

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August 2022 at 7.00pm held in the Village Hall observing the Council's Covid-19 Risk Assessment.

CLLRS PRESENT: Mullins (Chairman) Bussell, Bulgin, Duke, Fudge, Richard Harper, Liz Harper, Preston and Marshall

ALSO, PRESENT: County Councillors Ross Henley, Sarah Wakefield, one member of the public and the Clerk, Heather Bryant.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

County Councillor's Ross Henley and Sarah Wakefield reported on the following:

- School Transport – The route has been walked with the kids
- They will be visiting all schools in their district in the new term.
- Local Council Networks- A preliminary report was given and questions answered by both County Councillors, summarized as follows:
 - o Not sure how large networks will be
 - o Not sure on funding
 - o Not sure on timelines

It was agreed to include this topic on the agenda for September.

District Councillor Sue Buller sent her apologies.

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME (ON GENERAL PARISH MATTERS)

A parishioner spoke about the anti-social behaviour between residents at Lower Henlade and could the Council post a notice in the notice board at Lower Henlade. The Clerk reported that this is not a Parish Council matter and should not get involved. The Police are aware of the situation and are in the area on a regular basis.

22/8/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk reported that Susan Garbutt has resigned as she is moving abroad.
Otherwise, all present.

22/8/2 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS TO FILL THE VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL (3)

No candidates have come forward

22/8/3 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was agreed to take off the Agenda until May 2003

22/8/4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

22/8/5 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH JULY 2022

RESOLVED: the approval of the minutes as a true record.

22/8/6 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had nothing to report

22/8/7 PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

Primary list of objectives from Cllrs:

Chairman: Cycle route from Church Lane to Henstridge, Speed control in village, Fund a Speed Indicator device (SID)

Cllr Marshall: Completion of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Duke: Signage & routes of footpaths, Welcome pack, Promote the older community, Welfare for the whole community.

Cllr Fudge: Anti-Social Behaviour – engage with the youths,

Cllr R Harper: Engage with Lower Henlade, Henlade and Thornfalcon, Climate emergency, Ecological emergency, improve communication with the Church

Cllr Bulgin: Refurbish Queens Jubilee bench in Recreation Ground, extension to the RG, 20mph speed limit Haydens Lane and Stoke Road.

Cllr Bussel: Village Fete

Cllr Preston: Website, Facebook, Farmers Market.

The Clerk added: Refurbish/replacement of two notice boards.

It was agreed to look at the above in more detail at the September meeting

22/8/8 PLANNING

31/22/0013/T Application to carry out management works to one Tulip Tree in Taunton Deane Borough (Ruishton No 1) Tree Preservation Order 1990 at The Lodge, Bushy Cross Lane

The Council had no comments

22/8/9 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATHS

20mph, Community Watch Scheme and Speed Indicator Device (SID)

The Clerk reported that she had an email from Cllr Adrian Whatmore of Pitminster Parish Council who unfortunately cannot attend a meeting, however he has sent details in his email of Pitminster experiences of CSW and a SID:

SID – Initially had a sign that flashed 30mph or 20mph when the speed was exceeded. Then upgraded to the ‘Smiley Angry’ sign. This is effective and now purchased a second unit.

CSW – Lots of enthusiasm from residents for the start but after a few months it was difficult to get a minimum of 2/3 persons. Relaunched the scheme 9 months ago but has folded due to lack of interest/commitment. Pitminster has found that a couple of individuals at the roadside with a clipboard and a Hi Viz jacket is very effective in slowing traffic down

The Chairman reported that he contacted the Chairman of Corfe Parish Council. We will need County Highways agreement but can be permanently fixed.

Traffic problems at the school

The County Councillors plan to visit Ruishton Primary School in the new term year to talk to the head about this issue and any other issues. Councillor Mullins asked if he could join them

Any other Highway or Footpath issues

The following were reported:

- The ‘give way’ sign on Ruishton Lane directly opposite Ruishton Inn is facing the wrong way. The Clerk will report to Highways
- Minutes of a National Highway meeting on A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualling Scheme held on 22nd June with this parish were noted.
- The narrow pavement along Lipe Lane from the A358 had been reported to County Highways.
- The overgrown vegetation from the viaduct and abattoir has been reported to Creech St Michael parish.
- An email has been received from a resident of a tendency of some drivers to use the A358 dual carriageway coming out of Henlade as a race-track causing excessive noise. The Clerk will contact the PCSO’s

22/8/10 RUISHTON TO HEATHFIELD SCHOOL ROUTE

The Clerk reported that Linsey Banks (SCC, Access, Admissions & Entitlements) does not have any spare capacity to attend Parish Council meetings and as it stands at the moment, until a route assessment takes place there is not really any useful further information, she can give the Parish Council.

It was agreed to take off the agenda.

22/8/11 RECREATIONAL GROUND

Anti-social behaviour and vandalism

Cllr Fudge reported that the gang of youths have now been identified and they attend Monkton Heathfield School. The school was informed and it is believed that the Deputy Headmaster has now informed the parents of these youths.

It was noted that the disabled picnic table was vandalised and broken beyond repair.

22/8/12 FINANCIAL MATTERS

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that this Council approves the schedule of cheques and the Financial Report subject to the requirements of our Risk Assessment Document

QUARTER ONE BUDGET – TO NOTE

The Clerk reported that she had put back the Reserves as the Council would not now be purchasing the land. The budget had included the Community Infrastructure Levy Fund (CIL) which is £5945. This must be spent by April 2025. The Clerk will send Councillors CIL criteria document.

22/8/13 CORRESPONDENCE

Dementia Friendly Community Survey Deadline 22.7.22. Noted

Rural Affairs Forum – Crime prevention. Noted

NALC short term holiday lets policy. Consultation. Deadline 21.9.22. Noted

Think Travel - Noted

Avon & Somerset Police Fraud & Cybercrime prevention – offer of a free presentation. It was agreed to ask them to come to Ruishton. The Clerk will arrange.

Somerset Bus Partnership – Cllr Richard Harper has offered to be the Bus Champion. He has already been to a meeting. September is 'catch a bus month'.

Connecting our Garden Community –Consultation ends 30.9.22.

PC consultation event 5.9.22 at 5.30pm on Zoom. Cllrs Mullins, Duke and Marshall will try to attend. It was agreed to include this topic on the next agenda

22/8/14 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported on the following:

- Flood Activated signs – SCC Digital System Engineer is currently in the design process and will send some plans soon.
- Village planters – a licence is required to place planters on the highway verges
- An email was received from a resident stating the hedge between Virginia Orchard and Newlands is overgrown. This hedge is included on the Parish Council's maintenance contract so the Clerk will inform SW & T Council.

22/8/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Marshall reported that the N.P. is in its final stages. Anne Rhodes of Somerset West & Taunton Council has received the statutory consultation and there were no adverse comments. The Consultant, Stuart Todd, will make the necessary small changes. The next stage is to receive Parish Council approval

22/8/16 MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING

Local Council Networks Parish Objectives Connecting Garden Communities

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL