

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 20 December 2006 at 7.30 pm at Raglan Junior School

Present: Councillor Mrs. Chilcott (Chairman),
Councillors T. Phillips, R. Moorby, D. Brown, R. Parry, D. Watkins, N. Porter,
Mrs. J. Harry and Mrs. H. Williams
In attendance: The Clerk, Free Press Reporter and one member of the public

1100. Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor A. Crump.

1101. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 November 2006 were received and adopted as a correct record.

1102. Matters Arising

Re: Minute 1096 It was **agreed** that we should wait for further information on the new Commons Act before proceeding with the Keepership of Commons in the Community.

Re: Minute 1097 The work on proposals to improve some footpaths is ongoing. It is anticipated that there will be a meeting with the Countryside staff in January. There may be lottery money available.

1103. Planning Matters

a) Correspondence, Plans Lists and Agendas were noted. A Tree Preservation Order No. MCC170(2006) at Old Trecastle Farm, Penyclawdd was noted. No representations would be made.

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

DC/2006/00337 Conversion of barn to dwelling at Little Cefn Coed, Kingcoed, Usk -
Approved.

DC/2006/00516 Boundary fence to front, side and rear of property - Meadow Cottages,
Usk Road, Raglan - Approved.

DC/2006/00692 Conversion of garden shed to holiday let - The Cottage, Llandenny
Walks, Usk - Approved change of use.

DC/2006/00685 Single storey utility and conservatory - 24 Fayre Oaks, Raglan -
Approved.

c) The following Planning Applications were considered:

DC/2006/01138 Two storey extension to Llanishen Court, Llangovan, Raglan -
Approved.

DC/2006/01368 Replacement of 2 roof lights with dormer windows at Brooklands Farm, Chepstow Road, Raglan. No disagreement with the roof lights but other alterations on the plans are to be questioned.

1104. Finance Matters

a) It was **agreed** to pay the following accounts:

NRG - Photocopy charges	£10.49
Hosting of website for year	£116.33
Clerk's salary and expenses	£338.50
Second Life Products - (new seat)	£341.92

(The Clerk would contact the supplier about when the payment is to be made.)

b) Various requests for donations were referred to the January Finance Meeting.

Correspondence concerning the precept from the County Council was noted and referred to the Finance Meeting

1105. Highway Matters

a) No correspondence was received.

b) Members Concerns

The Clerk would remind the Highway Inspector about the overgrown hedge at Willsbrook.

It was noted that other people are dumping on the lay-by in Chepstow Road and it needs clearing.

The Graig Road is now dangerous with deep potholes and Llangovan Road is flooded when it rains.

1106. General Correspondence

A number of items of correspondence were received and noted.

It was **agreed** to consider correspondence on Strong Communities at the end of the Finance Meeting and also to determine who would attend the County Area Committee on 17 January at 2.00 pm at Goytre Village Hall concerning the County Council's budget for 2007/8.

The Local Health Board consultation on its Draft Disability Equality Scheme would be considered at the January Meeting.

1107 a) Street light at Prince Charles Close. It was noted that an additional light is needed at the top of the Close by the back bungalows. The Clerk would ask Mr. Joy to contact Councillor D. Watkins about it.

b) Footpath around Brooks Farm. Councillor D. Watkins asked that his proposal to

develop a footpath around the farm to the South of the Village should be revisited. Councillor Phillips suggested that it be raised with the Countryside Warden at their next meeting as a proposal. This was **agreed**.

1108. Members Reports

a) Councillor Phillips referred to a News-Sheet produced by the Raglan Conservation Group and an article entitled Raglan Racetrack. He was annoyed that no reference had been made to efforts by this Council and School Governors over the last ten years or so to improve the situation in Chepstow Road. He asked that a correction be made in the next edition. The Chairman supported his view and referred to the Atkins Report Commissioned by the Council and Mr. Finlayson's involvement.

Councillor Brown reminded members that Mr. Harris had met this Council two years ago on this. A traffic survey had been called for and flashing signs had been requested. He emphasised that he was not against the Conservation Group identifying the problem but it was disturbing that previous efforts had been overlooked.

b) Safe Routes to School. It appears that money is available for two crossing patrols. it was **agreed** that they would be best deployed by the Church and at the entrance to Fayre Oaks. This should be fed into the school development plan. It was **agreed** that a zebra crossing is also needed and that the Health Centre would also benefit from it.

The Meeting ended at 8.35 pm.

The Chairman wished everyone a Very Happy Christmas and invited them to refreshments at The Ship Inn.