

**RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at Rattery Village Hall**  
**Meeting Commenced at 8.10pm following AGM**

**Present** - Cllr P Smerdon (Chairman), Cllr Mrs B Palk (Vice-Chair), Cllr J Hampton, Cllr B Evans, Cllr A Coker, C Cllr T Pennington.

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

**Apologies for absence** – none received.

Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon thanked the outgoing Cllrs – Steve Levy & Mark Daymond who were not present and all agreed that letters of thanks should be sent to them on behalf of the Parishioners and the Parish Council.

Cllr A Coker – who was previously a Parish Councillor has been co-opted back onto the Parish Council and the other remaining vacancies have yet to be filled. Proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.

- 1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011.  
 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

The minutes of the above meetings have 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 – e-mail report as follows –

There were 3 crimes recorded for the Parish in March 2011.

8<sup>th</sup> April – Possession Class A drug (Cocaine)

17<sup>th</sup> April – Driver excess alcohol

28<sup>th</sup> April Theft of caravan base

There were 10 incident logs for the month, 8 relating to the A38.

With more people using bikes over the spring and summer months, Police are advising cyclists to make sure their bikes are properly secured, even if only left for a short time. As an extra precaution we are also advising cyclists to property mark and then register their bike at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). As well as making the bike less desirable and harder to sell on it also makes it easier for any recovered bikes to be identified and returned to the rightful owner

Police are also warning drivers to secure their vehicles following a number of thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles across the Force. Larger vehicles such as minibuses, vans and 4X4s have been recently targeted due to their higher road clearance. Vehicle owners should increase the security on vehicles, keeping them locked away, consider installing cages around the converters to protect them, or visibly mark converters as a deterrent to thieves. This can also help return stolen items to owners if recovered and drivers can register these items using the free service at:

[www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com).

Again we continue to ask for your vigilance and prompt reporting to the police of any suspicious activity within the area.

Police Surgery every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 10:30-11:30 at the Village Hall

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

- a) Hedge at Rattery Mill needs cutting back.
- b) Plant stall at the Village Hall, many thanks to all who supported this a good amount of money was raised.
- c) Hedge beside the old post office which borders the path needs cutting back as overhanging.

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

- a) C Cllr T Pennington – reported as follows:- DCC have rearranged the Highways Department – John Morrison now being Neighbourhood Highway Team Leader for Rattery area and Lisa Corston being the Neighbourhood Highways Officer working out of the Ivybridge Office.
- b) D Cllr P Smerdon – reported as follows:- many thanks to all who voted for me - it was a successful campaign. Many thanks to Colin Jones the outgoing Cllr who did a very good job and attended most PC meetings. The new SHDC council does not meet until next Thursday - council now consists of 30 Conservatives, 5 Liberal Democrats, 3 Greens, 1 Labour & 1 Independent.

#### **5) Planning Applications & Decisions.**

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

**Decisions received from Dartmoor National Park**

- a) Travellers site at Marley Head has been in the news recently as the enforcement notice is to expire and they can then be evicted from the site.

#### **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM South Hams District Council**

- a) Application no 39/1032/11/F – S P Fussell – Budock Vean, Mill Cross – Erection of a timber frame agricultural building - The Parish Council object to this application - in principle they agree a building could be needed but the siting could be more sympathetic to the surroundings and the size of the building needs to be reduced. All Councillors in agreement.
- b) Application no 39/0944/11/F – Mrs Morel – South Bank, Rattery – Resubmission of householder application for erection of a white PVCU conservatory. No objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.
- c) Application no 39/1070/11/F – Mr I Dennis – Marley Fields, Rattery – Change of use for construction of ménage / all weather schooling area for horses. Cllr Mrs B Palk has declared an interest and left the room. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr B Evans & seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement.

**Decisions Received from South Hams District Council**

- a) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/0443/11/F – Mrs A Samuel – Yelland Cross Farm – Erection of a wind turbine.

#### **6) Matters Arising –**

- a) Emergency Planning - some more new grit bins to be installed and the Council to consider purchasing some grit for the coming winter. Also the possibility of purchasing a spreader could be looked into - Cllr P Smerdon to look into this and report back at the next PC meeting.

#### **7) Correspondence.**

- a) South Hams CVS - specific point of contact – this to be the Clerk for any info to be sent to.
- b) DCC – Tithe Map Project – given to Mrs J Hampton.
- c) DALC – County Committee – 2011-2015 – Cllr B Evans name to be put forward.
- d) DNPA – Forum Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

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

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**8) Main Agenda.**

- a) P3 Report.
- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council.
- c) Highway Maintenance.
  - 1) Opposite Holwells - water coming up through the road (down from Mill Cross) - notice from DCC regards road works for this.
  - 2) Cummings Pond Road - road has subsided in several places and some potholes.
- d) Play Area.
  - 1) See Saw renewal - grants of £500 have been received - Chris Pooley has offered to look at to make, a quotation has been received from playline for £1,300 + VAT.
  - 2) Fence repairs - these to be looked at and repaired as necessary.

**9) Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 496 = £272.27 – Came & Company (Annual Insurance Policy)  
Cheque no 497 = £20.00 – Petty Cash for Stamps

Bank Account May 2011 = £7,336.63  
P3 2010 = £277.30  
Playing Field = £151.87  
Parish Plan = £150.00

Proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr J Hampton 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 9.20pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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