

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28 March 2007 at Raglan Junior School at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Mrs M Chilcott, Chair,

Cllrs N Porter, R Moorby, T Phillips, D Brown, R Watkins, Mrs H Williams, Mrs J Harry, D Watkins, and R Parry.

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr Rhidian Jones, and one member of the public.

The Chair introduced Mr Rhidian Jones, Rural Housing Enabler and invited him to speak to the Council.

Mr Jones distributed a draft report derived from the Housing Survey conducted in the Community in October 2006. He then went through the report highlighting key issues for members to note. The response level to the survey was quite high at 46% and the number of people interested in affordable housing was 69, again a significant figure.

It was agreed that members would identify any concerns about the report at the next meeting after which it would be possible to agree a further course of action.

The Chair thanked Mr Jones for his report and he left the meeting at this point.

1130. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr A Crump.

1131. The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 February 2007 were received and adopted as a correct record.

1132 Matters Arising

Re Minute 1128a) The Clerk acknowledged that the wording in the minutes and on the agenda relating to the planning application M12390 did not set out the full wording of the title of the Application as he usually did. He apologised for this omission but expressed the view that as the application had been considered at the meeting and Cllr D Watkins had been present, he did not believe that anyone had been misled by the omission. The apology was noted.

Re Minute 1128b) No further response had been received about the MUGA. Members agreed that it should be referred to the Ombudsman. The Clerk would liaise with Cllr Brown on this.

1133. Planning Matters.

a) Correspondence, Plans Lists and Agendas were noted. It was agreed to take electronic delivery of these in future.

b) The following decision of the Planning Authority was noted.

DC/2007/00038 Erection of 2 storey extension at Grange Lodge, Old Abergavenny Road, Raglan.

Approved

c) The following Planning Applications were considered:

DC/2006/00394 Conversion of redundant barn to walkers/tourists accommodation, Barn adjacent to Castle View Farm, Rhiwlas, Raglan. Agreed

DC/2007/00070 Listed Building Consent, Renovation and conversion to dwelling with inclusion of glazed frames to external openings, Unit 1, The Warrage, Warrage Road, Raglan Agreed

DC/2007/00067 Conversion of redundant barn/outbuildings to dwelling (amended proposal to M9224), Unit 1, The Warrage, Warrage Road, Raglan, Agreed

DC/2006/01716 Proposed new farmhouse, re Approvals MM9310, MM6858, and MM8051, Upper Llangwendr Farm, Llangovan, deferred to a site meeting (the Clerk would seek an extension).

DC/2007/00301 Meadow Cottage, Usk Road, Raglan, deferred to a site meeting (Cllr Phillips declared an interest in this application).

DC/2007/00274 Extension/renovation at Tal y Garn, Trecastle Road, Monmouth. Agreed (Cllr Moorby declared an interest in this application).

DC/2007/00236 Canvas awning to front of property, The Ship Inn, 8 High Street, Raglan Not agreed as it is in a conservation area.

DC/2006/01694 Permitted development of steel portal frame building at Pencarreg Farm, Kingcoed, Raglan was noted.

1134. Finance Matters

a) Agreed to pay Clerk's salary and expenses £323.36

b) The completion of the 2004/5 annual audit was noted.

1135 Highway Matters

- a) A report from the Highway Inspector concerning flooding at Pen y Parc Road was noted. THE Chair noted that the problem had been resolved for the present by the actions of Mr N Turner of Pen y Parc Farm. It was agreed to thank him for his efforts and public spirit.

Other items of correspondence were noted.

b) Members Concerns

A hedge in Station Road, Raglan needs trimming back as does the hedge at Willsbrook, Usk Road, Raglan. Agreed to write again about the latter.

A further query about the rear exit at the Northbound Services was raised and will be followed up.

1136, General Correspondence

A letter from David Davies MP, concerning Llandenny Common was noted. The Clerk will write back.

Other items of correspondence were noted.

1137. Members Reports.

a) Cllr D Watkins reported that the school had a budget deficit and that cycling to school was still on the agenda although he could not understand why.

b) Cllr Phillips noted that there had been two speed cameras in the village recently and that a number of motorists had been speeding.

c) Cllr Brown produced a copy of the Usk News Diary and noted that Raglan would be joining with Usk in future. It was agreed that the £50 contributed to the Village Hall Committee should be transferred to this group.

d) Cllr R Watkins noted that in relation to the work done at Llangovan on potholes, no further information had been received, but he noted that the County had now temporarily filled most of the remaining potholes.

The meeting ended at 9:20pm