

**RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 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 R Haigh, Cllr A Coker, Cllr Ms R J Hampton, C Cllr T Pennington.

**Attended by** – 5 members of the Public

**Apologies for absence** – None received.

1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

The minutes of the above meetings have been distributed to Cllrs and read, they were proposed by – Cllr R Haigh and seconded by Cllr J Hampton with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon. One amendment being duly noted that the Drybridge report compiled by Cllr R Haigh to be sent to the Highways Agency (not DCC).

2) Police Report / Neighbourhood Watch – e-mail report received as follows – PCSO Chris Pooley has now left South Brent to work in Plymouth so a replacement is to be found. No crimes for September but 13 incident logs with 11 relating to the A38. New Police number now 101 for non emergency crimes and reports.

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

a) 2 new parishioners were present and relayed many thanks for the welcome they have had to the village.

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

a) C Cllr T Pennington - budget coming up again and yet more savings will need to be found these will be between 30 & 40 million pounds of savings - essential services will continue but it will not be easy to find. Last year over 1000 less posts at DCC and some jobs and services have been amalgamated. 2 schools in Totnes are over subscribed and this is a problem and there will be no money for new schools to be built for the foreseeable future. There is however money available for repairs of current schools. Some schools in the area have spare places so it would maybe be an idea to make catchment areas larger to encompass this and fill empty places. Attended a meeting at DCC and spoke about Drybridge and that a replacement is needed - this got good support from DCC and will pursue this with the Highways Agency.

b) D Cllr P Smerdon - SHDC took Cllrs on a tour of the district to look at various sites proposed for building throughout the District. Salcombe Harbour is going to be improved. Recycling facilities were looked at. Land for the new development at Sherford was also visited. Bin collections - SHDC are not looking at going back to weekly bin collections, they are now geared up for the current collections and any change would be costly and involve more man power. Economy Scrutiny Committee this Thursday will be looking at Car Parking charges. Boundary Commission Review - possible proposals to be considered - Eastmoor Ward could possibly be based on Tavistock and Plympton and not centralised around Totnes – changes will soon be available for consultation and comments.

**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 39/2340/11/F – Mr & Mrs T Walker – West Bulkamore, Rattery – Agricultural Store Building - No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr B Evans & seconded by Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs B Palk with all in agreement.

### **Planning Matters**

- a) Notice of Appeal – Application no 39/1032/11/F – S P Fussell – Budock Vean, Mill Cross, Rattery – Appeal against refusal of erection of timber frame agricultural building.

### **6) Matters Arising –**

- a) Emergency Planning – Purchase of a Salt/Grit Spreader - now picked up today from DCC by Chairman - Cllr P Smerdon - many thanks to C Cllr Trevor Pennington for his grant towards this.
- b) Hedge Trimming 2011/2012 – and reminder for trimming is now on the Parish website, people in the Village who have smaller bits to trim - will try to get them together and do all at once when hedge trimmer goes through. Cllr J Hampton - confirmed he has put some notices up to remind people.
- c) Dry Bridge proposed closure – response to Highways Agency - Cllr R Haigh has now finished his report and this has been submitted to the Highways agency. Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon - many thanks to Cllr Haigh for his work on this, its much appreciated by the Council and Parishioners.

### **7) Correspondence - None received.**

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

### **8) Main Agenda.**

- a) P3 Report – Cllr J Hampton - some of the paths looked at - strimmer, hedge trimmer and chainsaw which needs attention now in his possession - purchase of some pruners and hand tools agreed by the Parish Council.
- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council.
  - 1) Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon - met with Dartington Trust regards the land behind the houses at Garden Close. This is owned by the Trust and they are looking into planning to put houses there - the site would be outside the development boundary for the village so it would need to be an exception site for low cost homes with some homes for sale on the open market. They are going to do some drawing and suggestions for the site, but possibly 6 homes for low cost and 2 for open market is the current suggestion.
- c) Highway Maintenance -
  - 1) Road outside the village hall entrance seems to be subsiding.
- d) Play Area improvements - a letter has been received by a Parishioner regards the ball wall and noise levels, some rubber mats are to be put against it to cut out the vibration on the wall.

### **9) Cheques for Signature.**

Bank Account October 2011 = £6,713.09

P3 = £277.30

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 9.03pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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