

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25 February 2009 at 7:30pm at Raglan Junior School.

Present: Cllr R Moorby (Chairman)

Cllrs Mrs M Chilcott, T Phillips, S Thomas, R Parry, Mrs H Williams, D Watkins, R Watkins

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

2061. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs N Porter and Mrs S Price.

2062. Declarations of interest would be made if appropriate.

2063. The minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28 January 2009 were received and adopted as a correct record.

2064. Matters arising.

Re minute 2060, Cllr D Watkins questioned whether the Council had the right to replace the fencing at Sunnyvale. He had received concerns from people who had habitually used the gap in the fence as a shortcut. It was explained that the Council had concurrent powers with the County on a number of services and unless the County Council were to object to the reinstatement of the fence there was no problem with the work that had been done.

The reason for the reinstatement was that dogs being taken to the dog walk area persistently fouled that end of Sunnyvale before they had reached the dog-walk and the owners had not picked it up. The objections were noted, but the Council considered that the replaced fence should remain.

2065. Planning Matters.

a) The schedule of enforcement actions was noted.

b) The following Planning Applications were considered:

DC/2009/00084 Erection of domestic barn/store and lean-to wood-store, potting shed and wc, Old Trecastle Farm, Penyclawdd. Agreed

DC/2009/00090 Listed Building Consent for the above. Agreed.

2066. Finance Matters.

a) Agreed to pay the following accounts:

Royal British Legion (wreath donation)	£25
Clerk's Salary	£262.50
Honeycomb Media (leaflets)	£75
Steven Heath (website management)	£120
K M Clarkson (fence repair)	£125
C Warwick (Christmas lights power)	£30
D & M Watkins (Christmas lights power)	£60

b) To note receipt of £46.87 from Abergavenny Town Council

c) A statement of the Council's Finances was noted.

d) Various items of correspondence were received.

2067. Highway Matters

a) Correspondence

The Clerk told members of the response received from the County concerning Pen y Parc Rd and Graig Rd. It was noted that there was an intention to carry out repairs in the future, but no definite plans so far.

b) Members concerns.

Other than the items discussed above there were no new concerns to note other than the general concern that the condition of roads was deteriorating and that sometimes the priority given to A and B roads was unwarranted given their condition compared with many other minor roads.

2068. General Correspondence.

A number of items of general correspondence were noted.

2069. Transition in Raglan

The presentation made to the Council at its previous meeting, and the notes circulated by the presenter were discussed. Members found it difficult to see how they could make an impact on the issues raised. Many felt that as changes came along people would adapt to them out of necessity, but that very few people would surrender their freedom of movement and freedom to use their time and resources in their own ways at this stage. It was agreed that the issues should not be ignored, and that for the time being it should be kept on the table. No member wished to volunteer to represent the Council on the working group, but the Council would be prepared to receive progress reports from the group.

2070. Risk Assessment.

The Clerk explained that the Auditors required that the council should carry out a risk assessment each year to ensure that its activities and assets were adequately protected.

Members then checked through the paper provided by the Clerk and the following concerns were noted for action:

Rubbish bins provided by the Council in the village should be insured against damage to the bins and any commensurate damage to property of others.

The Civic regalia should be insured.

Council data in hard copy and electronically held should be safeguarded as far as possible. (The Clerk will report back on this).

Standing Orders and Financial regulations should be reviewed in the next few months.

The next Risk Assessment should take place at the January Finance Meeting.

2071. Members Reports.

a) Cllr Mrs Price had reported that she had been in touch with the Probation Service about further work at the Dog Walk and they will respond to her in due course. There was some concern about whether additional work is needed, but it was pointed out that we need a regular maintenance programme in place.

b) Cllr Moorby reported that Monmouth CAB had received additional funds for additional opening and as compensation for disruption during adjacent building works. They were currently looking for new premises.

c) Cllr Phillips noted that the MUGA is nearly ready for organised use. The Usk Youth Service were interested in organising sessions for local young people on it when the storage container is in place. It will be available for use until 9:30pm.

d) The Clerk noted that the two notice boards that had been required had been ordered and should be available before the end of March to qualify for the grant money. The existing main notice board in the village would then be repaired.

e) The Chairman asked the Clerk to write again to Mr Jonathan Stephens about the Common Land Keepership.

The meeting ended at 8:45pm.