

## **RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of Raglan Community Council held on Wednesday 26 October 2011 at Raglan School at 7:30pm.**

Present: Cllr Mrs H Williams (Chairman)

Cllrs T Phillips, R Moorby, R Watkins, D Watkins, N Porter, A Crump, R Parry and S Thomas.

In attendance: The Clerk and Miss S Hughes.

3082. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs S Price and Mrs A Vaughan.

3083. Declarations of interest would be made where appropriate during the meeting.

3084. The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 September were received and adopted as a correct record.

3085. Matters arising

Cllr D Watkins asked for a copy of the request to County concerning the cutting of the trees at Castle Rd. The Clerk will send it to him.

There had been no response yet to the other highway requests from last meeting, only an acknowledgement.

The Clerk had not contacted the Trustees of the Llangovan Charity. Cllr Moorby had spoken to Rev Guest and the Clerk would follow that up.

Cllr Moorby noted that the hedge cutting had been done but the potholes on the road from The Walks to The Hall Inn were still open.

No reply had yet been received from County about the refusal to sign the footpath agreement.

With regard to payment to D and M Watkins for the electricity supply for the Christmas Lights, the Clerk noted that he had a conversation with Mr Watkins about this. The actual electricity cost had reduced substantially due to the use of low energy lights, but given that Mr Watkins made it possible for the lights to be connected to his supply, it was agreed that the present fee of £60 be continued, to include the new string of lights when installed.

3086. Planning Matters

a) Correspondence.

A letter from Mr Willmott would be acknowledged and it would be pointed out to him that the Deposit Plan did not contain the candidate sites.

A letter from Mr Swanson about revised Planning Procedures was considered. It was agreed that it is a step in the right direction but there are some concerns about whether delegation will delay the process and what are the criteria for delegation.

The Deposit version of the LDP was received. Members noted the removal of the candidate sites and it was agreed to re-state our previous comments about land suitable for development in the village. It was also noted that there was no mention of the Bryngwyn Cattle Market site in the Plan, which is strange as it has been agreed. The Clerk would complete the proforma with these comments.

b) The following Planning Applications were considered: (Cllr Crump declared an interest as a member of the Planning Committee and took no part in the decision)

DC/2011/00952 Single storey extension and rear glazed link from main house and old bake house outer building at Treworgan Court, Treworgan Common, Llandenny. Agreed.

DC/2011/00995 Change of use of Barn to mixed use of B1, B8 and Agricultural, Little Castle Farm, Pen y Parc Rd, Raglan. Agreed.

#### 3087. Finance Matters.

a) It was agreed to pay the following accounts:

Clerk`s salary     £163.27  
Inland Revenue   £108.40  
D and M Watkins   £60.00  
Merlin Waste       £35.64  
Ricoh UK            £91.07  
K Clarkson         £120.00  
Monmouthshire CC £784.81

b) Correspondence

Several correspondence items were received. Requests for grants were referred to the Finance Committee in January.

#### 3088. Highway Matters

a) A response as still awaited from County on a number of items.

b) Members concerns.

It was noted that High Street had been dug up to instal a commercial gas supply to The Ship Inn.

A query about what is happening to the Traffic Calming measures by the school would be followed up by the clerk. It will be put on the next agenda for discussion

#### 3089. General Correspondence.

A proposed date of Tuesday 15 November had been arranged for a public meeting about the Community Led Plan. The meeting would take place in the school hall at 7:30pm.

The Allotment Committee would need to meet to look at allotment issues to see if any allotments are available for letting.

Other items of correspondence were noted.

3090. No report on the web-site was available due to Cllr Mrs Vaughan`s indisposition. This would be picked up again at the next meeting.

#### 3091. Members Reports

a) Cllr Moorby had attended the CAB AGM. Monmouth and Chepstow CAB were not keen to amalgamate with the other two in Monmouthshire, as it might jeopardise their ability to fund-raise locally. CAB is very busy at present, and they are hoping to extend to the upstairs in the building, although there is some concern that there may be asbestos there. He also noted that the Chairman of the Bureau is stepping down after a year in office during which she had been a very good Chairman.

b) Cllr Crump noted that the Area Committee was still trying to resolve issues about the toilet closures in the area. There had been considerable problems wit the Usk Island Site which had not yet been resolved and there was a legal problem with the sale of the Raglan site.

c) Cllr Phillips reported that the condition audit of the Old School had now been done. The surveyors had been shocked at the state of it and some immediate work is needed to secure the building. He also noted that the One Voice Wales Conference had agreed to put up fees by 3% next year. One Voice Wales continues to have problems funding its activities due to the fact that a number of larger Councils are not in membership. This is being addressed with a view to improving the take-up of membership.

d) Cllr D Watkins asked about the kitchen facility at the school and was told that a report had been awaited but it should be discussed at the next meeting.

e) The Clerk reported an e-mail from Mr Fraser of The Grange about a Planning Issue which he had answered, and he had received a message from Mr Turner to call him back which he would do tomorrow.

3092. Any Other Business.

Cllr Crump reported that the heating system in the Church had been condemned and a new boiler is needed. The Vicar would be writing to the Council asking for a grant. It was noted that other grant sources are also available via Miss S Hughes. (Vital Villages funds)

**The meeting ended at 8:44pm**