

**RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 at Rattery Village Hall**  
**Meeting Commenced at 8.00pm**

**Present** - Cllr P Smerdon (Chairman), Cllr Mrs B Palk (Vice-Chair), Cllr J Hampton, Cllr M Daymond (from item 5c), Cllr S Levy, Cllr B Evans, Cllr A Coker, C Cllr T Pennington, D Cllr C Jones

**Attended by** – 3 members of the Public

**Apologies for absence** – none received.

1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010

The minutes of the above meeting has 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 – e-mail report received from South Brent Police - 14 incident logs - 3 crimes - 2 burglaries and theft of hay bales also sheep being attacked at Marley Head.

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

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

a) D Cllr C Jones - Local Government Review - awaiting a decision from the Government now - Boundary Committee put forward idea of whole unitary Devon, 6 week consultation period has now finished. SHDC Budget - meeting on Thursday to decide - 800,000 of savings have been identified mostly due to shared services - proposal 2.95% increase - Band D £140 per year going to District Council. Local Services - Play Areas still trying to make sure the rural areas do not get a bad deal on this. District Council - did they perform well in the bad weather - ? Refuse was particularly affected and stopped but once the snow and ice had cleared they were cleared quickly - about 2 weeks behind schedule. Roads - low priority and the gritter did not come but grit bins were filled very promptly when requested by the Parish Council.

b) C Cllr T Pennington - DCC is opposed to the Unitary suggestions and have sent a letter to this effect - if it were to be decided then they would try for a judicial review - if it were to be accepted a change of government to conservative would mean it would not be implemented. Allowances DCC Cllrs frozen for this year. Budget to be finalised on the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month, economies will need to be made, some posts not being replaced when members leave and certain departments are being amalgamated - the hope is to get it below 3% and around the level of inflation. Highways - gritting - the policy is to grit the A roads first and then other side roads afterwards. Grit bins were refilled promptly - further grit bins can be provided if locations can be given. Marley Head - the application for the Gypsy and Travellers site has been refused and now enforcement action will be taken against the 4 landowners. Potholes - very aware there are lots at present - steps are being made to fill them.

**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 39/45/0015/10/F – Dr E Chapman – Marley Thatch Farm – Installation of a single 225W wind turbine. The landowner and representative from sustainable South Brent were present and outlined the proposals for the scheme. No objections - proposed Cllr B Evans and seconded Cllr S Levy – vote taken 5 for and 2 abstentions.

- b) Application no 39/2310/09/F – Mr R Haige – Bozdown, Culver Lane – Alterations to existing storey mono pitch roof to rear of property and new glazed entrance. No objections from the Parish Council - proposed Cllr J Hampton & seconded Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk with all in agreement.

#### **Applications received from Devon County Council**

- a) Provision of Agricultural Building for Agricultural Waste Recycling together with yard for parking/turning and improvement of track for access with visibility improvements – Channer Wood Plantation, Marley Head, South Brent. Interest has been declared by – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon, Vice-Chair – Cllr B Palk, Cllr A Coker, Cllr M Daymond they all left the room. Chair was taken by Cllr B Evans and no objections - proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.

#### **Decisions Received from South Hams District Council**

- a) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/2087/09/F – Mr R White – Hatchland Bridge Cottage – Ground mounted solar panels 1.16kw, 12sq metre area, in garden of dwelling.
- b) Tree Preservation Order – Grant of Consent for Works – Syon Abbey, Marley Head.
- c) Certificate of Lawful use or Development – 2 Bulkamore Farm Cottages – Mrs M Bishop.
- d) Certificate of Lawful use or Development – Culver Park Nurseries – Mr & Mrs M Ryan.

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

- a) Travellers Site at Marley Head - see C Cllr T Pennington report above - enforcement action now to be taken.
- b) Beating the Bounds 2010 – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010 - now date confirmed.
- c) SHDC – Play Area Insurance - SHDC have confirmed that they insure the equipment and the surface the Parish Council have public liability for the surrounding area.

#### **7) Correspondence.**

- a) South Hams CAB – Request for Donation - £20 – proposed by Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk & seconded by Cllr M Daymond with all in agreement.
- b) Totnes & Dartmouth Ring and Ride – Request for Donation - £20 – proposed by Cllr B Evans & seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- c) DAPC – Royal Garden Party – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010 - Brian & Gill Evans.
- d) Mobile Library Service Survey - Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon confirmed that he had completed on line.
- e) DNPA – Annual Conference – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010 - Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon to attend.
- f) DNPA - 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2010 - Landscape Character Assessment for National Park.

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

#### **8) Main Agenda.**

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy - survey and budget done and returned to DCC. Small Lane some trimming been done, trees at Venton, looking for some volunteers to help clear the wood, Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon and Cllr M Daymond confirmed they are to assist in this job.

- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council.
- 1) Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon - DAPC at Follaton House meeting attended - pilot project with Stokenham and other coastal parishes has been carried out where they are taking on SHDC duties - ie - toilet cleaning, road sweeping, grass cutting, buddle hole clearance, bin emptying etc. Seemed that the project worked very well but needed some good co-ordination.
  - 2) Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon - also attended the SHDC budget consultation meeting.
- c) Highway Maintenance.
- 1) Potholes all over the Parish, Allerton Hill, Totnes to Avonwick Road - large pothole by Annings Farm entrance, Browston Lane & Dean Lane end.
  - 2) Drainage at Drybridge has been improved.
  - 3) Long Lane - rotten tree on left hand side in Dartington Parish but is pretty bad and needs attention - Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon will look into.
  - 4) Large puddle outside Valerie Wakehams being attended to at present.
  - 5) Bank at Bungalow - Dunollie – letter to go to the occupier regards this.
- d) Parish Meeting Speaker – April 2010 - c/f next meeting - Cllrs put forward any ideas they may have.
- e) Annual Report 2010 - c/f next meeting – Cllrs put forward any additions they may have for this.

9) **Cheques for Signature.**

**Bank Balances**

Bank Account February 2010 = £5,881.16

P3 February 2010 = £125.97

Playing Field = £151.87

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 9.40pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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