

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday
24th October 2012 at the Junior School Raglan at
7.30pm

Present

Clr Trevor Phillips (Chairman)
Clr Mrs Helen Williams
Clr Richard Moorby
Clr Peter Williams
Clr Ewen Brierley
Clr Ray Parry
Clr Sylvia Price

Two seats are still vacant.

3238 In attendance

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.
County Councillor Penny Jones.

3239 Agenda item 1:-Apologies for absence

Clr Noel Porter, Clr Dennis Brown

3240 Agenda item 2:-Declaration of interest. Clr's Phillips and P Williams declared a personal interest in Item 10a on the agenda. Other interests would be declared if and when needed

3241 Agenda Item 3:- 15 minutes set aside for members of public to address the council with any concerns

No members of the public in attendance

3242 Agenda item 4:- To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 26th September 2012

Clr Helen Williams explained that it's Miss Shirley Hughes not Sheila

Clr Peter Williams asked about the temporary building on Usk Road, the minutes do not reflect any comments.

Proposed by Clr P Williams seconded by Clr Moorby that the minutes are signed as a true record after the above corrections are made.

All Members Agreed

3243 Agenda item 5:-Matters to report.

Minute 3221: The clerk asked members to consider the 21st November as a date to meet with the allotment holders. It was agreed the council would hold a meeting to resolve

any issues and the way forward in relation to the management of the sites.

All members agreed: The clerk writes to all the allotment holders inviting them to a meeting on the 21st November.

3244 Minute 3225: The clerk informed members that he has not received a reply from MCC regarding traffic flow through the village in relation to the planning application DC/2012/00502.

Agreed the clerk write to MCC

3245 Minute 3235: The clerk reported that street signs with the twinning names and logo would cost an estimated £135 plus installation. Cllr Moorby will send the clerk a photo of the sign erected in Parce-sur-Sarthe.

3246 Minute 3223: Cllr Moorby informed the meeting the work in relation to the rut on the side of the road reported under minute 3213 has been completed.

3247 Cllr Price raised a point on minute 3221. Cllr Price would like to know who the allotmenters have been asking questions to and not been able to receive answers and who has stated that the council are not transparent and open. The clerk informed the council that he has spoken to three allotmenters, two on the site and one who telephoned him at home.

A number of members asked about Landlord/Tenancy agreements. Draft agreements will be made available at the meeting between the council and allotment holders.

3248 Minute 3223: The chairman informed the council that the CEO of One Voice Wales attended a meeting and confirmed that a meeting will take place between a subcommittee and officers of MCC relating to the charter. Cllr's Williams and Phillips will be representing the central area.

3249 Minute 3231: The chairman informed the council he and CC Penny Jones met with the cabinet member and the lead officer on site to highlight the highway concerns. The officer and cabinet member have agreed to place a white line in the centre of the highway at Pen-y-Parc Road, so traffic are able to control their speed, but no action will be taken over the hedge and fence.

3250 **Agenda item 6:-**Planning Items

- **DC/2012/00644** Llanishen Court Farm, Lower Raglan Road, Llangovan, Monmouthshire. Conversion of Barn 1 to commercial use, barn 2 to holiday let and barn 3 to guest/staff annexe.

Cllr Moorby declared an interest in this application

*Members considered the above application and after some debate it was resolved that the council make an observation on the access but offer **No objection**.*

- **DC/ 2012/00776** Tyreos Farm, Usk Road, Raglan. Agricultural Notification for storage of machinery.

It was confirmed that this application is not in the community.

- **DC/2012/00767** Walks Farm, Llandenny Walks, Nr Usk Conversion of barn to form residential unit.

Cllr Moorby declared an interest in this application

*Members considered the above application and after some debate it was resolved that the council offer **No objection**.*

- **DC/2012/00839** Yew Tree, The Walks, Llandenny, Usk. Proposed detached garage with home office over.

Cllr Moorby declared an interest in this application as he is a next door neighbour

*Members considered the above application and after some debate it was resolved that the council offer **No objection**.*

- **DC/2012/00850/NEW** Bellbowrie Cottage, Penyclawdd, Monmouthshire. Return cottage to original form. Demolish single storey extension. Construct subordinate two storey extension. Demolish detached garage. Construct new garage store. Remodel drive. Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage.

*Members considered the above application and after some debate it was resolved that the council offer **No objection**.*

- **Revised Public Path Order Proposal Highway Act 1980**-Section 119 and 26 Concurrent Diversion and Creation Orders. Public Footpath Nos 100 (part), 4 (part) 99 part and 100A in the community of Raglan.

