

**RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 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, C Cllr T Pennington, Cllr M Daymond (from item 5).

**Attended by** – no public present.

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

- 1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010.  
Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

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

- 2) Police Report / Neighbourhood Watch – Police Report / Neighbourhood Watch – C Cllr T Pennington - e-mail received from Inspector Livingstone - Totnes Police Station to be closed and be open for only 2 hours a day in order to save money - this is a consultation asking what times would be suitable a copy should be coming to the Parish Council for comments.
- 3) **Parishioners Question Time** - (15 minutes) – no points raised.
- 4) **District and County Councillors Reports.**

a) C Cllr T Pennington – Local Government Review – DCC has mounted a Judicial Review Action in the High Court against the Government decision to grant Exeter Unitary Status.  
Council Tax and DCC Budget 2010/2011 – Net increase in Budget £9,937,000 from £525,554,000 to £539,256,000. Band D Council Tax increase £21.69 from £1,094 to £1,116 = 1.98% the lowest increase in 30 years. County Highway Budget - £62.8 million an increase of 3.9million on the previous year DCC Highway Superintendents now carrying out programmed safety inspections across the entire road and footway network over next 6 months and orders for repair of safety defects to be carried out by South West Highways. Pothole Repair Gangs will scout the network on a rolling program two weeks in advance of safety inspections. A further recent Government Grant of £3.63 million for roads and repairs has been made. Brian George Chief Area Highway Officer South has reported that because highway budgets have been underfunded for 20 years bitumen begins to oxidize and becomes friable – one of the causes of poor repairs to potholes. Other Budget details - £250,000 support for flood prevention - £20,000 further support for Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). DCC are making efficiency savings eg – streamlining and merging departments, vacant posts not being filled 300 such being held vacant, forming partnerships with District Councils on procurement to save money the Government Support Grant being likely to be reduced in future years.

Marley Head Travellers – this has gone to appeal which is pending.

Village Hall - Rate relief form needs to be sought as they may be entitled to more.

Agricultural Plastic Recycling Centre at Channers Plantation - a site meeting has been held and this matter is yet to be decided. Next DCC meeting Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Development Management Committee.

b) D Cllr C Jones - written report as follows - There's not much to report from SHDC since April (maybe something to do with some election going on recently ?) except to note that due to the retirement of David Incoll later this year, SHDC intends to appoint a new permanent joint Chief Executive with West Devon Borough Council, and is now considering arrangements for the recruitment process. On the subject of elections, although there is still some uncertainty following last Thursday, it seems likely that a new government of a blue-ish colour will emerge. This may mean that cuts in public spending - incl local g'ment - will come sooner and go deeper than under a different g'ment - which will affect us all. In addition, if the tory manifesto is to be believed, there will be new

opportunities for voluntary organisations and other groups if they so wish to take over services and facilities currently run by district and county councils. We await further detail on this...

### **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. Site meeting to be held.

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

- a) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/45/0015/10/F – Dr E Chapman – Sustainable South Brent – Wind Turbine – Marley Thatch Farm, South Brent.

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

- a) Beating the Bounds 2010 – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010 – Report – Chairman - Cllr P Smerdon - completed the walk on Saturday with just over 30 people starting with some joining along the way, an enjoyable day was had, the weather was good, £93.00 raised for the Devon Air Ambulance and the local soup group raised about £100 - will try to get a representative out to present the money to them.
- b) Village Hall – Photovoltaic Panels - nothing further to report until the elections are over with and the grants are sorted out, something is going to be done about places such as the hall that have got stuck between 2 policies and they are awaiting further information.

### **7) Correspondence.**

- a) SHDC – Local Development Framework – Totnes & Rural Areas - into the envelope for cllrs perusal.
- b) DNPA – Forum Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010 – Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Palk to attend if possible.

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

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

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy not in attendance - looked at the playing field and all in order but there is alot of litter around the area.
- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council – nothing to report.
- c) Highway Maintenance.
- 1) Brownston Lane - been surveyed to be done.
  - 2) Bank Almshouse Cross this has been attended to.

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

Cheque no 470 = £12.00 – LCR (Annual Sub).

Cheque no 471 = £22.60 – Devon Rosettes (Beating the Bounds).

Bank Account May 2010 = £6,373.31

P3 2010 = £125.97

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 8.55pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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