

**RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 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.

**Attended by** – 4 Members of the Public.

**Apologies for absence** – Cllr S Levy, D Cllr C Jones, C Cllr T Pennington

- 1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010.  
Minutes of the AGM held Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 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 May 2010 – 6 incident logs with 5 relating to the A38.
- 3) **Parishioners Question Time** - (15 minutes) – no points raised.

a) Were there any reasons given why the Greenaway Recycling application at Marley Head was turned down – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon - it was a close vote but South Brent Parish Council had objected to it. Will write a letter to South Brent PC to ask why this has happened when Rattery PC had no objections and it was within Rattery Parish Boundaries.

b) Mr Syms - Parklands - will be putting in an application shortly to SHDC to put a new dwelling on this site in replacement of the old property - the only problem that has occurred with SHDC is the pitch of the roof which they are asking to be reduced - however the pitch that they wish to have is needed because of the photovoltaic cells which they want to have on the roof. The windows will be changed from upvc to wood but will now put the application in.

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

a) C Cllr T Pennington – not in attendance no report given.

b) D Cllr C Jones - written report as follows –

1. New government, new situation, new policies and priorities !

a) the decision (by the last government) to create an Exeter Unitary Authority has now been overturned, so at last this long and wasteful saga is over with surely the best outcome - the existing councils in Devon concentrating on delivering services most cost effectively and not wasting huge amounts of money and time on 'restructuring'.

b) public sector budget cuts this year of £6billion were announced two weeks ago - including ?£150million from the Department of Communities and Local Government - which basically funds and regulates local authorities. Still awaiting details of how this will directly affect SHDC, because it is said that 'special budgets and projects' will be rather than 'core funding' - but as many sums are now given for specific purposes eg planning, waste management etc this could pose problems for some SHDC services. Also, part of these savings will come from cutting back on regulatory bodies such as the Audit Commission and the Standards Board for England, so hopefully this will mean less bureaucracy and over-regulation ?! Another silver lining in the cloud may be that government has said it will put back £0.5billion into highest priority areas such as affordable housing in areas of most need. Hopefully this will include South Hams, where the ratio of average house prices to average wages is one of the worst in the country.

c) the 'Big Society' idea aims to make it easier for 'small bodies' such as parish councils and voluntary and community organisations to establish or take over and run facilities and services currently provided

by 'big orgs' in the public sector. We will see what this means in practice in due course - presumably pump-priming monies will be made available to facilitate this process ?

## 2. New people at SHDC

a) New Chairman is John Baverstock, who was previously Vice Chairman, and also ex-Chairman of the Licensing Committee and the Council's 'champion for young people', in which role he was very active. He's well liked and respected, represents Stokenham area and is an ex divisional commander of police for the South Hams.

b) Our Chief Exec David Incoll, whom we share with West Devon, retires later this year and will be missed, but we're now looking for a new permanent 'joint CE'. Salary attractive, hopefully lots of very good candidates - appointment expected by end of July to start here in the autumn.

## 3. Money, money, money

Once again in 2010/11, I have my modest £1,000 District Councillors local budget available, to share out wisely amongst the 5.5 parishes in my Eastmoor ward. Please let me know of any good causes in Rattery which meet the criteria (Sharon will have these - as per last year) on which a grant of say £200 would be a real benefit.

## **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 39/0701/10/F – Mr & Mrs White – Cholwell House, Dartington – Erection of 6kw proven energy wind turbine. This application has been withdrawn.
- b) Application no 39/1182/10/F – Mr & Mrs J Munroe – Tinca, Mill Cross, Rattery – Alterations and extension to provide accommodation for elderly relative. Cllr John Hampton has declared an interest and left the room. The applicant was present and explained the outline of the application - no objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Palk and seconded by Cllr B Evans with all in agreement.

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

- a) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/0342/10/F – Mrs R Coaker – Brownston, Rattery – Installation of photovoltaic panels to shed roof.

## **6) Matters Arising.**

## **7) Correspondence.**

- a) Parish On-Line Service - this is a mapping service which the PC can join up to and have access to OS maps on line to print and down load - cost involved £20 - proposed Cllr J Hampton and seconded Cllr B Evans that the Clerk looks into this further.
- b) SHDC – Development Control & Conservation User Group Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> June 2010 – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon to attend if possible.

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

## **8) Main Agenda.**

- a) P3 Report - Levy - nothing much to report - some Strimming been done - sign asking please take your litter home on park gate needed.

b) Reports from members of the Parish Council.

1) Air Ambulance Donation – Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk - need to agree a date with local paper and air ambulance representative to come to the Village Hall to hand over the money which has been raised through the Beating the Bounds and the Soup Group.

c) Highway Maintenance.

- 1) Hedge at Rattery Mill overgrown and needs cutting back.
- 2) Lower Knowle drains blocked up and need attention.
- 3) 20mph sign by Glebe Farm has been turned around.

9) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 472 = £52.35 – B Palk (Beating the Bounds Food).

Cheque no 473 = £20.00 – Cash for Stamps.

Cheque no 474 = £1.50 – LCR (Annual Sub).

Cheque no 475 = £262.50 – Broker Network (Annual Insurance).

Cheque no 476 = £15.26 – Castles (Address Labels).

Bank Account June 2010 = £6,008.02

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 8.40pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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