*Members considered the above diversion and creation orders and after some debate it was resolved that the council offer **No objection**.*

- **DC/2011/00210 Appeal Ref E6840/A/12/21183761** Field No 3532 Rhiwlas, Raglan. Change of use of land to extend approved private carp fishing lake from previously approved scheme DC/2008/01172.

Members considered the above application and after some debate it was resolved that the council cannot make any observations on this application due to the lack of information

Resolved to write to the planning officer asking for further information.

3251 Agenda item 7:-

Clerks salary	
HMRC	
Council office copying " September and October" 2012	£12.20
I-Deal Design. Copying of allotment plans	£25.20
Merlin Waste 3 rd and 17 th September 2012	£44.55
Postage stamps	£60.00

Mazars Fees 2011-12 returns	£162.00
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3252 Agenda item 8:- Members concerns on highway issues

Cllr Moorby raised an issue over storm water from the highway into the grave yard. He and other members have received a number of calls from local residents about the water standing on the graveyard. CC Penny Jones has also contacted the highways department regarding this issue. It would seem the vicar has a meeting with MCC on the 7th November.

Resolved the clerk will contact MCC Highways

Cllr Parry asked about the drainage issues at Ventre Lane, on road number 44.4

Resolved the clerk contact MCC

Cllr Price asked about the work carried out on Usk Road. Cllr Price informed the council that the contractors were on site and informed her drainage has collapsed in the highway and there are number of roots in the drainage system.

Cllr Ewen Brierley raised the issue about flooding at Barton Bridge. CC Jones informed the meeting that she has visited the area with highway officers and they have inspected the brook and there doesn't seem to be major issue at this time.

Cllr Price raised an issue over the space on the local notice boards. It was agreed that council notices will be published if there is room on the boards.

3253 Agenda item 9: Correspondence

1. Mazars Annual accounts

Members noted the return from the external auditors.

2. Monmouth Citizens Advice Bureau (Copies issued to all members)
3. One Voice Wales AGM "Motions"

Monmouthshire County Council

4. No Correspondence received

Monmouthshire County Council Planning

5. No Applications received after the agenda was sent out.

3254 Agenda item 10: Consider vacant seats

Members considered the issue about the vacant seats. A debate concluded that the council consider placing a press release in the local paper and provide a festive letter explaining what the council has done over the last year.

Resolved to place a press release and compile a newsletter.

It was agreed that the chairman, county councillor and sub-committee members provide

information to the clerk.

3255 Agenda item 11: Clerk reports.

The clerk informed members about the Information Commissioner. The council should register with the ICO.

Agreed by all members.

The clerk asked about a clerk's review which should have been done within twenty six weeks.

Agreed the review will take place on the 21st November

A public meeting will be held on the 1st November regarding the Police and Crime Commissioners at Abergavenny. The clerk informed members of the candidates.

3256 Agenda item 12: Reports from members on outside bodies.

Cllr Helen Williams attended a number of meetings within the last month. The rural forum had guest speakers on domestic abuse. Cllr Williams explained that MCC is trying to combine all the agencies in one location and will be advertising this shortly. Cllr Williams will send a copy of the notice to the clerk.

Cllr Williams also attended the OVW meeting where Miss Shirley Hughes gave a presentation on the local plan; Miss Hughes stated that 30% of the questionnaires have been returned. Cllr Williams informed members that the dog bins are used well, and the street lights are all working apart from two lights out by the park.

Cllr Price explained that there is an issue with dog waste and dogs fouling on footpaths.

Cllr H Williams explained that she attended the site meeting regarding a planning application on Chepstow Road. The meeting was informed that MCC have no intension of applying for development of the site.

3257 Agenda item 13: Reports from the County Councillor.

Councillor Jones informed the meeting she has received an email from Usk show ground committee regarding the height of the hedge which will grow and hide the port-a-kabin.

Cllr Jones explained that someone from MCC had contacted her regarding the kerbs on Usk Road and a resident falling out of their wheelchair. Councillor Jones has also received a letter from someone regarding the lack of footpaths on Monmouth Road. Concern was expressed regarding the width of the footpath outside the chemist. There was some concern over parking permits on Castle Street.

3258 The Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 9:27pm. The date of the next meeting is 28th November 2012

Signed by _____
Chairman Cllr Trevor Phillips

Date 28th November 2012