

## **RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28 October 2009 at 7:30pm in Raglan School.**

Present: Cllr T Phillips (Chairman)

Cllrs R Moorby, Mrs S Price, R Watkins, D Watkins, S Thomas, R Parry and A Crump

In attendance: The Clerk, Pc Oliver and PCSO and three members of the public.

Before the meeting, the Chairman invited Pc Oliver to make his report.

Pc Oliver referred to the written report provided and also noted that there had been quite a lot of activity about fuel thefts. A number of caches of cans, empty and full, had been discovered and confiscated by the police, and the public were asked to be vigilant in watching out for unexpected late-night activity.

Cllr Parry noted that he had reported an incident in his locality but had not heard anything further. Cllr Moorby noted that his neighbour had also reported an incident, but he was not sure if he had heard anything afterwards. Pc Oliver apologised that no feedback had been given. He urged people to continue to report incidents even if they did not hear anything.

In relation to the PACT priorities, it had been decided that speeding in the village was the top priority for the next few months, and police would be monitoring this closely.

There being no other questions, the Chairman thanked the officers for coming and they left at this point.

2144. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs H Williams.

2145. Declarations of interest would be made as appropriate during the meeting. Cllr Crump declared an on-going interest as a member of County Planning Committee and took no part in any Planning decisions.

2146. The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30 September 2009 were received and adopted as a correct record.

2147. Matters arising.

Re minute 2136, Cllr Crump noted that he had met Mr Colin Barnard in County Hall and he was willing to look in his files to see if he could produce the information regarding Raglan School.

Re minute 2141, Cllr Moorby raised the issue of the adoption of the telephone box at Llandenny. Cllr Parry also asked if the box at Penyclawdd could be included. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would progress the adoption of both boxes.

2148 Planning matters.

a) An enforcement case in the village was noted.

b) The following Planning Applications were considered:

DC/2009/00906 Proposed Fodder and Machinery Store at Llanolway Land, Newhouse Farm, Llandenny. Agreed.

DC/2009/00935 Extension of stone boundary wall to driveway and new entrance gates, The Garden House, Llandenny. Agreed.

DC/2009/00987 Hedgerow removal notice, Castle Farm, Raglan. Agreed.

2149. Finance matters.

a) The following payments were agreed:

Clerk's salary £268.92

Bye- election costs £1438.85

Photocopy charges £89.76

Commemorative plate for twinning £140.00

Cost of meal for vice-chairman at twinning function £25

b) Two requests for funding were deferred to the January Finance Meeting.

2150. Highway matters.

a) Correspondence.

A holding response had been received concerning the trench in the road at Llandenny Walks.

b) Members' concerns.

Cllr Parry reported that the road at the Graig had now been reinstated.

Other work had also been done at Pen y Parc Rd. Some other jobs were still outstanding.

2151. Correspondence.

Several items of correspondence were received and noted.

The recommendations of the "Are we being served" Report were circulated to all members present with the intention that if anyone had any comments on them, they should let the Chairman or the contact on the sheet know before 6 November.

2152. Members reports.

a) Cllr Phillips and Cllr Thomas reported on the Twinning Visit from Parce. It had been a very pleasant visit, despite the weather, and both felt that it had been very successful in moving the Twinning process forward.

b) Cllr Mrs Price was concerned about the noise created when the recycling bank is emptied at a very early hour in the morning (6am). It is located near an old people's complex and there are residential properties nearby as well. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the Monmouthshire Recycling Officer with the complaint and a request that the rota for emptying it be altered to a more civilised hour.

c) Cllr Phillips reported that he and Cllr Mrs Williams had attended the One Voice Wales Conference near Aberystwyth. It had been a very good and useful conference.

d) Cllr Thomas reported that there would be a meeting on 6 November to discuss funding of the new school and he would report back in due course.

**The meeting ended at 8:30pm**