

## RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of the Council held after the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 23 May 2007 at Raglan Junior School.

**Present:** Cllr R Moorby (Chair), Cllrs Mrs M Chilcott, D Brown, T Phillips, R Watkins, D Watkins, Mrs Williams, Mrs J Harry, and A Crump.

**In Attendance:** The Clerk, Mr Fairbank(press), and 3 members of the public.

**1148** Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs N Porter and R Parry.

**1149** The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25 April 2007 were received and adopted as a correct record.

#### **1150** Planning Matters

- a) Planning agendas and correspondence were noted.
- b) The following applications were considered:
  - DC/2006/00373 Conversion of barn to residential use – Maesgwyn Farm Llandenny – alteration to plan – agreed.
  - DC/2006/00374 Conversion of redundant barn to residential use – Maesgwyn Farm, Llandenny – alteration to plan – agreed.
  - DC/2006/00375 Conversion of redundant brick barn to residential dwelling, Brick Barn 2, Maesgwyn Farm, Llandenny – agreed.

It was agreed to ask the Planning Authority to clearly indicate the alterations on future such proposals.

DC/2007/00450 Erection of garage and workshop over, Grange Lodge, Abergavenny Road, Raglan – agreed.

DC/2007/00475 Boundary fence in timber, colour of side cladding to house and height as per neighbouring house – 1 Fairfax View, Raglan – agreed (Cllr Mrs Chilcott declared an interest in this application and did not vote on it)

It was agreed to express concern about the delay in dealing with this application and the inconsistency of the Planning Authority when considering a recently approved application at Meadow Cottage, Usk Road.

DC/2007/00540 New Livestock Market – Land adjacent to High House Farm, Zr64, Raglan. It was noted that this application is not in the Raglan Community but it was agreed to make the following comments:

- The traffic implications for Raglan would still exist.
- It is a development in open countryside.
- The same concerns about the proposals for effluent control exist.
- There was a fatal accident on the main road nearly 5 years ago which is not mentioned in the traffic report.
- There have been some concerns locally as to whether it is a contaminated site.

DC/2007/00337 Proposed residential development to provide 2 semi-detached dwellings at Canbourne, Primrose Green, Raglan – recommend refusal on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site and 3-storey dwellings being out of character in this area.

DC/2006/00394 Conversion of redundant barn (newly reconstructed) to residential accommodation – existing barn adjacent to Castle View Farm, Rhiwlas, Raglan Amended description – no comments.

### **1151 Finance Matters**

a) Agreed to pay the following accounts

Childline Wales	£50
St Anne's Hospice	£50
Monmouthshire Crossroads	£50
Alzheimers Society	£50
Monmouth CAB	£200
Raglan in Bloom	£1000
Llandenny PCC	£100
Penyclawdd PCC	£100
Llangovan PCC	£100
Raglan PCC	£100
Kingcoed Baptist	£100
Raglan Scouts	£150
Chairman's Allowance	£250
Clerk's Salary	£258
Photocopier Rental	£176-54

b) Various items of correspondence were noted, including the completed Audit return for 2004/5 and the Notice of Audit for 2006/7.

### **1152 Highway Matters**

a) A response concerning the need for a visibility splay on the old A40 at the service road to the North Bound Service Area was received. Agreed to respond asking why the County Council have not required action by the owners.

b) Various items of concern were noted from members:

- Hedge at Willsbrook house
- Hedge on corner of Station Road
- Footpath at Monmouth Rd is dangerous
- Sign needed at dangerous bend between Pen y Parc farm and Pen y Parc House.

### **1153 General Correspondence.**

- A letter from the Director of Lifelong Learning and Leisure concerning the MUGA was received and noted with no satisfaction. It was agreed to ask the Village Hall Committee to take it up with the Ombudsman.
- An e-mail from the Rural Housing Enabler suggesting attendance at a future meeting was considered. Agreed to suggest the July Meeting.
- A letter from the Police was considered. Agreed to invite them to the June Meeting.
- An enquiry about moving a litter bin outside 3 High Street Raglan was considered. Agreed to decline to move it as it performs a useful function being close to the Post Office and because there is no other alternative site available.
- Agreed to ask for some more dog fouling signs.
- Agreed to write to the Welsh Assembly Highways Directorate requesting signs on the A40 directing heavy vehicles to the various industrial sites around Raglan.

### **1154 Members Reports**

a) Cllr D Watkins reported on a proposed School Travel Plan to which Councillors are invited. This is an attempt to resolve parking problems around the school. Cllr Brown asked that progress following the useful site meeting in feb/March should be followed up. Cllr Watkins also reported variations in the school budget due to accounting problems and he also noted that the Head Teacher had indicated that she would be leaving at Christmas.

b) Cllrs Brown and Mrs Chilcott had attended a meeting on Planning matters at County Hall. There are still problems with the planning computer system so we will still

receive paper-based information at present although planning decision notices will need to be looked up on-line. Cllr Moorby was concerned about the random way in which numbers were allocated to planning applications.

- c) Cllr Brown, the Chairman and the Clerk will try to find a way of receiving payment for web-site adverts from local businesses.
- d) Cllr Phillips reported that Raglan would be judged in the Calor Gas Village of the Year competition on 11 or 12 June.
- e) Cllr Crump noted cars for sale parked by the A40 roundabout. Agreed to write to the Welsh Assembly Highways Division about this.

**The meeting ended at 9:15pm**