



RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 26 October 2005 at 7.30 pm at Raglan Junior School.

Present: Councillor Mrs. H. Williams (Chair),

Councillors D. Watkins, R. Moorby, T. Phillips, N. Porter, Mrs. M. Chilcott, D. Brown, A. Crump, R. Parry.

In attendance: The Clerk, a press reporter and several Members of the Public.

Before the Meeting started the Chairman allowed some time for Members of the public present to speak to the Council.

Reference was made to a planning application for a market in 1999 which had referred to the need for the development of an Agripark to make the market viable. Concern was expressed that due to people from outside the Village attending the public meeting, a number of local residents had been unable to get in. It was emphasised that residents need a say on the market issue. After a number of exchanges, the Chairman agreed that the Council would convene a meeting to meet the Conservation Group representatives on 9 November at 7.30 pm. The Chairman then formally opened the meeting.

949. Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Mrs. J. Harry and R. Watkins.

950. The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 September were received and adopted as a correct record.

951. Matters Arising

Re: Minute 940 Councillor D. Watkins had received from the Clerk information about the S106 Agreement but it had not explained why the Village Hall Committee were involved in the development of sports facilities rather than this Council. It was pointed out to Councillor Watkins that the County Council deals with S106 agreements but the development would involve getting grants from other sources such as lottery funding to make up the total and conditions applied to such grants meant that public bodies could not be the developers of such schemes.

Re: Minute 943 (Councillor Crump declared an interest and left the room during this item). Councillor Mrs. Chilcott asked if Usk Town Council took legal action in relation to car parking charges whether this Council would be jointly liable for any costs as the Council had indicated its support for Usk. The Clerk suggested that a letter be written to Usk Town Council indicating that this Council should be told if they propose to take legal action.



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952. The notes of the Public Meeting held on 27 September 2005 were received and noted.

953. Planning Matters

a) Agendas, Plans Lists and Correspondence were noted.

b) The following decisions of the Planning Authority were noted:

M11157 - Conversion of storage building to private dwelling - next to Elmcote, Chepstow Road, Raglan - refused.

M11300 - Conversion of barn and outbuilding to residential use - Hill Farm, Penyclawdd - permitted.

M11993 - Replacing existing Poultry House with General Storage Buildings - Little Castle Farm, Pen-y-Parc Road, Raglan - permitted development.

M11907 - Demolish and rebuild wall 1 metre inside boundary to a height of 1 metre - Ty Hir, Monmouth Road, Raglan - granted conservation area consent.

M11313 - Conversion of redundant barn to residence Cefn Maen Farm, Raglan - permitted.

M11312 - Listed Building Consent for above.

M10511 - Alteration of roof pitch - Southern Cross, High Street, Raglan - permitted.

M11098 - Alteration of roof pitch - Cartref, High Street, Raglan - permitted.

M8853 - Use of barn as food preparation area instead of workshop - Castle Farm, Raglan - permitted.

M11689 - Single and 2 storey extensions to 32 Fayre Oaks, Raglan - permitted.

M8559 - Eco friendly composting facility at Lower Penyclawdd Farm - withdrawn.

c) The following planning applications were considered:

(Councillor Crump declared an interest and took no part in the discussion of these items)

M12061 - New Livestock Market, Little Castle Farm, Pen-y-Parc Road, Raglan. Given that a meeting with the Conservation Group had been arranged for 9 November and the application would not be considered by the County Council until December at the earliest, it was agreed to make a decision about this application at the next scheduled meeting of this Council on 23 November 2005.



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It was also noted in this context that a number of the highway issues raised at the Public Meeting needed resolution whether or not a market is developed. The Clerk would write to Mr. Harris, Head of Highways to re-emphasise the Council's concerns.

M12175 - Convert farm building into private residence, Store Building West of Cefn-y-Coed Farm, Kingcoed. Members expressed reservations. There is a major increase in size and a significant change in appearance of the building and Members could not recommend it for approval.

954. Finance Matters

a) Agreed to pay the following accounts:

Clerks salary and expenses £306.09

Websites Without Worry £150.39

b) A number of requests for financial support were referred to the January Finance Meeting.

955. Highway Matters

a) Several letters were noted and received.

The Chairman referred to Councillor R. Watkins' letter to the Assembly Highways Department about another accident at the cross-over by Cuckoo's Row. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

b) Members Concerns

The Clerk would chase progress on the new fence needed at Cross Hands Crossroads.

Councillor Parry submitted information on a road problem at Llangovan and Graig Road.

956. General Correspondence

A letter from the Rural Housing Enabler was noted. Agreed to ask him to carry out the survey as agreed.

Agreed to send a representative to the Police Consultation meeting on 14 November.



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957. Raglan in Bloom flowers at the Crown Square.

Councillor D. Watkins asked why the flowers at Crown Square had been left to die at the end of August. Councillor Phillips replied that the flowers had been watered until 14 September but rust had attacked the petunias and nothing could be done to save them.

958. Members Reports

a) Councillor Brown referred to the Monmouthshire Celebrations meeting. There was a move to separate the County Council from the public image of Monmouthshire. Local people felt tourism is a key but the County Council wanted to try to make residents proud of the County. They are looking for funding for a separate Monmouthshire website. Councillor Brown also pointed out that this Council's website needs revitalising.

b) Councillor Phillips and the Chairman had attended the One Voice Wales Annual Conference. The felt that it was a disaster as the Chief Executive and Finance Officer were both sick and the Chairman was left with little or no support on the day. There were no reports made, the planning advisory booklet is not finished. Overall the meeting should have been cancelled.

c) Councillor D. Watkins reported on the Police Meeting. Crime is down by 4% in 6 months.

The Meeting ended at 8.35 pm.