

**RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 at Rattery Village Hall**  
**Meeting Commenced at 8.00pm**

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

**Attended by** – no public present.

**Apologies for absence** –

- 1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 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 – no report received from the police – Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs P Palk reported that a crime had occurred at Marley Head when scrap, gates & batteries etc had been stolen from a shed.
- 3) **Parishioners Question Time** - (15 minutes) – no points raised.

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

a) C Cllr T Pennington - quiet at DCC because of August, but South Brent are trying to get the railway station open again and he is lending his support to this, network rail are asking for comments as they are trying to revitalise the railway network in this part of the country. Spoken to DCC and asked for it to be put on the HATOC Committee meeting as an agenda item on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 09. It conforms with Devons green policy for commuters to Plymouth to use it. Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon - the Parish Council would certainly lend their support to this. Many thanks on behalf of the PC and the Parish for your work at the Planning Enquiry into Willing Lane - we are most grateful.

b) D Cllr C Jones - local council review - nothing is happening at present. Play areas - SHDC will be sending a letter to all PC`s which have SHDC owned play areas - from next year the maintenance insurance and safety inspection could be handed over to be done by the Parish Council. Marley Head Travellers - suspect that it will go to appeal now it has been refused, enforcement action - this may well be put on hold until after any appeal.

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 39/1216/09/F – Mr & Mrs Daymond – Allercombe Farm, Rattery - Resubmission of 2064/08 for conversion of granary building to ancillary/holiday accommodation. No objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- b) Application no 39/1234/09/F – Mr & Mrs I Griffiths – Bulkamore Farm, Rattery TQ10 9LQ – Retrospective application for erection to summerhouse. No objections but would like to see conditions that make the summerhouse remain ancillary to the main house and stays as it currently is with no further development - proposed by Vice-Chair – Cllr B Palk and seconded by Cllr S Levy with all in agreement.

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

- a) Listed Building Consent Granted – Application no 39/1074/09/LB – Mr T Walker – West Bulkamore, Rattery – Replacement 1<sup>st</sup> floor windows and provision of additional downpipe from gutter.
- b) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/1131/09/F – Mr J Munroe – Tinca, Mill Cross, Rattery – New Garage amendments to previously approved 39/1682/08.
- c) Letter from SHDC - Access Track – Luscombe Wood – Creation with approval needed – Mr White.
- d) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/1805/08/F & 39/1806/08/LB – Ayles – Old Torne, Rattery – Resubmission of application for conversion of barn into holiday home.

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

- a) Willing Lane – report on Inquiry – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon - the inquiry took place in the village hall and took 2 days, 40 to 50 people on the first day, a lot of concerned parishioners. Mr & Mrs Woodley were well represented by a barrister and land agent, DCC had a solicitor and Helen Buckingham, the inspector came from Yorkshire and was very thorough and gave everyone a chance to speak. The trail riders were represented and C Cllr T Pennington spoke on the Parishes behalf, ended at 5.30pm and convened the next day again at 9.30am - John Brayshaw spoke on the second day, and then witness statements from people who had lived in the village all their life - who confirmed it was always regarded as a private lane. Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon spoke on behalf of the PC and the Parish, then the inspector again walked the lane with any interested parties. Most of the pressure to open it was from outside the Village. It now awaits a decision by the inspector.
- b) A385 Speed Limit and Signage - the lines have been redone and cats eyes but nothing further.
- c) Noticeboard at Velwell - now been done, a thank you letter has been sent, and Shelia Isherwood forwarded comments of how very pleased she was with the new board.
- d) Travellers Site at Marley Head – report on DNPA meeting - the application has been refused, but nothing further has been reported, enforcement notices should now be issued, C Cllr T Pennington confirmed that he will speak to Roger Gash to see what is going to happen - DNPA may have to issue and enforcement.
- e) Beating the Bounds 2010 – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010 (carried forward to January 2010) - Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon confirmed he had spoken to one or two landowners who are in agreement and will speak to others.
- f) District Cllrs Locality Fund – D Cllr C Jones - ask for forms to be completed towards Parish Plan startup.
- g) Cummings Pond Lane – Works to Hollywood - Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon will speak to Dave Kenyon SHDC - as a lot going there at the moment.

### **7) Correspondence.**

- a) DAPC – AGM – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2009 – Vice – Chair Cllr Mrs B Palk and Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon to attend.
- b) Parish Plan Surgery – 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 09 – South Brent – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon and Vice-Chair Cllr B Palk to attend.
- c) Totnes Town Council – Civic Service – 20<sup>th</sup> Sep 09 – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon to attend.
- d) DCC – 20mph Zones - in envelope for PC perusal.
- e) Letter from Dartington Parish Council – A385 Speed - adding support to the speed limit on the A385.

**Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder for circulation.**

**8) Main Agenda.**

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy attended P3 meeting at the Village Hall - money being cut back next year - using e-mail to send out info. Brownston Lane - probation service doing and also Watery Lane will do when the weather is right.
- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council – no reports given.
- c) Highway Maintenance - Dry Bridge signs - new road layout ahead - do these signs get removed? Would be better to have speed sign there instead if the post were to be used. C Cllr T Pennington confirmed that although the works had been done there is a certain amount of stipulated time that these signs must stay in situ – he will check this out.
- d) Web site - Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon will speak to Trevor Paul regards this who is quite happy to keep updating it.

**9) Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 453 - £500 – Village Hall (PC Donation towards Solar Panels).

Cheque no 454 - £20.00 – Petty Cash for Stamps.

**Bank Balances**

Parish Council September 2009 = £5,657.29

Playing Field = £151.87

P3 = £252.45

Proposed by Cllr J Hampton 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 9.15pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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