

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 8th March 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 S Levy, Cllr M Daymond, D Cllr C Jones.

Attended by – 2 members of the Public, WPC Jacqui Hopper & PCSO Chris Pooley

Apologies for absence – Cllr A Coker, C Cllr T Pennington.

1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 1st February 2011.

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

2) Police Report / Neighbourhood Watch – No crimes recorded for January 2011 – 8 incident logs – 2 relating to the A38. No crimes for Feb 2011 – one incident of sheep worrying being dealt with – 11 incident logs with 8 relating to the A38. Be vigilant as sheds being broken into - this is an ongoing problem, look out for suspect vehicles and people. Metal - lead, gates etc being stolen and 2 - 4x4 vehicles at Ugborough. Farmers etc be mindful of fuel and heating oil thefts.

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

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

a) D Cllr C Jones - budget proposals have been excepted and gone through - SHDC have more income and some good reserves also making savings through shared services so villages in action and youth games for example have been saved. SHDC Council tax frozen but bills will be more because of police and fire service going up. New posts - 9 new posts to replace the existing 19 posts in top management jobs - this is going ahead. Recycling centre at Buckfastleigh to be closed at the end of the month sadly this is going ahead as the site was costing too much to run. DNPA - consultation on direct governance - agreed that the number of members that sit on the authority should be reduced but mostly it will stay the same. Affordable housing workshop attended - less government money will be available for this and also schemes changed to the level of rent being 80% of the open market price, it could mean that more homes will be built but will also mean that many people will not be able to afford the rent - people who do not qualify for housing benefit and are low paid will be the ones that could miss out. SHDC - will try to put some money into rural areas where people may struggle with this.

b) C Cllr T Pennington – not in attendance.

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 39/0443/11/F – Mrs A Samuel – Yelland Cross Farm, Rattery – Erection of a wind turbine. The Parish Council have been unable to comment on this matter as 5 of the 7 cllrs present have declared an interest.

- b) Application no 39/0322/11/F – Mr J Morel – South Bank, Rattery – Householder application of erection of a PVCU lean to conservatory. A letter of objection has been received which has been distributed to Cllrs. No objections from the parish council - proposed by Cllr J Hampton and seconded by Cllr S Levy with all in agreement.
- c) Application no 39/0563/11/F – Mr N Evans - Old Torne, Rattery – Proposed ground mounted photo-voltaic panels - No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr B Evans & seconded by Cllr S Levy – with all in agreement.

Decisions Received from South Hams District Council

- a) Planning Permission Granted – Application no 39/2933/10/F – Mr & Mrs Keen – Site opposite Springfield, Rattery – Variation of condition 2 (accord with plans) of planning permission 39/1716/10/F (erection of a dwelling house and garage) to enable erection of timber frame balcony on south elevation.

6) Matters Arising –

- a) Emergency Planning - 15th Feb 2011 – Mr Neil Coker – Parish Snow Warden went to Westpoint, Exeter to look at a demonstration of a grit / salt spreader by DCC. The cost is £1,320 + vat. And the salt available at £30 per tonne. - Jim Morrison DCC is able to organise the salt. Speak to C Cllr T Pennington – regards any funding available to purchase a spreader. Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon - many thanks to Neil for attending the meetings and for what has been achieved through the last winter.
- b) Royal Wedding Day Celebrations - joint venture will be undertaken with the Village Hall committee - a barbecue will start at 5pm with a dance at 7pm in the village hall. Suggestions also about having a party in the afternoon for children.

7) Correspondence.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder for circulation.

8) Main Agenda.

- a) P3 Report – Cllr S Levy - Venton branches have been cut back and tidied up, gate has dropped and new posts needed.
- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council.
- c) Highway Maintenance.
 - 1) Grit Bin placement - Velwell Road, Bulkamore Hill, Crabbers Cross.
 - 2) Tyres dumped on the road just past Pennywell towards Rattery.
 - 3) Potholes at Drybridge & the entrance to Bigadon,
- d) Play Area.
 - 1) See Saw renewal - carried forward to the next meeting.
- e) Parish Meeting Speaker – April 2011 – Richard Sheard SHDC - will be attending but may be late as he has another meeting beforehand.

9) Cheques for Signature.

Cheque no 486 - £23.02 – S Levy (P3 Expenses).

Cheque no 487 - £336.60 – SCP Building Products (Grit Bins).

Cheque no 488 - £55.00 – Carl Parrish (Computer Repairs).

Cheque no 489 - £1,294 – Sharon Raggett (Clerks Wages 6 months and expenses).

Bank Account March 2011 = £6,296.69
P3 2010 = £281.84
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 9.34pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 12th April (Annual Parish Meeting) 2011 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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