

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 4th January 2011 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 S Levy, D Cllr C Jones.

Attended by – no public present

Apologies for absence – C Cllr T Pennington

- 1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 23rd November 2010.

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

- 2) Police Report / Neighbourhood Watch – e-mail report received – 14 incident logs for November with 9 relating to the A38. December saw 9 incident logs with 8 relating to the A38. One log relating to a theft of metal from a secure steel shed. Residents are asked to be aware that with metal prices soaring thefts are on the increase.
- 3) **Parishioners Question Time** - (15 minutes) – no points raised.
- 4) **District and County Councillors Reports.**
- a) D Cllr C Jones – reported as follows - refuse collection disruption over the snowy period - has Rattery been cleared? - Cllrs confirmed most has been cleared now and considering the conditions they did pretty well. Budget - worse than the average expected - Main Government Grant - 15% cut this year and 12% for next year - 9 or 10% was expected. Council will now go through the budget and there will be savings to be found, some reductions in services and increase in charges to balance the books. New Chief Executive will be at the next cluster meeting on the 18th January 2011. Localism Bill - some information now through but loads more details to come on this.
- b) C Cllr T Pennington – no report given.

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 39/2679/10/LB – Mr G Beare – The Ballroom, Marley House – Listed building consent for structural repair of floor beam supporting first floor and ornate ceiling rose. Listed Building consent has now been passed.

Decisions Received from South Hams District Council

- a) Agricultural Determination for Storage Shed – Land at Crabbers Corner – Mr P Wakeham.

6) Matters Arising –

- a) Emergency Planning – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon – an additional grit bin was required during the recent cold weather and one was purchased. Snow person – Mr Neil Coaker was appointed and the new bin was put into position and filled. DCC have now marked this bin on their plan to be refilled when necessary. However it is noted that DCC are charging a high

price for their bins £300 + £6 for bags of salt – this seems rather excessive as these items can be purchased much cheaper elsewhere. Possibly some salt to be purchased for the village use in the future if needed.

7) Correspondence.

- a) SHDC – Development Management Service 2010 Questionnaire – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon to complete.
- b) SHDC – Chairmans visit to the Parish Council Meeting – Many thanks to the PC.
- c) Parish Council Elections May 2011 - to take place on the 5th May 2011.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder for circulation.

8) Main Agenda.

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy - annual report been completed and will be returned to DCC - gate at Venton been damaged and some small trees come down across the path which need clearing.
- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council – no reports given.
- c) Highway Maintenance.
 - 1) Brownston Lane - entrance very bad - DCC are going to arrange a meeting with Chairman & residents regards this.
 - 2) Bank up from Wayside towards Almshouse Cross started to collapse again.
- d) Play Area.
 - 1) See Saw renewal - quotes to be obtained and grants looked into.
- e) Precept 2011/2012 - £4,000 – proposed by Cllr S Levy & seconded by Cllr B Evans with all in agreement.

9) Cheques for Signature.

Cheque no 484 = £20.00 (Petty Cash for Stamps).

Bank Account January 2011 = £6,453.75

P3 2010 = £249.86

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 9.10pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 1st February 2011 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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