

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2022 held in the Village Hall observing the Council's Covid-19 Risk Assessment.

CLLRS PRESENT: John (Chairman), Bulgin, Dickinson, Harper, Marshall and Mullins

ALSO, PRESENT: County Councillor John Thorne, 3 members of the public and the Clerk, Heather Bryant.

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME (ON GENERAL PARISH MATTERS)

Members of the public made the following comments:

- Ruishton Lane, Small Improvement Scheme – a gentleman reported that he was in dispute with SCC on the ownership of his land
- New A358 – area of grassland bought by County Highways. It could be considered as a Village Green if ongoing maintenance was agreed.
- PPLO Ruishton and Taunton – this footpath has been stopped and diverted to the left-hand side. The lady had objected to this change.

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

Cllrs Garbutt and Fudge sent their apologies

RESOLVED: to approve their apologies for the reasons given.

Cllr McEvans was not present

22/1/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

22/1/3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st DECEMBER 2021

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

22/1/4 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

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

D.C's Buller and Hall sent their apologies

22/1/5 BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 22/23

RESOLVED: setting a precept of £33,000 for the above year under the power of Local Government Finance Act 1992 Section 41 (The vote was recorded as 4 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention)

22/1/6 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Draft Neighbourhood Plan and Regulation 14 feedback for approval.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agrees and approves the draft Neighbourhood Plan and Regulation 14 feedback documents. The Parish Council also agrees to submit the draft Neighbourhood Plan to SW&T for a further HRA/SEA assessment".

22/1/7 PLANNING

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 Council had no comments

40/21/0013 Change of Use of public house into 1 No dwelling at the Nags Head Tavern, Ash Road, Thornfalcon

Ruishton and Thornfalcon Parish Council objects for the following reasons.

- It will be a loss of a Public House for the settlements of Henlade & Thornfalcon.
- It will be left in an isolated position with the construction of the proposed new A358 which is inappropriate for residential property.
- It would be very close to a major new junction ideally located to provide services to the travelling public in conjunction of Thornfalcon Garage. This could be a potential source of income which seems not to be considered by the vendors

22/1/8 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.

22/1/9 PURCHASE OF LAND

The Clerk had no updates

Cllr Dickinson left the meeting at 9.10pm

22/1/10 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATHS

Increase in traffic now that the Creech Castle Road is closed

Deferred until next meeting

A358 Southfields to Junction 25 scheme- Any updates

Deferred until next meeting

SIS Scheme – consultation closing date 22.1.22

The Clerk reported that she would ask for an extension so it can be fully discussed at the February meeting

22/1/11 FLOODING MATTERS

Digital Flood Signs

The Clerk reported that the SRA board has approved the proposal for the digital flood signs. The Somerset Rivers Authority budget will need to be approved in February / March at the District and County Councils' budget setting meetings.

22/1/12 VILLAGE PUMP

Nothing to report

22/1/13 RECREATIONAL GROUND

To note: The recycling bins have been installed.

22/1/14 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to Report

22/1/15 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Nothing to Report

22/1/16 MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING

Agenda for the next meeting – Speeding of vehicles

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.