

## **Raglan Community Council**

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22 August 2007 at 7:30pm at Raglan Junior School.

Present: Cllr R Moorby, Chair,

Cllrs Mrs M Chilcott, R Parry, R Watkins, T Phillips, Mrs J Harry, D Watkins, and Brown.

In attendance: The Clerk, Ms D McCarty and Ms J Lewis (Monmouth One Stop Shop) and Mr D Swanson (County Planning Dept)

1176. The Chairman welcomed Mr Swanson to the meeting. He had been invited to talk about the planning application for a car park behind High Street for which the Highways officers had required a modification of the road line at the junction of Usk Rd and High Street.

Mr Swanson agreed that he had not seen the significance of the highway proposal and it had not been re-consulted upon as a consequence. Members expressed their strong concerns that the change in the road alignment would create problems for heavy vehicles coming around the corner, and with the bottom of Usk Rd already made difficult by the planning consent for a wooden fence right out to the road line at the bottom end, then this latest change would make things very difficult indeed.

Mr Swanson said that the remaining road width was still sufficient for a normal residential road, and the scale of parking on the proposed car park was greater than on the existing one. It was agreed that the Clerk would write again to Mr Swanson setting out the Council's concerns in detail.

There was also a short discussion on the rear access to the Services area on the dual carriageway. Members were concerned that this access had been allowed to develop, but Mr Swanson was clear that it had been in use for too long a period for there to be any prospect of enforcement action.

Mr Swanson also explained the process whereby applications were decided whether or not there were objections to them.

The Chairman thanked Mr Swanson for coming to the meeting and he then left.

1177. The Chairman then welcomed Ms McCarty and Ms Lewis to the meeting. The discussion now focused on the development of a Community Plan for Raglan, and how this might be produced. It was agreed that a traffic plan for the village should be included as part of the Community Plan. Other developments in the village such as the new school, the Village Hall and the Multi Use Games Area should also be set in context in the plan.

Usk had undertaken a community questionnaire with the Chamber of Commerce and the Town Council and that would be the basis for their plan. It was agreed that Raglan needed a more multi-agency approach. It would be necessary to work with local knowledge, and it was suggested that a draft for discussion based on Councillors knowledge might be a way forward. It was also

agreed to engage with Rural Community Action and the Police. Ms Lewis and Ms McCarty will produce a project plan draft to start the process off.

The Chairman thanked them for their attendance and they left the meeting at this point.

1178. The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2007 were received and adopted as a correct record, subject to an alteration in minute 1175 that “local businesses” not “a local business” had won the award.

1179. Planning Matters

a) Agendas and correspondence were received.

b) The following applications were considered:

DC/2007/00485 Provision of multi-use games area, new school playing field and new car park, Raglan Junior School. It was noted that the MUGA is not part of the school, but is adjacent to the school. The application was approved subject to queries about how the floodlights are controlled, ownership of the land, and the school boundary being stipulated in the wrong place. There should be a letter to the Planning Department. Copied to Mr Keep, Mr Berg, and Councillor Crump, and the letter should ask for a meeting to clarify these issues.

DC/2007/00999 Conversion of vacant barn into 2 storey annex and garage, Old Trecastle Barns, Llangovan. Agreed

DC/2007/00971 Listed building consent for the above. Agreed.

DC/2007/00961 Conversion and extension of redundant agricultural building to dwelling at Skirrid Barn, The Warrage, Raglan. Agreed.

DC/2007/00967 Listed Building Consent for the above. Agreed.

c) An appeal against enforcement notice EO4/280 was noted.

1180. Finance Matters

Agreed to pay

Clerk's salary £258

One Voice Wales Conference £50

Various items of correspondence were noted.

1181. Highway Matters.

a) A proforma from the County Highways Dept was received with information about progress on various items previously raised by members.

A letter about the footway lighting at Ethley Drive/ Willow Close was noted. It was confirmed that the lights were no longer on during the day and the hedge had been cut back.

b) Cllr D Watkins raised again the state of the footpath in Monmouth Road. The Clerk would report it again.

1182. General Correspondence

A number of items of general correspondence were received and noted.

1183. Litter Bin in the High Street.

Members had looked at the siting of the bin and had looked for alternative positions to site it. It was agreed that it collected a fair amount of rubbish where it was, and that there was nowhere else nearby where it would serve the same

purpose. After careful consideration it was agreed that there was no realistic alternative site for it so it should stay where it was. The Clerk would write to the adjacent property owner to explain the Council's decision.

1184. Members reports.

Three members had attended the Central Monmouthshire Forum meeting at which County budget issues had been discussed. A criticism of the presentation was that the figures used did not show a baseline, but dealt with year on year increases.

The meeting ended at 9:10pm