

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Raglan School on Wednesday 26 May 2010 after the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Present: Cllr S Thomas (Chairman)

Cllrs T Phillips, Mrs A Vaughan, Mrs S Price, Mrs H Williams, R Parry, A Crump, D Watkins, N Porter, R Watkins and R Moorby.

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

2219. There were no absentees.

2220. Declarations of interest would be made as and when they occur.

2221. The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 April 2010 were received and adopted as a correct record.

2222. Matters arising.

Re minute 2211, the Clerk will write to Supt Johnson to attend a future meeting.

Cllr Phillips noted that there was to be a public meeting at the Golf Club on 10 June to discuss the outbreak of thefts in the area.

Re minute 2213, it was noted that the Clerk had received a further e-mail from Mr O'Donnell concerning minutes for the early 60s, and he had also ascertained that the hedge at Willsbrook was the subject of a possible appeal to the Magistrates against its being cut back.

Re minute 2207, In relation to Dog Waste Bins, it was agreed that four bins should be purchased and a contract taken up with Merlin Waste to empty them. Sites at the roundabout end of the dog walk, the end of Usk Rd near the bench, Castle Rd by the oak tree and bench and Chepstow Rd opposite the Doctors' surgery were identified as suitable sites. The Clerk would set about arranging for these to be purchased and installed.

Re Minute 2216, Grit bins, members identified sites at Llandenny, at the bottom of the rise up to the church, and near Oakfield, opposite the Cuckoo Club, at Llangovan below the church on Monmouth Rd and one by the Village Hall. The Clerk would make the request to County.

In relation to waste bins, the spare bin could usefully be placed opposite the Doctors' surgery at the road junction.

Re minute 2218, Cllr Crump had not had a response to his request for work to be done at Brook Holding.

2223. Planning Matters

a) Enforcement Lists were received and noted.

b) The following Planning Application was considered: (Cllr Crump declared an interest as a member of the County Planning Committee and took no part in the discussion or voting)

DC/2010/00377 Proposed extension and alterations to Maesgwyn Farm, Llandenny, Usk – agreed.

2224. Finance Matters.

a) The following payments were agreed:

Clerk`s salary £271.67

D and M Watkins (Christmas Lighting energy) £60

Mrs C Warwick (Christmas Lighting energy) £30

Chairman`s allowance £250

b) A number of letters of thanks for donations were received.

2225. Highways Matters.

a) There was no correspondence.

b) Members Concerns.

Cllr R Watkins noted that the pothole near his house had been repaired but not in a very professional manner. Other members noted similar concerns that the work being done on potholes would not last very long.

2226. General correspondence.

The Code of Conduct guidance from the Ombudsman was circulated to several members, to be passed on to others in due course.

Details of meetings about the Ryder Cup were noted. Efforts would be made to attend.

Other items of correspondence were received.

2227. Allotments.

It was noted that we have 24 allotments with 26 tenants but there seem to be others working some of the allotments without approval. It was agreed that the Allotments and Dog Walk Committee would meet on site to look into this.

2228. It was agreed to invite the County Cabinet members for Finance and Lifelong Learning to the next meeting to receive an update on progress on Raglan School and the in-built Community Facility. The Clerk would write accordingly.

2229. Members Reports.

Cllr Thomas reported that a School inspection was imminent.

Cllr Phillips noted that the Best Kept Village competition would start shortly and the Wales in Bloom judging would be in July.

The meeting ended at 8:40pm