

**RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 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, Cllr S Levy, Cllr B Evans, C Cllr T Pennington, D Cllr C Jones

**Attended by** – no public present

**Apologies for absence** – Cllr A Coker

1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010.

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

2) Police Report / Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report.

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

- a) Report of Dogs barking at proposed Knackers Yard site at Marley Head where they are being housed in Kennels - this matter is not in the Parish Councils jurisdiction and the complainant will be informed.

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

a) Pennington - Local Government Review – Exeter to be a Unitary Council and DCC will go for a Judicial review on this. Council Tax and Budget for 2010/2011 has been approved. Net Budget Increase £9,937,000 from £525,554,000 to £539,256,000 this represents an increase of 1.89% - Band D Council Tax increase of £21.69 from £1,094 to £1,16 – 1.98%. This includes – 1 million additional funding for remedials maintenance to roads. £250,000 support for flood prevention. 1 million addition to roads emergency reserve. £20,000 further support for Citizens Advice Bureau. Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) was discussed by Development Management Committee – will replace County Council Development Management in determining applications for large infrastructure – eg – trunk roads, power stations, pylon lines, wind farms. It will have CPO powers and over rule Green Belt protection.

b) Jones - Budget increase 2.9% for SHDC - Band D £1,500 in Rattery for the coming year, SHDC share for Rattery Band D = £19.75 per property, in contrast with £93 per property in Ivybridge - Rattery on the lower end of the scale. Play Areas - SHDC looking for some payment £100 for this coming year towards the insurance and upkeep of the areas, some areas are owned by the District Council and others not but they are all being expected to pay which is unfair and he will continue to fight this. Community Grant Fund - this has fallen by the wayside in the Budget and is now no longer - hope it will be reinstated in future years if possible.

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 39/0342/10/F - Mrs R Coaker - Brownston, Rattery - installation of photovoltaic panels to shed roof - No objections from the Parish Council all in agreement.

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

- a) Planning Permission Granted – CM/39/2310/09/F – Mr R Haige – Bozdown, Culver Lane – Alterations to existing single storey mono pitch roof to rear of property and new glazed entrance.

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

- a) Beating the Bounds 2010 – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010 – date now confirmed - start to be at Hood as there is parking in a yard available, land owners to be spoken to –Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk to organise food and tea.
- b) Positions required for new addition Grit Bins – More required - Village Centre somewhere close to the Pub and Church Path, Bulkamore Hill, Torne Farm, Ashbourne Farm, and Pennywell at the top of the hill.
- c) Field Outside the Village Hall - negotiations are currently underway with a prospective purchaser who would not develop the field.

### **7) Correspondence.**

- a) DAPC – Questionnaire – Stokenham Pilot Work – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon to look at and complete.
- b) E-Mail from Wenda Mintrum – Hedge at Dunollie - DCC - unsuitable for HGVs sign – DCC to be asked about this and whether its possible to put up a sign. Mrs Mintrum has confirmed that she will be dealing with the hedge/bank which is falling into the road.
- c) Devon & Cornwall Police – Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

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

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

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy many thanks to Cllr M Daymond and Cllr A Coker for cutting the tree down at Venton it is now all clear. Rubbish in the Playpark picked up a black bin bag full mostly beer cans. Enquire SHDC about a litter bin. Drybridge Litter is terrible also on the road from Marley towards South Brent.
- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council.
  - 1) Trevor Paul has revamped the Village Website making it alot more user friendly – many thanks to Trevor from the Parish Council.
- c) Highway Maintenance.
  - 1) Mill Cross towards Viaduct – Pothole 7 Culver Lane – Pothole.
  - 2) Torne Farm works carried out where road has subsided - many thanks to DCC.
  - 3) Entrance to Brownston Lane done but not yet gone further down.
- d) Parish Meeting Speaker – April 2010 – Devon Air Ambulance - donation to be given £50.00 all in agreement.

### **9) Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 462 = £1,294.00 – Sharon Raggett - (Clerks Wages & Expenses).

Cheque no 463 = £98.06 – Castles (Ink, Paper & Memory Stick for Accounts Storage).

Bank Account March 2010 = £5,851.96

P3 2010 = £125.97

Playing Field = £151.87

Parish Plan = £150.00

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 9.10pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL (Annual Parish Meeting).

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