

## **RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23 April 2008 at 7:30pm at  
Raglan Junior School

Present: Cllr R Moorby (Chair),  
Cllrs Mrs M Chilcott, D Brown, R Parry, N Porter, D Watkins, R Watkins, Mrs H  
Williams, A Crump and T Phillips.

In Attendance: The Clerk, MR D James, Rural Housing Enabler for the first item, and  
two members of the public

2052 Mr D James, the Rural Housing Enabler was welcomed to the meeting by the  
Chair. Mr James referred to the gap in continuity since Mr Rhidian Jones left and  
expressed himself as willing to try to pick up where things had been left. After some  
discussion it was agreed that the Council and Mr James would collaborate to hold  
one or two public events in July before the school holidays to receive the public's  
views on the report concerning the need for affordable housing and to look for  
suggestions for suitable sites in the community. Rural Exclusion Sites were a  
possibility if the existing land scheduled for development had already been used.  
It was noted that Mitchel Troy are progressing a scheme at present.  
The Council will let Mr James have some dates for the public events and will try to  
get publicity for them to attract as many people as possible.  
The Chair thanked Mr James for attending the meeting.

2053 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Jane Harry.

2054 The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 March were received and adopted as a  
correct record.

### 2055 Matters Arising

Re minute 2048b) it was noted that some replies had been received but there was  
no progress yet. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Mr Harris asking for a  
meeting about the traffic calming in Chepstow Rd as a matter of urgency.

Re minute 2050 Cllr Brown had considered the possible identification of  
development sites in the community and he suggested an extension to the Ethley  
Drive site towards Usk Rd, and relocation of Ross Farm Machinery to the Industrial  
Site (which might need an extension to accommodate it) and the use of the vacated  
site for housing.

It was also suggested that Raglan needs a long stay car park to alleviate parking  
problems for those who have no on site parking at their houses as well as for  
shoppers during the day. It was pointed out that when the new school is built in three  
years it should be possible to achieve this on the old infants school site.

Re minute 2051, it was noted that recently there had been some improvement in dog  
fouling in the village which may have been due to the presence of the Dog Warden.

### 2056 Planning Matters.

a) Agendas and correspondence were noted

b) The following applications were considered

DC/2008/00274 Proposed porch, 5, The Hawthorns, Raglan –Agreed. (Cllr Brown  
declared an interest in this application and took no part in the decision).

DC/2008/00358 Residential Caravan for farm animal husbandry and racehorse training Llangwendr Farm, Llangovan. Recommend agreement for a temporary twelve months licence.

DC/2008/00234 Erection of steel framed building for hay/implements at Tre Basket, Chepstow Rd Raglan. Agreed subject to drainage problems on the road from previous works being sorted out first.

DC/2008/00436 Retention of gates and pillars at Cayo Farm, Usk Rd Raglan. Agreed. (Cllr Phillips declared an interest in this application and took no part in the decision)

DC/2008/00460 Outline permission for house and garage on land adjacent to Con Amore, Cuckoo`s Row, Raglan.-Agreed.

c) It was agreed to write sympathising with the view of the appellant, Mr Whieldon

#### 2057 Finance Matters

a)Agreed to make the following payments:

Clerk`s salary and expenses	£340.58
Monmouth CAB	£200.00
Raglan in Bloom	£1000.00
Llandenny PCC	£100.00
Penyclawdd PCC	£100.00
Llangovan PCC	£100.00
Raglan PCC	£100.00
Kingcoed Baptist	£100.00
Raglan Scouts	£150.00
Ragan Music Festival	£1000.00
Bobath Cymru	£50.00
Homemakers Recycling	£50.00
Noah`s Ark Appeal	£100.00
MacMillan Cancer Care	£50.00
British Heart Foundation	£50.00
St Davids Foundation	£50.00
Raglan Website	£15.55
Monwel signs (BGBC)	£37.60
NRG Photocopying	£21.62

b) The notice of Audit for 2007/8 accounts was noted

#### 2058 Highway Matters

##### Members Concerns

Cllr D Watkins noted that a local person had fallen in Monmouth Rd due to the very uneven pavement and had received severe injuries to her mouth needing expensive dental treatment. It was agreed to report this again, but also to ask Cllr Watkins to advise the person to claim compensation from the County Council.

Cllr Parry reported that he had spoken to David Davies concerning the roads in his area. Since then a few potholes had been filled but the roads were still in a bad state.

#### 2059 General Correspondence

A number of items of correspondence were noted.

A discussion took place on correspondence from Mrs Pook concerning ownership of a piece of land outside her property. There was a consensus that members understood that the land still belonged to the Pooks.

Cllr Crump noted that another Stakeholder event will be held by the County Council at Chepstow Racecourse on 22 May from 9 to 1

#### 2060 Members Reports

Cllr Phillips reported that at a recent One Voice Wales meeting all eleven councils represented had expressed concern about the County Planning Department. He also referred to correspondence from the Caldicot Levels Flood Defence Alliance. It seems that the Environment Agency is not completing the flood defence works started some time ago along the Severn estuary. Instead they are proposing to allow "controlled flooding" of the levels in times of flood. This is causing great concern to the areas affected and it was agreed that this Council will write expressing support for the campaign to get the work completed.

It was noted that a new Head has started at the school and it was agreed to invite him to the next meeting

Concern was expressed that despite the planning approval now being available for the MUGA, it seems the work will not start in the foreseeable future because of insufficient funds. It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive expressing frustration and concern about this further delay in a project that had already taken nearly eight years to get to this stage.

#### 2061 Any Other Business

The Chair asked that if the Council assumes the keepership of the local commons, will members agreed to a notice board being erected at Llandenny Walks common. This was agreed in principle.

Cllr D Watkins referred to a question he had been asked concerning how the owner of The Mount received planning permission for the recent development there as it was in a conservation area. It was pointed out that this is a matter for the County Council and the questioner should write to them.

The meeting ended at 9:25pm