

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26 April 2006 at Raglan Junior School at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillor Mrs. H. Williams (Chair),
Councillors D. Brown, Mrs. M. Chilcott, R. Moorby, D. Watkins, R. Watkins,
T. Phillips, Mrs. J. Harry, R. Parry and A. Crump.

In Attendance: The Clerk, Pc Oliver, Mrs. M. Pike and a Free Press Reporter and
10 Members of the Public.

Before the Meeting started Mr. A. Watkins asked a question concerning the Minutes of the last two meetings. He questioned the change of the Minutes of 22 February where the Chair and Councillor Mrs. Harry were recorded as declaring an interest which was changed at the next meeting to abstaining from voting. Mr. Watkins claimed that the draft minutes as recorded by the Clerk were correct according to his understanding and that they should not have been changed. Both Councillors affirmed that their intention had been not to declare an interest but to abstain.

The Clerk explained that when the minutes were presented to the Council for approval it was up to the Council to agree or not if they were a correct record. He had accepted the amendment to show abstaining as the will of the Council.

Mr. Watkins was not happy that this decision by the Council had been clear and asked Members to speak up in future.

Councillor Crump expressed his concern that Members declaring an interest should leave the room.

1009. The Chairman welcomed Pc Oliver to the meeting and invited him to deliver his report. He circulated his report which was discussed by Members.

There was discussion about speed of traffic, and the need for late-evening patrols at weekends to pick up local speeders.

The report should in future include the surrounding villages that make up Raglan Community.

There is an increased risk of theft of garden equipment.

The Chairman allowed a member of the public to speak. He expressed his concern that ratepayers in the area are not getting good value for their money.

Members thanked Pc Oliver for attending the meeting.

1010. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 March were approved as a correct record.

1011. Matters Arising: Councillor D. Watkins noted that the School governors will change their meeting dates for the coming year in October to avoid clashing with this Council.

1012. Planning Matters:

a) Planning Agendas were noted.

It was noted following a question that Councillor Crump is no longer a Member of the Planning Committee so that his general interest need no longer be declared.

b) No decisions of the Planning Authority were available to be considered.

c) The following application was considered:

MM12329 - Infil development at Canbourne, Primrose Green, Raglan - changed from two to one dwelling - Agreed. Councillor Mrs. H. Williams declared an interest and left the room during this discussion. Councillor Mrs Chilcott took the Chair.

1013. Finance Matters

a) The following payments were **agreed:**

Monmouth CAB	£150.00
Raglan in Bloom	£750.00
Llandenny PCC	£100.00
Penyclawdd PCC	£100.00
Llangovan PCC	£100.00
Raglan PCC	£100.00
Kingcoed Baptist	£100.00
Raglan Youth Club	£150.00
Raglan Festival	£300.00
Monmouthshire Crossroads	£50.00
Macmillan Nursing	£50.00
Bobath Cymru	£50.00
St. David's Foundation	£50.00
Clerk's Salary	£250.00

b) Two items of correspondence were noted. The Air Ambulance was referred to January 2007 Finance Meeting.

1014. Highway Matters

a) The new development at Usk Road is to be named Chapel Close - This was noted.

b) Councillor Mrs. Chilcott will speak to the police about obstruction at Primrose Green.

Councillor Parry reiterated his concern about the state of the roads in his area. Councillor Mrs. Chilcott will give him the Highway Inspector's phone number.

Councillor Phillips questioned when Station Road is to be finished.

Councillor Brown asked that Mr. Harris be pursued for a reply following his visit to the Council.

Councillor Crump would follow up tyres in the Brook behind Brook Farm.

1015. General Correspondence

A number of items of correspondence were noted.

A letter from CADW concerning a questionnaire was discussed. Concern was expressed about CADW's attitude to use of the Castle and their failure to keep the Village aware of events there. It was noted that a CADW representative had offered to come to talk to the Council.

1016. Members Reports

Councillor Phillips told Members that refurbishing seats in the Village had started. It was noted that the shutters installed at the post office and store needed planning permission and this would be applied for.

The planning system is currently running behind.

Councillor Crump agreed to chase progress on the Multi-use games area as the money had to be spent by August.

At the Police Liaison Committee it was announced that crime is down by 1% on last year. Councillor D. Watkins had questioned the role of the police.

Councillor Phillips reported that the Council team had finished in the Village. It was agreed to write to thank Mr. Glyn Edmunds. Councillor D. Watkins noted that cuts would be needed at the school. Councillor Crump commented that this is an all-Wales problem.

The meeting ended at 8.55 pm.