

# RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22 February 2006 at Raglan Junior School at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs. H. Williams (Chairman),  
Councillors D. Brown, Mrs. M. Chilcott, A. Crump, R. Parry, Mrs. J. Harry,  
D. Watkins, R. Watkins, T. Phillips, R. Moorby.  
In attendance: The Clerk, Mr. D. Harris, Monmouthshire County Council,  
Pc. Oliver and Mr. R. Jones, Rural Housing Enabler and several members of the public.

**990.** The Chairman welcomed the three visitors and invited Mr. Rhidian Jones to speak first.

Mr. Jones outlined the role of Rural Housing Enabler and indicated that he is working with ten of the twelve Community Councils he has contacted. He then went on to talk about the type of survey needed to establish the need for affordable housing and the importance of effective publicity at the right time. An Action Plan is needed to achieve this. It was **agreed** that the Council wish to proceed and would await Mr. Jones' letter setting out more details. Mr. Jones then left the meeting.

**991.** The Chairman next invited Pc Oliver to speak to the Council. Pc Oliver circulated a report on police activity in the Raglan area. He noted that things had been fairly quiet over the last 6-7 weeks. He asked Members how often he or one of his colleagues should attend Council meetings. Councillor Crump observed that it was more important to get things done than to have meetings. The double yellow lines in the Village did not seem to be policed at all.

The Raglan Police Station is a base for the first response car, but it is not in regular use. It was suggested that card fraud should be published at St. Cadoc's Court and Prince Charles Road. After discussion about a number of other issues, it was **agreed** that a police presence every two months would be sufficient.

**992.** The Chairman then asked Mr. Harris to speak to the meeting. She asked Pc Oliver to stay during this session as there could be issues of over-lapping concerns.

During this discussion the following issues were noted:

- The Cattle Market planning application is still not formally registered so no formal consultation had started yet. it is expected fairly soon.

- The speed of traffic at West Lea off the roundabout and in Chepstow Road is still a problem. Narrowing of the road in places could be an option.
- area Committees are having difficulty prioritising road schemes as only about ten of the three hundred submitted can be dealt with.
- A comprehensive traffic plan is needed for the Village and items can then be prioritised within it, whether or not the market goes ahead.
- there was criticism of the responsiveness of the Safety Camera Partnership.
- the crossover at the top of Monmouth Road should be closed.
- A 24 hour speed survey is needed and the Village as a whole needs to be looked at later in the year.

Pc Oliver and Mr. Harris left the meeting at this stage. It was **agreed** to write to Mr. Harris setting out what had been agreed and pointing out the 6 March road closure.

**993.** No apologies for absence were received.

**994.** Councillor D. Brown apologised to Mrs. A. Vaughan, Secretary of the Raglan Conservation Group for the way in which he had expressed himself at the end of the previous meeting. He had not intended his comments to be seen as a personal attack or to give offence as they evidently had.

**995.** The Minutes of the Council Meeting on 25 January 2006 were received and adopted as a correct record.

**996.** No matters arising were raised.

**997. Planning Matters**

a) Plans lists, Agendas and correspondence items were noted. The latest version of the Unitary Development plan was received. Councillor Moorby will have a look at it.

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

M12175 - Convert Farm Building into private residence - Stone Building west of Cefny-Coed Farm, Kingcoed - Refused.

M11971 - New building to extend repair business, Rhiwlinon, Ton Road, Raglan - permitted.

c) The following planning applications were considered (Councillor Crump declared an

interest as a Member of the Planning Committee and took no part in the decision-making):

- M12540 - Illuminated freestanding and fascia signs - Travelodge, A40 Northbound, Raglan Services - Agreed.
- M12468 - Conservatory to side of semi-detached house - 2 Sunnyvale, Raglan - Agreed.
- M12502 - Demolition of existing stores, Conversion of first floor into 2 flats (revised scheme) - Central Stores, High Street, Raglan  
(Councillor Mrs. Chilcott declared an interest and left the room during this decision. Councillors D. Watkins, Mrs. H. Williams and Mrs. J. Harry declared an interest and took no part in the decision) - Agreed.
- M12566 -- New demountable building for office staff adjoining Station House. Alterations to existing house to accommodate this - Raglan Road Maintenance Depot, Raglan. Members **agreed** the application but expressed concern about the variety of roofing materials used on the site.  
(Councillor Crump declared a further interest in this application as a Member of the County Council who own the site).

- d) M12456 - Demolition of rear flat roof structure and construction of new single storey pitched roof extension at 5 Caestory Crescent, Raglan was noted as permitted development.
- e) M11120 - Conversion of storage building to dwelling, Elmcote, Chepstow Road, Raglan was noted as going to appeal.

#### **998. Finance Matters**

- a) It was **agreed** to pay the following accounts:
  - FH Jones and Sons (Electrical) £717.93
  - Clerks Salary and Expenses £307.78
  - One Voice Wales £178.00
  - D and M Watkins (Electricity) £40.00
  - C. Warwick (Electricity) £20.00

- b) Various items of financial correspondence were noted.

#### **999. Highway Matters**

- a) Road closure notices for Castle Parade, Usk and R71, Raglan were noted.

- b) Members Concerns

A sign at Raglan Church indicated a different distance to Llandenny on each side.

#### **1000. General Correspondence**

A number of items of general correspondence were received and noted.

Further letters from the Raglan Conservation Group were considered. The Clerk would write back with the responses **agreed** at the meeting.

The Clerk also noted that some of these issues could be dealt with in a more timely fashion by telephone and invited the Conservation Group to consider this option in future.

**1001. Members Reports**

a) The Chairman reported on a meeting about the development of the Multi-use Games Area and the School which had taken place on 7 February. Planning permission had now been given for the new Village Hall.

A further meeting with Mr. C. Barnard from the County Council would be held on 7 March.

b) Councillor D. Watkins noted the continuing problems with a clash of dates between the School Governors and this Council. This would continue at least until October 2006.

The Meeting ended at 9.20 pm.