

**Raglan Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday**  
**19<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at the Junior School Raglan at**  
**7.30pm**

**Present**

CLlr Sylvia Price (Chairman)  
CLlr Mrs Helen Williams  
CLlr Peter Williams  
CLlr Ewen Brierley  
CLlr Ray Parry  
CLlr Dennis Brown  
CLlr Richard Moorby  
CLlr Noel Porter

Two seats are still vacant.

**3283 In attendance**

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.  
CC Penny Jones

**3284 Agenda item 1:-Apologies for absence**

CLlr Trevor Phillips, Due to family illness

**3285 Agenda item 2:-Declarations of interest.**

Declaration will be made as and when required

**3286 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

**3287 Agenda item 4:- To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**Proposed** by CLlr R Moorby seconded by CLlr P Williams that the minutes are signed as a true record.

**All Members Agreed**

**3288 Agenda item 5:-Matters to report.**

The clerk informed members that he received two requests about the vacancies. CC Jones explained that a person from the village is very interested in becoming a member of the council.

**Resolved** CC Jones would inform the person of the procedure and contact the clerk in due course.

## All members agreed

The clerk also informed the meeting that he received an email from another County Councillor asking about the procedure and the clerk has replied to the member.

Cllr Moorby asked for clarity on the application "The Walks, Llandenny Nr Usk" from the last meeting. The clerk explained the name recorded was the name on the application.

### 3289 Agenda item 6 Planning Items

- **DC/2012/00881** 26 Sunnyvale, Raglan. Retention of Port-a-Kabin for use as home office

Cllr H Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application. Cllr Williams knows the applicant.

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

- *The applicant is given a fixed term licence or once the applicant's employment ceases the Port-a-kabin is removed.*

1. **DC/2012/01004** The Cider House, The Walks, Llandenny Single storey glazed extension to front of existing dwelling.

Cllr Moorby declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application as the applicant is a neighbour.

CC Jones informed the meeting that the applicant has requested that the application goes to the full planning committee of MCC.

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

- **Highways Act 1980**—Section 26 & 118. Proposed concurrent Public Path creation and Extinguishment Order at Brooks Holdings in the community of Raglan

Cllr Moorby informed the meeting that a resident has contacted him over this proposal. A member explained that this footpath will be on the site of the proposed new school.

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

### 3290 Agenda item 7:- Finance

Clerks salary	
HMRC	
Merlin Waste 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2012	£44.55
One Voice Wales Training	£30.00
Clerk's office expense	

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A number of members raised the point that an extra dog waste bin should be considered for Monmouth Road. After some debate it was:

**Resolved** that the council obtain a further bin and the cost would be considered at the precept meeting after the clerk writes to the land owner.

**Action Clerk**

**3291 Agenda item 8:-** Members concerns on highway issues.

Concern was expressed about the road surface at the end of the High Street in the area of the roundabout. Concern was also expressed about continuation of standing water on Pen-y-Parc Road. Concern was also expressed over the road gullies at Llandenny Walks which are covered with overgrowth from the hedges.

A member informed the meeting the standing water issue on Usk Road has been resolved and the son of the property owner thanks the council for taking the complaint forward and resolving the issue.

**Action Clerk** to write to MCC Highway

Some concern was expressed over the potholes to the entrance to the school. Cllr Williams is the councils representative on school governors committee.

**3292 Agenda item 9:-**correspondence

**General**

1. Consultation on the Local Government (Democracy)(Wales) Bill

The clerk informed members that he believes the council should respond to the consultation.

Members considered the clerks comments and after some debate it was:

**Resolved** that the council would make a response.

**Action clerk** forward document to all members.

2. HMRC payment
3. GAVO Monmouthshire Network

**Monmouthshire County Council**

4. Monmouthshire Housing "Love Where You Live"
5. Christmas card from the "Council Chairman"
6. Christmas card from the "Council Leader"
7. Council Tax Precept 2013/14 application

**3293 Agenda 10:-** Consider vacant seats.

The clerk informed members that CC Jones also informed him that a resident, who lives on Usk Road, Raglan has declared an interest in becoming a Community Councillor.

**Action** Clerk and CC Jones to make contact with interested person.

**3294 Agenda item 11:-** Clerk reports.

The clerk informed member that he met with City Illuminations about the Christmas Illuminations and agreeing to a fix price contract until 2014. Members asked about the colour and why all the decorations are the same decorations, a question was also asked about the cost in relation to other councils. Members considered the clerks comments and after some debate it was:

**Resolved** that the council would sign the agreement.

**Action Clerk**

The clerk also informed members that City Illuminations had to replace some items on the grounds of safety and a small cost would be invoiced.

**All members agreed the extra cost**

**3295 Agenda 12:-** Reports from members on outside bodies.

No further items to report

**3296 Agenda item 13:-** Reports from the County Councillor.

CC Jones raised the issue regarding the parking permits which is still on-going in Castle Street.

CC Jones informed members regarding the issue concerning the dropped kerbs at the entrance to the supermarket car park on Usk Road. MCC will be carrying out the remedial works shortly.

CC Jones explained the 'No-Parking' sign outside Willowsbrook House, Usk Road will be carried out shortly.

CC Jones raised the point regarding a statement of intent to remove a tree in a conservation area, under Section 211 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, from the owner of Beaufort House, Castle Street, Raglan. Members considered the above Notice and after some debate it was:

**Resolved** if the tree is or will cause structural issue in relation to the Public Convenience or the foundation of any of the properties close to this tree the council would offer **No objection**.

Members considered if the tree is just blocking daylight from any property the council would offer objection to removing the tree.

The Chairman informed members about the meeting between the allotment committee and the allotment holders. The clerk distributed minutes from the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. It was felt that the relationship has improved between both parties.

The clerk explained that the working group will meet once every two months. It was explained that the working group would like to erect some signs for safety.

**Proposed** by Cllr D Brown seconded by Cllr Brierley that the minutes are signed as a true record

**All Members Agreed**

**3297** The Chairman thanked members for attending and wished everyone an enjoyable Christmas and invited all members to a Local Public house for Christmas toast. The meeting closed at 9.00pm. The date of the next meeting is 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Cllr Trevor Phillips

Date 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013