

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 12th May 2009 at Rattery Village Hall
Meeting Commenced after AGM at 8.08pm

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

Attended by – 2 Members of the Public

Apologies for absence – Cllr A Coker

- 1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 14th April 2009
 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Tuesday 14th April 2009.

The minutes of the above meeting has been distributed to Cllrs and read, they were proposed by Cllr J Hampton 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 – PC Jacqui Hopper had sent a written report as follows – no crimes recorded – 5 incident logs relating to the A38. Police surgery at the Village Hall is going well. Lots of burglaries at the moment so keep homes secure if you are working in your gardens and report suspicious vehicles or incidents.
- 3) **Parishioners Question Time** - (15 minutes) –
 - a) Can Steve Levy trim the nettles at the back of the green.
 - b) Noticeboard at Velwell needs attention – to go onto the next PC Agenda.

4) District and County Councillors Reports.

a) C Cllr T Pennington – Agrees with Cllr Jones that the Boundary Committee proposals are not supported at all with any of his Councils that he visits. DCC money matters booklet has been provided will go to Parish Councils and into libraries - giving help and advice on benefits, and for businesses etc. Willing Lane - made a submission to the Planning Inspectorate and will give evidence in support of Mr Woodley and the Parish Council, do not think DCC have carried out the correct procedures - they never came to look at the lane and no risk assessment was carried out. Evidence is very ambivalent. Last meeting before June 4th elections - have supported you the best I could with highways and other matters. Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon - on behalf of the PC many thanks for all your work, we value your help and experience.

b) D Cllr C Jones – Boundary Committee further draft proposals comments deadline 14th May 09 - still time left but not much, after this there will be a 2 month period of decision on the final report in July and then a 4 week period to make representations to the secretary of state and then she needs to make up her mind on the proposals. The SHDC executive in April made a management decision to make a single management team with SHDC and West Devon which is a further step to streamlining and improving efficiency. 1st May SHDC published its local development framework sites allocations documents - Rattery is not amongst the villages where development is proposed to be allocated, most villages suggested have a primary school and or other facilities Post Office etc, most are small developments of 10, 20 or 30 homes being proposed.

Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon what can SHDC do if anything about willing lane? - Cllr C Jones - they do not have any jurisdiction on this because its a County Council right of way, but will try to find out if SHDC have been consulted formally.

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 39/0721/09/F – Mr L Bass – Ashbourne Farm, Rattery TQ10 9JZ – Extension to dwelling and retention of existing temporary dwelling as permanent agricultural dwelling – Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk and Cllr M Daymond declared an interest and left the room. The applicant was present and outlined the planning proposal for the Parish Council. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr J Hampton all in agreement.
- b) Application no 39/0681/09/F – Mrs R Coaker – Brownston, Rattery TQ10 9LQ – Householder application for installation of photo voltaic tiles - No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr J Hampton all in agreement.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/0221/09/F – Mr D Smith – Edeswell Farm, Rattery TQ10 9LN – Variation of condition to vary existing consented park layout by relocation of holiday units into a new low density informal layout, with comprehensive landscaping and environmental improvements and provision for wardens accommodation.

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Willing Lane – Comments to Planning Inspectorate by 20th May 2009 – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon - statement of case received from DCC and have been looking at this since the last meeting - by 20th May 09 the Parish Councils statement of case has to be submitted. Mr & Mrs Woodleys have appointed an agent to help them with their case - he has visited the site and walked the lane and is preparing evidence for the inspector.
- b) A385 Speed Limit and Signage - chase DCC – John Halliday.
- c) Play Park Funding and Maintenance - SHDC confirmed not eligible for funding, probation service been in contact regards works – Cllr S Levy will contact regards a working party to do some painting of the equipment.
- d) Annual Report – now ready for sending out – piece to be put in about Willing Lane.
- e) Parish Plan – this at present to be put on hold whilst subject of Willing Lane is dealt with.
- f) Marley Head travellers - DNPA – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon will speak to case officer to see what is happening to this application.

7) Correspondence.

- a) South Hams Tree Wardens Steering Group – Tree Planting 2009 - to go to Terry Underhill Parish Tree Warden.
- b) Childrens and Young Peoples Services – School Admissions 2010-2011 - into envelope for Cllrs perusal - website address for viewing.
- c) SHDC – Local Development Framework – Site Allocations - into envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- d) Press release from Dartington and Totnes Councils regards Local Dev Framework – into envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- e) DNPA – Forum Meeting – 22nd May 2009.
- f) SHDC – Service review questionnaire – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon to complete.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder for circulation.

8) Main Agenda

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy – hedgecutter machine been repaired now with a bill given to the Clerk for payment.
- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council – no reports given.
- c) Highway Maintenance.
 - a) DCC Thanks for doing Allerton Hill.
 - b) Letter from DCC Highways - maintenance monies allocation.

9) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 443 - £251.58 Community First – Annual Insurance.

Bank Balances

Parish Council May 2009 = £6,783.48

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 9.34pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 9th June 2009 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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