

RATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 6th September 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.

Attended by – 2 members of the Public

Apologies for absence – C Cllr T Pennington, Cllr Ms R J Hampton

1) Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 12th July 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 – no police report received. There have been reports of a bogus caller selling pictures and reports of farm machinery being stolen.

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

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

a) **D Cllr P smerdon - SHDC** - no meetings held during August, planning meeting tomorrow, public carparks are to be salted and gritted this coming winter.

b) **C Cllr T Pennington** – not in attendance – 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 39/2192/11/F – Mr R Micklewright – Knowle Farm, Rattery – Installation of solar PV panels on indoor pool building roof. Cllr B Palk has declared an interest. No objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Cllr B Evans and seconded by Cllr R Haigh with all in agreement.

b) Application no 39/1906/11/F – Mr C Murray – Pennywell Farm – Installation of 80no solar PV panels onto aluminium ground frames on two sites within the site boundary, installation of 29no solar pv panels onto 1 existing roof structure. No objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Cllr R Haigh and seconded by Cllr A Coker - vote taken - 4 in favour and 1 abstention for this application.

c) Application no 45/1793/11/F – Dr E Chapman – Wind Turbine Location – Marley Thatch Farm – Temporary anemometer mast 30m high to measure wind speed at the site of South Brent Community Turbine. No objections from the Parish Council.

Decisions Received from South Hams District Council - None

6) **Matters Arising** –

a) Emergency Planning – Purchase of a Salt/Grit Spreader - a more robust machine has been found which might be more suitable for Rattery than the DCC ones - cost is £1,300 + VAT - Chairman – Cllr P Smerdon will speak to C Cllr T Pennington to clarify the grant situation and whether he is able to fund this. Snow Warden Scheme - nothing further has been heard

from DCC about this as the Parish should be entitled to 5 free tonnes of salt. New grit bins are to be put into position.

- b) Hedge Trimming 2011/2012 - reminder for cutting to be put on the website and the noticeboard.
- c) Water Pipe Across the Village Green – Cllr B Evans reported - a water leak in the carpark has been occurring for the last few years, and there is a legal document which was drawn up between the pub, the church, the Parish Council and the Parishioners who use the water. Its now been repaired but responsibility for the pipe is trying to be ascertained.
- d) Dry Bridge proposed closure – Village Survey - Cllr R Haigh - Chairman many thanks to Cllr Haigh for all his hard work - an e-mail copy has been sent to all Cllrs of his draft report which is comprised of the answers and comments from the Parish Survey which has been sent to all Parishioners. The draft report will be added to before being reviewed and sent to DCC.

7) **Correspondence.**

- a) DNPA – Community Quiz .
- b) DNPA – Committee Papers – these will now be distributed by e-mail.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder for circulation.

8) **Main Agenda.**

- a) P3 Report – Cllr J Hampton - nothing further to report this month.
- b) Reports from members of the Parish Council – no reports given.
- c) Highway Maintenance – no points raised.
- d) Play Area improvements – Cllr P Smerdon reported - many thanks to the Coaker family for all their hard work the vegetation has been cut back, fence repaired, two gates now and a ball wall has been constructed. The seesaw is in hand but has not yet been finished. When done will have an opening picnic when its all ready.

9) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 505 = £34.39 – Steve Levy (P3).
 Cheque no 506 = £51.17 – Castles (Ink Cart & Paper).
 Cheque no 507 = £60.00 – Audit Commission (Annual Audit).
 Cheque no 508 = £99.06 – Rattery Sawmills (Play Area Improvements).
 Cheque no 509 = £594.30 – R Coaker (Play Area Improvements).
 Cheque no 510 = £106.44 – P Smerdon (Play Area Improvements).
 Cheque no 511 = £397.61 – Sharon Raggett (Wages, July, Aug, Sep 2011)
 Cheque no 512 = £99.40 – HMRC (Clerks PAYE).

Bank Account September 2011 = £6,032.92

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 9.45pm NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 11th October 2011 - 8.00pm at RATTERY VILLAGE HALL.

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