

## **RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026 held in the meeting room of Ruishton Village Hall

**CLLRS PRESENT:** Mullins, (Chairman) Liz Harper, Richard Harper, Stroner, Tarr and van Bussel

**ALSO PRESENT:** 2 members of the public, S.C. Sarah Wakefield, Jim Claydon (Neighbourhood Plan) and the Clerk, Heather Bryant.

### **PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME (ON GENERAL PARISH MATTERS)**

A question was asked about the Licence Review hearing on 11<sup>th</sup> September. The Chairman replied that the Parish Council will be represented

### **SOMERSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

S.C. Wakefield reported on the following: -

- There is currently a parking review across Somerset with new tariffs possible for December
- Development partner sought for the Firepool site in Taunton
- There is a executive meeting on 23rd September to discuss the flood money and the money put aside for Community projects
- She believes there is a pre-planning application for a Distribution Centre at Nexus 25

#### **26/9/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Cllrs Angell, Boucher, Bulgin, Fudge and Williams

#### **26/9/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Non declared

#### **26/9/3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026**

**RESOLVED:** to approve these minutes as a correct record

#### **26/9/4 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Chairman reported on the following: -

- He has a parishioner who has expressed an interest in filling the current councillor vacancy
- Unfortunately, he cannot attend the Licence Review on 11th September due to a holiday. Cllr Richard Harper has agreed to attend on his behalf
- Projector – Cllr Stroner will deliver the projector to Cllr Williams

#### **26/9/5 PLANNING**

31/26/0014 Replacement of 6 windows and 1 door. Installation of 1 door to front and 1 French doors to side and removal of chimney stack at Home Farm, Greenway Lane, Henlade  
The Council had no comments

31/26/0015 Change of Use from dwelling (Class C3) to office (Class E (g)(i) at Cambria Farm, Ilminster Road. Ruishton  
The Council had no comments

#### Any other Planning Matters

Nexus 25 – Jim Claydon reported that the Council should be involved with the pre-planning stage. The Clerk will contact the Planning Office.

Persimmon Homes potential planning application – It was agreed that now is the time for Persimmon Homes to hold a public exhibition. The Council can help with booking the hall

Jim Claydon reported that the correct version of the Neighbourhood Plan is now on the Somerset Council's web site

#### **26/9/6 FLOODING MATTERS**

##### Three Flashing Flood Signs

The Chairman reported that the company who he is dealing with is looking into a magnetic switch on a stick to turn the device on or off

**26/9/7 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATHS**

No highway matters were reported

**26/9/8 RECREATION GROUND**

There was nothing to report

**26/9/9 DEFIBRILLATORS**

Lower Henlade – Still waiting for a date for connection

Dinhams – Cllr van Bussel will fit the new pads and replacement battery

**26/9/10 THORNFALCON PROJECTS**

Parking at the Church – Cllr Angell is waiting for revised quotes for the area outside the church

Defibrillator – Cllr Angell has identified a site together with electricity supply. He will contact Cllr Williams for advice progressing further

**26/9/11 TRELLO PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

Cllr van Bussel reported that this is free for 10 users. It was agreed that Cllr van Bussel could progress

**26/9/12 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

**RESOLVED:** that this Council approves the schedule of cheques/invoices and bank statements with the Financial Report subject to the requirements of our Risk Assessment Document

Internet Banking

Cllrs Mullins, Williams, Stroner and Richard Harper are now set up on the system. It now requires Account Management Form to progress to internet banking. Cllr Liz Harper and the Clerk signed the form

**26/9/13 LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS/ SOMERSET COUNCIL**

There was nothing to report

**26/9/14 CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT**

- The Chairman reported that he had forwarded the information on flooding to Flood Committee
- Cllr Tarr reported that Sue Gunstone and her helpers have been awarded recognition from the Somerset Council Chairman for their volunteering work with litter picking. There is a ceremony at the Rugby Club on 16<sup>th</sup> October

**26/9/15 MATTERS TO REPORT (for information only) OR FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Cllr Tarr gave her apologies for the next meeting

Date of the next meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> October

*There was no public present. The Clerk left the room*

**26/9/16 26/27 PAY REVIEW**

National Salary Award 2026/27 has been agreed for SCP 10 at £14.83 (previous £14.35) an hour for 40 hours a month backdated to 1.4.26

To consider an upgrade in SPC from 10 to 15 at £16.08 an hour for 40 hours a month backdated to 1.4.26

*The Clerk returned to the room*

**RESOLVED:** to agree to the upgrade to SPC 15 at £16.08 an hour for 40 hours a month backdated to 1.4.26

*The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm*