

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillor Mrs. M. Chilcott (Chairman),
Councillors A. Crump, T. Phillips, D. Brown, Mrs. J. Harry, R. Parry,
D. Watkins and Mrs. H. Williams
In Attendance: The Clerk, Mrs. M. Pike (Press) 3 Members of the public and
Pc Bolwell and Community Officer P. Barclay for the first part of the meeting.

The Chairman announced that Item 8 on the Agenda was withdrawn.

1044. Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors. R. Moorby and R. Watkins.

1045. The Chairman welcomed the Police Officers to the meeting and invited Pc Bolwell to address the Council.

He acknowledged that the Community Policing which had been implemented in the area had been rather disjointed but that it should now become more stable with himself, Community Police Officer Barclay and CPO Gareth James covering the area. There would be fixed surgery dates held in the Village Police Station and there would be foot patrols at other times to address particular issues. The aim was to provide high visibility policing.

Members then made comments covering the need to police yellow lines in the Village, the concern about increased crime rates, although this may be linked to increased reporting of incidents, and the need for people to use the surgeries to contact the police.

Pc Bolwell will report back any successes in solving crimes and will return every 2 months to the Council.

At this point the officers left the meeting.

1046. The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 June were received and adopted as a correct record.

1047. Matters Arising

Re Minute 10323, The Housing Survey had been put back to September.

Re Minute 1042, The Clerk circulated a note to Members about keepership of commons. It was **agreed** to ask Councillor Moorby to try to acquire plans of the commons and information about registered commoners. The item would be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Re Minute 1040, Summer Walk. Only four Members had taken part. The Chairman thanked them for turning up and doing the walk.

1048. Planning Matters

- a) Correspondence and Planning Agendas were noted.
- b) No decisions of the Planning Committee were received.
- c) The following Planning Applications were considered:
 - DC/2006/00408 Construction of 40x20 metre outdoor riding arena - Land at Court St Lawrence, Tre Castle Road, Monmouth - Agreed.
 - DC/2006/00354 Proposed single storey extension to West Barn, Fedw Farm, Llandenny Walk - Agreed.
 - DC/2006/00470 Extensions and Alterations to Grange Lodge, Old Abergavenny Road, Raglan - Deferred to a site meeting.
 - DC/2006/00516 Boundary fence to front, rear and side of property - Meadow Cottage, Usk Road, Raglan - Deferred to a site meeting.
 - DC/2006/00374 Conversion of redundant barn to residential use and install septic tank - Maes Gwyn Farm, Llandenny - Agreed.
 - DC/2006/00307 Conversion of stable and hay store to dwelling West of Cefn y Coed Farm, Kingcoed, Raglan - Deferred to site meeting.
 - DC/2006/00282 Renovation of farmhouse and extensions, convert barn to games room - Llanwilcae Farm, Rhiwlas, Raglan - Agreed.
 - DC/2006/00419 Provision/erection of double portal framed covered yard - County Farm Llangovan 6, New Trecastle Farm, Llangovan - Agreed (Councillor Crump declared an interest and took no part in the discussion of this application).
 - DC/2006/00373 Conversion of barn (old dairy) to residential use and install septic tank - Maesgwyn Farm, Llandenny - Agreed.

1049. Finance Matters

- a) **Agreed** to pay the following accounts:

Clerk's Salary	£250.00
K. Clarkson (seats/hedge)	£602.73
Monmouthshire County Council (Hire of Hall)	£27.00
- b) A quotation to paint noticeboards at £20.00 each was **agreed**. Other Items of correspondence were noted.
- c) The Council's Accounts for 2005/2006 were received and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

1050. Highway Matters

- a) One item of correspondence was noted (The Clerk will copy it to Councillors Porter and Moorby.
- b) Two Members concerns were noted and will be passed to the Highway Maintenance Manager.

1051. General Correspondence

A number of items of correspondence were received and noted. The Clerk will respond to three of them concerning a bank deposit, the timing of a meeting on the Monmouthshire Community Website and the William Jones Charity.

1052. Members Reports

a) Councillor Phillips reported that despite not winning a prize, Raglan had a good report from the judges and it was pleasing to note that the Beaufort had won the Public House Cup.

b) On the Summer Walk, Councillor Phillips said that they had looked at the two sites where seats had been removed - one could possibly be replaced - they had noted the overgrown hedge at Wilsbrook, Usk Road and the overgrown hedge over the footpath from Caestory to the back of the Post Office. The Chairman would contact A. Jones on these.

The trees at the Police Station were damaging the wall. **Agreed** the clerk will write to the Chief Constable about the Rowan trees.

Litter was returning to the streets - several bins had been full and it was **agreed** that more closed bins are needed. It was **agreed** to place seats and bins on the next Agenda.

Councillor Brown noted that we could ask the school children about resiting the bins.

Councillor Mrs. Williams had reported back to the school on the bins issue.

c) A tree in Sunny Vale had been looked at by the Trees Officer who had agreed that it should be heavily pruned.

d) Councillor Phillips commended Monmouthshire County Council for the work they had done sweeping the Village. The Clerk will write to thank Mr. Edmonds' team.

1053. Any Other Business

a) Councillor D. Watkins asked for a copy of all of the correspondence on the Livestock Market for the past two years. The Clerk will inform him of the cost associated with this.

b) An Allotment Committee Meeting will be held on 2 August at 8. pm.

c) The Planning Site Meeting will be held on 7 August, starting from the school car park at 7.00 pm.

The Meeting ended at 9.05 pm.