

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2022 at 7.00pm held in the Village Hall observing the Council's Covid-19 Risk Assessment.

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

ALSO, PRESENT: District Councillor Sue Buller, three members of the public and the Clerk, Heather Bryant.

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public

POLICE REPORT - No Police present

COUNTY COUNCILLORS – County Councillors Ross Henley and Sarah Wakefield were not present

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Sue Buller referred the weekly update from Somerset West & Taunton. She had nothing further to report. The Council reported that planning applications could not be viewed on line in the two hours stated on the application and was sometimes not online 24 hours later. D.C. Buller said she would investigate.

22/11/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr. Preston

22/11/2 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS TO FILL THE VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL (3)

No candidates have come forward

22/11/3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

22/11/4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER 2022

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

22/11/5 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that the defibrillator was recently needed in church. The two ladies who fetched the defibrillator carried out the instructions to obtain the code to open the cabinet which included phoning the ambulance service for the code. However, the ambulance control centre operator did not know where to find the number which resulted in several minutes delay. Fortunately, the defibrillator was not required as the patient recovered. This incident has been reported to the County Commander for Ambulances.

The Chairman continued that he had been responsible for the Defibrillator for a few years and he would now like to pass this responsibility on. Cllr van Bussel agreed to be the responsible person.

22/11/6 LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS

There was nothing further to report. Cllr Duke commented that the Council should improve relationships with border parishes

22/11/7 PLANNING

40/22/0001 Demolition of buildings and erection of 1 No detached dwelling with associated landscaping works at New House Farm, Thorn Lane Thornfalcon

The council supported the application however to include a comment that the applicant has stated that the climate questions are not relevant. The Parish Council feel that they are relevant

40/22/0002 Erection of an accessible single storey para-hydrotherapy & leisure facility building with associated works. Thornfalcon House

The Council had no comments

40/22/0020 Erection of a double garage with office space. Eversley, Ruishton Lane
The Council commented that the footprint was a bit large.

22/11/8 FLOODING MATTERS

Cllr Duke reported on that he attended a Community Resilience Day and associated workshop on climate change. He will contact the previous Flood Team to see if the Flood Team can be re-formed. The Clerk will chase up the digital operated signs which were scheduled for October.

22/11/9 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATHS

Speed Indicator Devices (SID's)

The Chairman reported that he would order the SID's once the poles had been fitted by County Council. There is a local parishioner chapter 8 trained who is willing to volunteer and coordinate this works.

A358 Community Forum

Mr Doug Lowe reported on the Community Forum meeting held on 19th October. There will be no further input now until the Planning Inspectorate stage. To note that the dual carriageway will now be a High-Quality Dual Carriageway and not an Express Way as first proposed, After discussion, it was agreed that we would need an appropriate person to act for us at the Public Enquiry stage. A local resident, Jim Claydon, was suggested as he has the necessary expertise to represent the parish. The Clerk will forward a letter.

Inappropriate Parking

It was reported that cars had parked on the path alongside the Recreation Ground when a football match was playing which resulted in pedestrians walking in the road. The Clerk will contact the PCSO's and Ruishton Club Secretary.

Any other Highway or Footpath issues

- It was reported that the top of Bushy Cross Lane still floods. The Clerk will chase up.
- It was reported that the barrier had been hit opposite the entrance of Ruishton Lane at the traffic lights on the A358 resulting in part of the barrier jutting out into the road. The Clerk will report to County Highways

22/11/10 RECREATIONAL GROUND

Tree Inspection

RESOLVED: to approve the quote from Arbortech for £360 Arbortech

22/11/11 NOTICE BOARDS

Updates from the Clerk

The base at the Notice Board at Henlade

A local Handyman has suggested that all that needs doing is the broken pavement slabs taken up. After discussion, it was agreed to ask if a construction of a concrete base could be laid.

Refurbish or renew the Notice Board at Ruishton

It was agreed to refurbish the Notice Board as it was good order structure wise. The Clerk will contact a local Handyman and purchase some self-healing backing material.

New Notice Board at Thornfalcon

The Clerk reported that a one bay, glazed, wall mounted that fits 4 x A4 would be around £550-£600. It was agreed to go ahead

22/11/12 FINANCIAL MATTERS

QUARTER TWO BUDGET – NOTED

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

22/11/13 CORRESPONDENCE

An email from a parishioner in regard to dog mess in Goosey Lane

The Clerk reported that the Council agreed to erect 'clear up after your dog' signs in Goosey Lane but it never got done. Cllr Bulgin said that he would look online at the Sign Shed site for suitable signs.

Autumn newsletter from Gallagher Insurance- The Clerk commented that there is an article on Flood Risk Management

22/11/14 CLERKS REPORT

An introduction to the Rights of Way Legislation

Definitive Rights of Way map and the 2026 deadline to get all currently used footpaths registered with County Council – Zoom meeting hosted by SALC 11.11.22 at 2.00pm – NOTED

Challenges facing Local Government Finance

Town/Parish Councils have had a letter from the Leader of Somerset County Council warning of the significant challenges to provide the funding for their statutory services. Basically, the letter is saying Town/Parish Councils may have to find the funds for non-statutory services delivered to their community. The Parish Council will set 23/24 budget in January 2023 and will have to bear this in mind.

22/11/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Marshall reported that the NP is in its final stages ready for the Parish Council approval

22/11/16 MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) **OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

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