

**RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19 August 2009 at 7:30pm at Raglan Junior School.**

Present: Cllr T Phillips (Chairman)

Cllrs R Moorby, N Porter, D Watkins, Mrs H Williams, Mrs A Vaughan, R Watkins and S Thomas.

In attendance: The Clerk and three members of the public.

Before starting the meeting Cllr Mrs Vaughan was welcomed by the Chairman to her first meeting and she signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2125. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs S Price, A Crump and R Parry.

2126. Declarations of Interest would be made as they occur during the meeting.

2127. The minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22 July 2009 were received and adopted as a correct record subject to the substitution of Wyesham School instead of Overmonnow in the third paragraph of the pre-meeting discussion.

2128. Matters arising.

Re the allotments issue, the Police had been informed, but nothing further had been heard.

2129. Planning Matters.

a) Agendas and enforcement lists were noted.

b) The following applications were considered:

DC/2009/00601 Two storey extension at Scybor Newydd, Usk Rd, Raglan – Agreed.

DC/2009/00746 Removal of agricultural occupancy condition at Fleur de Lys, Llandenny – not agreed as it sets a precedent for others. (Cllr S Thomas declared an interest and took no part in this decision.)

DC/2009/00699 Change of use alterations to a grade 2 listed building at Coldbrook Farm, Raglan – Agreed (Cllr S Thomas declared an interest and took no part in this decision).

DC/2009/00462 Use of Usk Showground as Park and Ride for 2010 Ryder Cup with permanent toilet block – agreed. (Cllr Porter declared an interest in this and took no part in the decision).

DC/2009/00740 Revisions to roof and extension of first floor to approved conversion of brick cowshed to a dwelling at The Homestead, Llangovan, Monmouth – Agreed.

c) The appeal by Mr Riseborough was noted.

2130. Finance Matters.

a) The following were authorised for payment:

Clerk's salary £268.92

Newland Rennie Wilkins £230.00

b) Various items of correspondence were noted.

2131. Highway Matters.

a) Correspondence.

A response to last month's highway concerns was noted.

A report on speed monitoring in Chepstow Rd was noted and the overall average speed of traffic was noted as being above the limit. Members expressed satisfaction with this report as the first to acknowledge that there was indeed a problem with speeding past the school. Members agreed to confirm that they support future speed enforcement at this location.

b) Members concerns.

Cllr R Watkins noted a large pothole in Warrage Rd.

Cllr Phillips noted a problem with surface water in the village since the resurfacing work was done.

These would be reported.

2132. Correspondence.

Correspondence concerning Community Facilities and the funding of them in the new school or separately, was considered. Records of when the money was originally invested were being checked to see what had originally happened. This is an on-going concern.

A response from our insurers to questions from the Clerk following the Risk Analysis was considered. It was agreed to consider this again at the next meeting when further information might be available.

An e-mail about a contribution to the Usk Town Guide was noted. The Clerk will write to ask what level of support is being sought.

A letter from the Valuer concerning the value of Commons in the Community was considered. Agreed to write to Mr Stephens concerning the issue of any payments by the Council after the Keepership was transferred.

Other items of correspondence were received.

2133. Members Reports

Cllr Mrs Williams noted that the Twinning Association was progressing with its booklet and a further meeting will be held in September.

Cllr Moorby noted that Monmouth CAB had appointed a new Deputy Manager.

2134. Any Other Business.

It was agreed to adopt the phone box in Llandenny for £1.

Cllr D Watkins noted that the vicar did not seem to have his name as a Charity Trustee, or Cllr Phillips. The Clerk will write to the vicar on this.

The grass adjacent to the MUGA still needs cutting. Agreed to write asking for it to be done urgently.

**The meeting ended at 8:45pm**