

**RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 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 (from item 4), C Cllr T Pennington, D Cllr C Jones.

**Attended by** – WPC Jacqui Hopper

**Apologies for absence** – Cllr S Levy

1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 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 – 1 crime recorded for September 2010 – theft of birds of prey. 11 incident logs – 6 relating to the A38. Metal value is rising and thefts of scrap are on the increase.

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

a) Cllr B Evans - broadband speeds in the village very slow - can the Parish Council contact BT international - possible to have wireless broadband in the Village Hall in the future so speeds need to be improved.

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

a) C Cllr T Pennington – reported as follows:- DCC will be cutting back on services - 25% savings have to be made over years - spending total of £878 million, this will mean that any non-essential services will be affected.

b) D Cllr C Jones - Greenaway Recycling got South Brent PC support and today SHDC has given their report to DCC and recommend that permission is granted. Recycling - commercial waste recycling - some services are available but not throughout the district, services are chargeable but can be available for individual companies at their own request. District Council Budget - some difficult times ahead - 25% reduction over the next 4 years savings have to be made across the board, nothing yet has been decided as to what will be cut but discretionary services are likely to be hit first being the easy targets as they are not statutory duties of the District Council. Village Housing Initiative - will give flexibility in achieving small developments of affordable housing as 1 or 2 market value homes will be provided to give an incentive for the Landowner. Affordable housing discussion at the scrutiny committee next week to look at how the Council keeps members up dated as its needs to be more transparent. Locality budget £1,000 to give out between 5 Parishes if any schemes needed.

5) **Planning Applications & Decisions.**

**Applications received from Dartmoor National Park - None.**

**Decisions received from Dartmoor National Park – None.**

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council**

a) Application no 39/2166/10/F – Mr M Ryan – Culver Farm, Culver Park Nurseries – Single storey extension to single storey dwelling, new driveway, new garage. Chairman - Cllr P Smerdon - to speak to the planning officer at SHDC regards this application as Cllrs have reservations regards the application and the property now being a separate dwelling.

### Decisions Received from South Hams District Council

- a) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/1785/10/F – Mr A Hughes – 4 Garden Park – Lower driveway for access of mobility scooter.

6) **Matters Arising** – None from the last minutes.

7) **Correspondence.**

- a) SHDC – Parish Sweeping and Street Cleansing – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon reported that he had a meeting with Steve Mason SHDC - 2 men will come around every 2 months to sweep most of the roads with a lorry and a plan has been provided from the Parish Council to SHDC and the agreement has been signed by the Chairman - Cllr P Smerdon.
- b) DNPA – Forum Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010.
- c) DNPA - Budget Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

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

8) **Main Agenda.**

- a) P3 Report - no report given.
- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council.
- 1) Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon attended an emergency planning session at Glazebrook. Which was mostly regards flooding situations.
- 2) Cllr B Evans reported - DCC Mobile Library twice a month from next year in the Village Hall Car Park on a Tuesday.
- c) Highway Maintenance.
- 1) DCC Grit Bin Survey – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon - maybe possible that more bins are needed but they could cost £300 as no more may be available free from DCC. Possible one may be available on Cllr Penningtons DCC locality budget.
- 2) Drainage Issues at Rattery Sawmills flooded badly during the recent heavy rain - DCC have confirmed that they have been in contact with the landowners and some piping will be done to take away the water.
- 3) Entrance to Knackers Yard at Marley Head - lots of mud on the road.
- d) Play Area.
- 1) See Saw renewal or other play equipment needed - carried forward next meeting. Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon confirmed that South Brent Pc have been updating their play equipment and he will find out if any is available to re-locate to Rattery.

9) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 482 = £30.47 – Steve Levy (P3 Petrol).

Cheque no 483 = £994 – Sharon Raggett (Clerks Wages 6 months).

Bank Account October 2010 = £7,290.82

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 10.00pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2010 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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