

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25 January 2012 at 7:30pm in Raglan School.

Present: Cllr Mrs A Vaughan (Chairman)

Cllrs T Phillips, R Moorby, R Watkins, A Crump, Mrs S Price and S Thomas (Cllr Mrs H Williams joined the meeting later).

In attendance: Miss S Hughes and The Clerk

3115. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs N Porter, D Watkins and R Parry.

3116. Declarations of interest would be made as and when necessary.

3117. The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 December 2011 were received and adopted as a correct record.

3118. The Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 10 January 2012 were received and adopted as a correct record.

3119. Matters arising.

A question was raised as to when Mr Keeble might be coming to a meeting. The Clerk reminded members that he had received an e-mail before the Finance Meeting to say that he was awaiting news of grant money from the Welsh Government before coming to discuss traffic calming in the village.

Progress was requested on the Refrigerated lorry in the layby. The Clerk had contacted Environmental Health who asked for more details. The name and location of the complainant was noted so that more precise information can be gathered from them.

3120. Planning Matters.

(Cllr Crump declared an interest as a member of the County Planning Committee and took no part in the discussions.)

a) Enforcement lists were noted, together with an acknowledgement of the receipt of comments on the additional sites on the LDP.

b) The following planning applications were considered:

DC/2011/01236 Demolition of 6 garages and forecourt and construction of two-bedroomed wheelchair bungalow at garages off Caestory Crescent, Raglan. This was recommended for refusal as there is already congestion with parked vehicles, three of the six garages at least are still in use, and there would be no room for emergency vehicles to get through.

DC/2011/01173 Removal of condition 7 of DC/2009/01193 (requirement for metal guttering and down-pipes) at Hawthorn House, Monmouth Rd, Raglan.

Recommend approval.

DC/2012/00033 2 single storey extensions to existing house at Kilfrew Farm, Kingcoed, Usk Recommend approval.

3121. Finance Matters.

a) The following accounts were agreed for payment:

City Illuminations	£6247.20
Clerk's Salary and expenses	£377.25
Inland Revenue	£108.40
Merlin Waste	£35.64

One Voice Wales

£20.00

3122. Highway Matters.

a) There was no correspondence, but the clerk would forward an e-mail to members for information.

b) Ton Road from Ton Cottages to Ton Farm is in need of repair (potholes)

The road from Llandenny Walks to Llandenny Village is narrowed by grass encroaching each side so that water does not carry away in the drains.

There is an overhanging bush in Sunny Vale. The Clerk will write to the owners when he is given details.

(Cllr Mrs Williams arrived at this point)

3123. General correspondence.

A number of items of correspondence were considered.

A letter from the insurance company highlighted the need to do an annual risk assessment at the February meeting.

Other items were noted.

3124. Byelaws Correspondence.

Members considered the response from One Voice Wales and agreed not to add anything to it, as it covered the issues satisfactorily.

The consultation on moving the date for the next elections was also considered, and members agreed to say that the date should not be moved. They did not believe that multiple elections caused confusion among electors.

3125. Web-site issues.

A further quotation from a designer was still awaited. One had been received from Vision ICT. Issues surrounding the removal of the existing site were also considered, and would need to be addressed in due course.

3126. Members Reports.

The footway lights at Ethley Drive alleyway were not working again. Mr Joy should be notified.

An allotment box had been broken into and items stolen. It was pointed out that leaving equipment at the allotments was not encouraged. A gate is needed on the road end of the lane. Cllr Phillips understood that one would be put there soon. The Clerk would send out conditions of tenancy with the payment letters shortly.

Cllr Phillips would ask Mr Clarkson to repair the map casing.

Cllr Crump referred to an e-mail from Cotelydon who are consultants looking at signage and the visitor experience around the County. The Clerk will circulate it to all members for comment and information.

Cllr Phillips suggested that the Council should arrange in March to walk around the village to look for problems that need resolving. This was agreed and a date will be set at the next meeting.

Cllr Thomas noted that rumours about Raglan School being full next September are not correct and should not put parents off applying to have their children there. There are 208 on the roll at present.

Cllr Phillips said the caravan in the Police Station advertising the dimming of street lights had been well attended and very informative. It was agreed that the lights on the dual carriageway are not needed.

The MUGA field had been cut yesterday and it was hoped that the holes in the Dairy Yard would be covered or filled very soon.

Cllr Thomas asked whether a bin can be installed in the alleyway at Caestory Crescent as he was getting complaints about it. Cllr Phillips would follow this up with Mr D L Jones at the County.

Cllr Mrs Williams noted that the Village Plan Group had met recently and it was intended to consult local people on 30/31 March. They had already started with local youth groups. Volunteers will be needed to help during the two days.

The meeting ended at 8:40pm