

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2022 held in the Village Hall observing the Council's Covid-19 Risk Assessment.

CLLRS PRESENT: John (Chairman), Bulgin, Garbutt, Fudge, Marshall, McEvans and Mullins

ALSO, PRESENT: County Councillor John Thorne, District Councillors Sue Buller & Barrie Hall, 2 members of the public and the Clerk, Heather Bryant.

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME (ON GENERAL PARISH MATTERS)

There were no questions from the public

22/2/1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND APPROVE THE REASONS GIVEN

Cllrs Dickinson and Harper sent their apologies

RESOLVED: to approve their apologies for the reasons given

22/2/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

22/2/3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th JANUARY 2021

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

22/2/4 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

C.C. John Thorne referred to his written report which was emailed to Cllrs.

District Councillor Barrie Hall apologised for not attending a meeting before but unfortunately Ruishton and Thornfalcon meetings clash with SW&T Scrutiny meetings.

22/2/5 PLANNING

31/22/0001 Change of use to residential curtilage with erection of garden shed and home office at Oakwood Barn, Stoke Road, Stoke St Mary. (Retention of works already taken)

No comments

31/21/0021/T Application to fell one Oak tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Ruishton No.1) Tree Preservation Order 2008 at 40 Newlands Road, Ruishton (TD1051)

The applicants have applied for the tree to be felled. This will be considered by SW&T Planning Committee on 3.2.22. The Chairman said she will try to attend.

22/2/6 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATHS

Increase in traffic now that the Creech Castle Road is closed

The Clerk reported that Andy Coupe (Strategic Manager Somerset County Council) has offered to meet the Council for an update in March. This was agreed, the Clerk will check when the hall is available.

Speeding Vehicles through-out the parish

It was agreed to investigate a 20mph and a Community Watch Scheme

The Clerk will ask our PCSO's if they would attend the Annual Parish Meeting

SIS consultation – extended to 6.2.22

RESOLVED: that the Council is in favour of the proposals as tabled.

Councillor Mullins stated he had responded personally to the consultation.

A358 Southfields to Junction 25 scheme-

There were no updates

Bushy Cross Lane

The Chairman reported that the road is getting narrower due to mud and overgrowth. A drain still has matting on top that cannot be removed by hand. The Clerk will contact County Highways again.

Any other issues – Foot Paths

Cllr Bulgin reported the following:

- Footpath over old Chard Canal at railway bank is very uneven (T22/12)
- Stile at Lipe Lane – Slaughter House needs re-building as too high on field side (T10/1)
- Stiles on footpath between Stuart Cottages & Bushy Cross Lane are slippery & dangerous (22/15)

The Clerk will report to the Rights of Way department

22/2/7 PURCHASE OF LAND

(Documents sent by email on 25.1.22)

After a full discussion, there was still concern that the 'contaminated land section' had not been fully covered. Cllr McEvans reported that the Council needs a Ground Investigation with trial pit report. The Clerk will contact the Solicitor to see if this is the seller's responsibility or if it is down to the purchaser.

Cllr Fudge left the meeting at 9.00pm

22/2/8 RECREATIONAL GROUND

Play Inspection report

Cllr Bulgin reported that the Yearly Inspection Report came in as 'very low risk' or 'low risk'. He has replaced a spring on the self-closing gate

Litter bins

After discussion, it was noted that the litter bins are not meant to be full recycled bins but designed to separate plastic and cans and anything else in the litter compartment. The 'dog poo' section has been covered over by black tape as there are no dogs allowed in the R.G.

22/2/9 SIGNAGE

Goosey Lane – Please 'clear up after your dog' or something similar is required. Cllr Bulgin agreed to contact 'The 'Signage Shed'

Recreational Ground – A general sign is required who owns the RG, contact number and instructions for using the outdoor gym equipment – Cllr Bulgin agreed to contact 'The 'Signage Shed'

The Clerk reported that she had an email from a partially sighted gentleman who stated that the 'No dogs' signs in the RG should state by law 'except for guide dogs. The Chairman stated that she would look into this.

22/2/10 FLOODING MATTERS

Cllr McEvans reported that the other two members and himself of the team are waiting for the digital warning signs to be confirmed.

22/2/11 VILLAGE PUMP

There were no updates

22/2/12 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted

Carbon Literacy events

Climate emergency

CAB – short term support for struggling households

22/2/13 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Nothing to Report

22/2/14 FINANCIAL MATTERS

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

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

22/2/15 DATES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND THE MAY PC MEETING

To arrange a date for the APM (between 1st March & 1st June)

To arrange a date for the PC meeting after the elections

The Clerk will send Councillors dates when the Village Hall is free

22/2/16 MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) **OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING**

There were no matters to report

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 2ND MARCH 2022 AT 7.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.