

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 13th July 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 A Coker, Cllr B Evans, Cllr M Daymond, Cllr S Levy, D Cllr C Jones, C Cllr T Pennington

Attended by – 3 Members of the Public.

Apologies for absence – none received

1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 8th June 2010.

The minutes of the above meeting has been distributed to Cllrs and read, they were proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon.

2) Police Report / Neighbourhood Watch – e-mail report received – no crimes recorded for June 2010 – 14 incident logs 7 regards the A38.

3) **Parishioners Question Time** - (15 minutes) –

a) Parish Magazine deadline this week if anyone has anything to add.

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

a) C Cllr T Pennington – reported as follows - DCC finances will be affected as there will be no increase in main government revenue support grant, DCC are looking at amalgamating departments. Channers Wood application for Plastics Recycling was refused at Committee and a report was given. DCC have made a response to the severe winter conditions we experienced by making some recommendations and suggestions which are of interest to the Parish Council include -

1) Parish & Town Councils to be invited to be formally involved in a review of the Parish Road Maps including the classification of roads.

2) The current policy to not treat footways and pavements, including cycle ways, other than a reactive response is reviewed to include the provision of self help as part of the Winter Maintenance Plan.

3) That there is a formalized process with the District Councils so that employees (Street Scene) are trained to allow them to be redirected and employed to clear snow off footways and urban areas when they are unable to fulfill their normal duties due to adverse weather.

4) That the Highways Agency should in line with DCC best practice use the last up to date climate change predictions to inform their specifications and prioritise adaptation measures.

5) That DCC will in line with Cornwall Council and Dorset CC meet with the NFU to explore how the farming community can help with winter maintenance and address the insurance, equipment and storage issues.

6) The following the considerable demand for additional grit bins there is a complete audit of salt and grit bins in the authority including clarification of ownership, numbers and exact location to provide the most comprehensive service.

7) There there must be a review of the current SWH contract for filling bins to ensure that they are correctly located regularly filled and that the contract offers good value for money.

8) That Parish & Town Councils should be invited to formally be involved in the audit in their area with clear lines of communication to report back to their County Councillor who should report to HATOC.

9) That there must be a clear communication message to tackle the problem of the illegal misuse of grit bins including a message on the bins to inform the public what they are for, how to use them, how to get them refilled and how to report misuse.

10) That in line with DCC Green travel and sustainable transport policies to ensure essential routes are treated the current policy for treating bus routes should be expanded.

- 11) That DCC should continue its good practice to treat the supply of salt as a complete service rather than a simple commodity purchase.
- 12) That DCC will seek to establish a partnership arrangement with District authorities to review their salt arrangements and joint working particularly to consider the treatment of District Car Parks.
- 13) That the Winter Maintenance Plan will go further to include a formal process for self help which should involve the District Town and Parish Councils.
- 14) That within the emergency planning road shows and emergency planning guidance information is available to Town & Parish Councils which includes emergency winter maintenance in their emergency plans as part of the risk assessment process.
- 15) That Town & Parish Councils have an agreed coordinated response to extreme winter weather as part of their emergency plan.
- 16) That DCC will centrally procure salt for the Town & Parish Councils and that the Town & Parish Councils will identify strategic positions for storage in line with EA regulations will coordinate distribution when and where required.
- 17) That DCC will actively engage with Town & Parish Councils to assess their willingness and capability for a wider roll out of the formal self help process to ensure there will be no disparity in the service received.

b) D Cllr C Jones - reported as follows – SHDC - finances - council tax will be frozen next year which will make it harder to balance the books, more cuts will be necessary next year but not sure how much until more until info comes through from main government - cuts could be up to 40%. Keen to ensure that despite the need to cut expenditure everyone is treated fairly. Looking for assurances that the District will not dump on Parish Councils other expenditures which in the past have been paid by them, in the towns most things will be kept running as they are owned by the District Council. £1,000 grant to be shared between Parishes if there is anything that Rattery requires please let him know. Free swimming has been withdrawn because it was funded by Main Government and they have withdrawn the money.

5) Planning Applications & Decisions.

Applications received from Dartmoor National Park - None.

Decisions received from Dartmoor National Park

- a) CRW/CF/ENF/0019/07 – Enforcement Notice regarding unauthorised use of land as residential site for gypsies and travellers – Marley Head, South Brent.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council

- a) Revised Drawing for Information Only – 39/1182/10 – Mr & Mrs Munroe – Tinca, Rattery TQ10 9LA.
- b) 39/1419/10/TW – Syon Abbey, South Brent – Work to Tree Preservation Order Trees. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr J Hampton – seconded by Vice-Chair – Mrs B Palk with all in agreement.
- c) Application no 39/1498/10/F – Mr & Mrs M Syms - Park Hill, Mill Cross - No objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.

Decisions Received from South Hams District Council

- a) Listed Building Consent Granted – Application no 39/0497/10/LB – Mr & Mrs Hill – Higher Velwell Farm, Dartington – Listed Building Consent for replacement of sloping roof with slates to a lead roof covering.
- b) Non Material Amendment Granted – Application no 39/1147/10/MIN – Mr R Haigh – Bozdown, Culver Lane – repositioning of wall and window – householder application 39/2310/09/F.

Decisions Received from Devon County Council

- a) Refusal of Planning Permission – Greenaway Recycling Limited – Channer Wood Plantation, Marley Head, South Brent TQ10 9LW – Agricultural Building for waste recycling with yard for parking/turning and improvement of track for access with visibility improvements.

6) Matters Arising.

- a) Parish On-Line Service - the Clerk reported that she had looked into this and confirmed that SHDC already pay for this facility and should allow the Parish Councils to use it at any time a plan needs to be obtained – no further action on this matter at present.

7) Correspondence.

- a) PC Visit by Cllr John Baverstock – Chairman SHDC – 23rd November 2010.
- b) TDC Core Strategy Consultation & Affordable Housing Consultation - into the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- c) South Hams CVS Survey – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon to complete.
- d) DNPA – Whats on Guide Winter 2010/2011.
- e) DALC – Empowering Communities Conferences - into envelope for Cllrs perusal.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder for circulation.

8) Main Agenda.

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy - Brownston Lane becoming overgrown and needs attention again, it will be attended to in the Autumn.
- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council – no reports given.
- c) Highway Maintenance.
 - 1) Census carried out on Dry bridge - what was the point of this.
- d) Play Area.
 - 1) See Saw repairs - has now been fenced off by SHDC - Playline design to be asked about parts.
 - 2) Litter signs – Cllr S Levy to purchase from A-Signs at Newton Abbot.

9) Cheques for Signature.

Cheque no 477 = £94.00 – Langford Sykes Ltd (Internal Audit).

Bank Account July 2010 = £5,955.89

P3 2010 = £275.79

Playing Field = £151.87

Parish Plan = £150.00

Proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr B Evans 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 9.05pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 7th September 2010 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL. ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAS SPECIAL NEEDS AND REQUIRES A COPY OF THESE MINUTES SENT TO THEM – PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK – 01364 644109 – They can also be found on the Parish Web-site www.ratteryvillage.co.uk .