

# RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25 April 2007 at Raglan Junior School at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Mrs M Chilcott, Chair

Cllrs T Phillips, R Moorby, R Watkins, D Watkins, N Porter, R Parry and D Brown

In attendance: The Clerk, and several members of the public.

1138. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Mrs J Harry and Mrs H Williams.

1139 The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 March were received and adopted as a correct record.

1140. Matters arising

It was noted that at the site meeting held on Saturday 31 March 2007 the two planning applications considered were dealt with as follows.

DC/2007/01716 was rejected as new build in open countryside.

DC/2007/00301 was agreed

1141 Planning Matters

a) A letter about the draft rights of way improvement plan was received. Agreed to put it on the agenda for the next meeting. Other items of correspondence were noted

b) No decisions of the planning authority had been received.

c) The following Planning Application was considered.

DC/2007/00270 Change of use to remove and transfer agricultural occupancy condition from Fleur de Lys to New House Farm, Llandenny. This was not agreed as it was built with the condition and to remove it would set a precedent.

1142 Finance Matters.

a) Payment of Clerks salary £258

S Heath (website) £50

were agreed.

b) The audit response for 2005/6 was noted and other correspondence was deferred to the January meeting.

## 1143 Highway Matters

a) A questionnaire to all members was distributed to those present for completion. The Chair took copies for the two members who had apologised for absence.

b) Cllr Parry noted that potholes had been filled in at Llangovan at last.

(At this point the meeting was adjourned to discuss an issue with Mr A Keep and Mr M Moran.)

The Chair invited the two County officers to join members at the table. Mr Keep referred to the letter sent by this Council to express strongly how frustrated the members were that the delays in progressing the Multi-Use Games Area had continued. He said that planning permission had been applied for and should be available by June and he hoped that the MUGA would be completed by late summer. Concerns were expressed that the price had gone up and the delay had caused that to happen. Members were concerned that the money, which had been in the hands of the County Council all this time, had not accrued any interest. It was stated that it was the County Council's policy not to add interest to such sums.

The amount available was some £8000 short of what was needed but there was a provisional sum in the contract which could perhaps be used to make up the difference

Concern was expressed that this Council had not yet seen the planning application, nor had it seen a developed plan of the proposal. It was stated that members had seen the plan last year, but when it was produced it was clear that it was only an outline and contained no detail such as lighting arrangements etc.

Members were still very concerned that the MUGA would not get built because of some further delay as yet unspecified.

The Chair thanked the two officers for coming and sought an assurance that a response in writing would be sent very soon.

After the two officers had left members expressed the view that the Ombudsman or Wales Audit Office should have an interest in what was going on. It was agreed to wait a week or so and then ask the Village Hall Committee to act.

(The meeting returned to Members Concerns on Highway Matters)

1143b) continued

Cllr Phillips noted that a lorry lost its load last week at the Raglan roundabout. It was not speeding and it was not the first to do so. He felt that it was caused by the road camber on the roundabout. It was agreed to write to the Welsh Assembly Highways about this.

Cllr Moorby expressed concern about the derestriction and speed camera signs that were appearing all over the place.

Cllr Phillips noted that a car had been parked by the butchers for some time. Agreed to write to the police about it. It was a P-reg Seat Ibiza.

The Chair raised a concern brought to her by a resident in Castle Street about pavement parking. She would put it to the police.

Cllr Phillips asked for signage to be discussed at the next meeting.

1144 A number of items of general correspondence were noted.

1145 Housing report

Members commended the report as a good report. It was agreed to ask Rhidian Jones if a Housing Association could be asked to meet the Council. It was important that any houses should be built for local people.

1146 Members Reports

It was noted that the police had not attended several meetings now. It was also noted that the Police Liaison Committee was likely to be resurrected in another form.

The Chair will contact Pc Bolwell about the lack of attendance.

1147 Annual Meeting

It was noted that the Annual Public Meeting, the Annual Meeting and a normal meeting would all take place on 23 May 2007.

The meeting ended at 9:00 pm.