cross - Bank falling into road.
- d) Childrens Play Area Repairs – this was covered in Annual Parish Meeting.

9) Cheques for Signature.

Cheque no 439 - £15.00 – South Hams CAB (PC Donation).
 Cheque no 440 - £15.00 – Totnes & Dartmouth Ring & Ride (PC Donation).
 Cheque no 441 - £75.00 – Paul Guess (Internet hosting services).
 Cheque no 442 - £15.00 – Devon Playing Fields Association (Annual Sub).

Bank Balances

Parish Council April 2009 = £4,820.24

Playing Field = £280.47

P3 = £299.63

Proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr M Daymond 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 9.45pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 12th May 2009 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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