

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 3rd February 2009 at Rattery Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 7.30pm**

Present - Cllr P Smerdon (Chairman), Cllr B Evans, Cllr Mrs B Palk (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M Daymond, Cllr A Coker, Cllr S Levy.

Attended by – Sergeant – Andy Woodward & WPC Jacqui Hopper.

Apologies for absence – D Cllr C Jones, C Cllr T Pennington, Cllr J Hampton.

1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 6th January 2009.

The minutes of the above meeting has been distributed to Cllrs and read, they were proposed by Cllr S Levy and seconded by Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon.

2) Police Report / Neighbourhood Watch – Sergeant - Andy Woodward - Duty sergeant for the area - if anything suspicious is noted in the Parish, vehicles or persons which are in the area at that time a 999 call is needed to get an immediate response. Rattery is a relatively safe area to live in crime is low. Policing pledge/charter now in action and a copy of this will be circulated shortly. Last months report – 12 incident logs 8 of which A38 related, also reported was the accident which was recorded on the A385 involving a motorcycle and a van – the Parish Council had asked if this report could be found and it was confirmed that it had been recorded as DCC had no knowledge of it.

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

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

a) **C Cllr T Pennington** – not in attendance but had confirmed that the Village Hall bid for Solar Panels grant will come to DCC committee on the 14th Feb 09, he will be present to support this.

b) **D Cllr C Jones** – short e-mail report submitted – **Budget 2009/10 (to be approved at Council Mtg on 5 Feb)**

1. SHDC part of Council Tax is set to be frozen at current 08/09 level. This is being achieved by a combination of savings/efficiencies in services, plus a reduction in contributions to various reserves (this latter is likely not to be repeatable in future years - unless of course local government in Devon is reorganised - then who knows what will happen !)

2. Car parking charges also set to be frozen at current levels.

Local Government Re-organisation - We still await (promised by 13 Feb) the outcome of the Boundary Committee's final recommendation - which government then will have to deliberate on. I have heard no rumours, hints or whispers ! The upcoming SHDC parish cluster meetings (eg Totnes on 26 Feb) should be useful forums to discuss the Boundary Committee recommendation and 'next steps'.

Travellers - The issue of the travellers at Marley Head is on the agenda for the DNPA Development Control Committee this Friday, recommending enforcement action. I'm pleased that - after a full two years of waiting - this is finally getting sorted !

5) Planning Applications & Decisions.

Applications received from Dartmoor National Park - None.

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APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Application no 39/0040/09/F – Mr D Goode – Culvers, Rattery – Retrospective application for garage and workshop - The present structure should stay as is and remain ancillary to the main property, no skylights should be placed into the roof to prevent loss of amenity for the neighbouring property on the South side, personal usage only no outside business to take place - Proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr S Levy with all in agreement.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/2064/08/F – Mr & Mrs Daymond – Allercombe Farm – Conversion of granary building to ancillary/holiday accommodation.
- b) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/2222/08/F – Mrs L Corbett – 2 Cherry Trees – Amendments to planning permission 39/0492/08/F for new studio/garage to replace existing.
- c) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/2257/08/F – Mrs P King – Culverwood – Construction of ménage, stables and associated works.

PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Letter from Mr & Mrs G Cleave – Travellers Site at Marley Head - The Travellers have now applied for a change of use on the site which is partly owned by Mr & Mrs G Cleave. Chairman – Cllr D Smerdon confirmed that he had spoken to the DNPA who are going to validate the application. Ask C Cllr T Pennington to keep the Parish Council up to date with what happens on Friday at DNPA development control meeting when enforcement is to be discussed.

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Possible Affordable Housing in the Village – Dartington Housing Association Limited have changed their name to South Devon Rural Housing Association Limited – The Field next door to the Hall to be rented for a week in August 09 for camping by users of the Village Hall.
- b) Willing Lane - possibly late summer for a public inquiry to be held.
- c) A385 Speed Limit and Signage - now chase up John Halliday at DCC as nothing further has been heard.
- d) Parish Meeting Speaker for April 2009 - Try Lady Frere – South Devon Magistrates.
- e) BT regards the internet letter - no reply – the Clerk to chase this.

7) Correspondence.

- a) Totnes Town Council – Civic Service – 8th Feb 09.
- b) DCC – Commons Act 06 - NFA
- c) SHDC – Cluster Meetings – 26th Feb 09 – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon.
- d) DAPC – Royal Garden Party – 7th July 09 – Cllr B Evans.
- e) CCD – Community Buildings Training Programme – Spring 09 – Given to the Village Hall Committee.
- f) Sustainable South Hams Forum Event – 23rd Feb 09 – Cllr A Coker.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder for circulation.

8) Main Agenda

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy - booked onto a Chain Saw course for 2 days at a cost of £195.00 giving a 5 year licence.
- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council – nothing to report.

- c) Highway Maintenance.
- 1) Fence and Trees at Lower Knowle still not been attended to.
 - 2) Drain at The Plains blocked.
 - 3) Park Water Hill - still a hole and bollards around it – when is this going to be done.

9) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 433 = £2,262.00 Sharon Raggett (Wages 08/09).
Cheque no 434 = £80.50 Audit Commission (Annual Audit Fee).
Cheque no 435 = £28.07 Steve Levy (P3 Expenses).

Proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr M Daymond with all in agreement.

Bank Balances

Parish Council February 2009 = £4,274.37
Playing Field = £280.47
P3 = £422.13

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 10th March 2009 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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