

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 7th June 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 B Evans, Cllr A Coker, Cllr R Haign, Cllr Ms R J Hampton.

Attended by – 1 member of the Public, WPC Jacqui Hopper (South Brent Police).

Apologies for absence – C Cllr T Pennington.

Co-Option of new Parish Councillors – Cllr R Haigh & Cllr Ms R J Hampton - proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Vice-Chair – Cllr B Palk with all in agreement.

- 1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 10th May 2011.
 Minutes of the AGM held Tuesday 10th May 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 B Evans with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon.

- 2) Police Report / Neighbourhood Watch – e-mail report as follows –

As a result of my change in duties, Chris and I have had to review the Police Surgery times and will now publish the date in the Parish report as we can only make one Tuesday in the month, generally it will be the third Tuesday. This month it will be on 21st June at the Village Hall, 1030-1130.

There were 2 crimes recorded for the Parish in May 2011.

20/23 May – Burglary other (tools stolen from portacabin)

31 May – Drive with excess alcohol (A385)

There were 6 incident logs for the month, all 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. 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.

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

- 3) **Parishioners Question Time** - (15 minutes) – no points raised.

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

a) **D Cllr P Smerdon** - attended South Brent PC, they have received an open letter regards the Travellers site at Marley Head and how the land owners have been treated. A meeting is now being held this coming Monday at 7.30 - South Brent Village Hall.

Attended a Development Management Committee meeting at SHDC - one development which was passed is 60 new homes next to Follaton House at Totnes - 30 of these will be affordable. They will be built with South Facing Roofs for Solar Panels and a green transport plan is to be submitted to get into

Totnes. Now that re-organisation has taken place there are many new heads of departments and they are shared with West Devon this has reduced the number of managers .

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b) **C Cllr T Pennington - DCC** – not in attendance but it has been confirmed that £25,000 available in his locality budget - although some budgets have been cut, this may be available to tap into to fund a Salt/Grit spreader for the Parish.

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 39/1312/11/F – R Micklewright – Knowle Farm, Rattery – Householder application for two storey extension to listed dwelling for ancillary use. Cllr B Palk has declared an interest. No objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Cllr B Evans & seconded by Cllr A Coker with all in agreement.
- b) Application no 39/1290/11/F – Mr T Paul – Court Cottage, Rattery – Householder application for erection of garden shed - No objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Cllr J Hampton & seconded by Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk with all in agreement.
- c) Application no 39/1113/11/LB – Mr A Hunter – Penswell, Rattery – Listed building consent to remove asbestos cement tiles, felt and batten from roof and re-felt and batten, re-slate with lugo natural slate, fix new grey clay ridges. No objections from the Parish Council - Proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk with all in agreement.

Decisions Received from South Hams District Council - None

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- a) Provision of building for agricultural waste recycling together with yard, parking/turning and improvement of track for access with visibility improvement at Channer Wood Plantation, Marley Head.

6) Matters Arising –

- a) Emergency Planning – speak to C Cllr T Pennington about a grant to purchase a salt/grit spreader.
- b) Parish Council Vacancies - these have now been filled.

7) Correspondence.

- a) New Councillors Course – 16th June 2011 @ Ivy bridge.
- b) Letter of thanks from South Hams Citizens Advice Bureau.
- c) Letter from Maurice Retallick – Election of Parish Member to DNPA.
- d) Election of Members onto DNPA - Ballot Paper to be completed.
- e) Election of DALC County Committee 2011-2015 - Ballot Paper to be completed.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder for circulation.

8) Main Agenda.

- a) P3 Report - Cllr J Hampton - have walked some of the paths and noted hedges which need attention. Contact Ros Davies and say John Hampton new P3 representative.

- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council - Ask SHDC if the bottle bank collection in the Village Hall Carpark is on a 8 week cycle.
- c) Highway Maintenance – nothing to report.
- d) Play Area.
 - 1) See Saw renewal - Chris Pooley is going to build a new seesaw, this is currently being undertaken.
 - 2) Fence repairs - one or two of the posts have been broken off - these will be repaired.
 - 3) Ball Wall – Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon will speak to Dartington with regards to permission for undertaking this.

9) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 498 = £99.40 HMRC (Clerks PAYE).

Cheque no 499 = £397.61 Sharon Raggett (Clerks Wages April, May & June).

Cheque no 500 = £126.00 Langford Sykes Ltd (Internal Audit).

Cheque no 501 = £120.00 SHDC (Insurance and Inspection of Play Area).

Cheque no 502 = £15.50 LCR (Annual Sub).

Bank Account June 2011 = £6,791.17

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 9.15pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 12th July 2011 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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