

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 February 2012 in Raglan School at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs H Williams (Chairman)

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

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr A Sherwill (Press), and Mr D Brown.

3127. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Crump, D Watkins and S Thomas.

3128. Declarations of interest would be made as and when necessary.

3129. The Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 25 January 2012 were received and adopted as a correct record.

3130. Matters arising.

It was noted that the Display Board with the map has broken perspex as well as damage to the board.

Cllr Mrs Vaughan noted that the web company that they were awaiting had still not produced the necessary information.

It was agreed to have the walk around the village on Monday 26 March at 6pm, to meet at the school bus bay. The Clerk would e-mail members not present to let them know.

3131. Planning Matters.

a) Enforcement lists were noted.

b) The following Planning Application was considered:

DC/2012/00094 Private garage at 4 Orchard Cottages, Llandenny – agreed.

3132. Finance Matters.

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary	£163.27
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Inland Revenue (2 Months)	£216.80
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Merlin Waste	£35.64
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Pand P Pest Control	£102.00
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Raglan Twinning Association	£100.00
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b) a letter from Llandenny PCC was noted.

3133. Highway matters.

a) There was no correspondence.

b) Members concerns.

Barton Bridge road sign had fallen down and Orchard Close sign was broken.

These will be added to a list when the walk around the village takes place.

The pot-hole in Warrage Rd had opened up again. The Clerk would report it.

3134. General correspondence.

A number of items were noted.

There was a discussion on the merits of the Charter and the apparent lack of interest from other local councils. It was agreed that a simplistic approach would be helpful and the Clerk would write to Mr Egan suggesting that a few key issues should be identified at this stage and charter work should concentrate on getting those right before looking at other matters. Such items as prompt response to letter, e-mails and phone calls would be a priority.

A proforma from Raglan Twinning Association inviting the Council to book places for Council representatives to go to Parce in August was considered. It was agreed that two places should be booked at this stage, but that names could not be supplied until after the elections.

3135 Jubilee Celebrations.

Cllr Mrs Price is aiming to organise a street party at the play area. She is hoping to arrange tables, chairs etc, and to ask everyone to donate a plate of food for the event, together with some volunteers to help to organise it. The Council may fund insurance if it is deemed necessary. A wet weather venue (possibly the school) needed to be secured.

Llandenny are also having a hog-roast party.

This item would be kept under review for the next meeting.

3136. Appointment of new Clerk.

Members considered the information provided by the Clerk to assist the process. Subject to a few amendments it was agreed to progress with the recruitment process and to aim to hold interviews in April before the April Council Meeting. There would need to be a special Council Meeting in early April to short-list candidates and to agree the date for interviews and who should take part in that process.

Model policies and procedures for the Council including the contract for the Clerk, would be circulated to the March Meeting for discussion and hopefully, adoption.

3137. Election papers.

The Clerk distributed election papers to all members present. He would send copies to those not present, having ascertained that they wanted them.

3138. Risk assessment.

The Clerk had distributed a paper on Risk Assessment for members' consideration. An issue was raised about liability for accidents on allotment pathways. It was noted that the pathways were uneven, partly due to allotment holders digging right up to the edge and undermining them. It was agreed that the Allotments Committee should visit and consider the best course of action.

3139. Members Reports

The Chairman updated members on the Olympic Torch coming through Raglan.

It was agreed that the Clerk would supply the Chairman with information about purchasing bunting for the event, and Cllrs Mrs Williams, Mrs Vaughan and Phillips would decide on what is needed up to a sum of £300.

The School is hosting two other schools who will come to see the event. Exact timings and route will be available in mid March according to the latest information.

Cllr Mrs Vaughan noted concerns about dog fouling in the village. It was agreed to ask the local PCSO to assist as (s)he could issue spot fines for such activity. Cllr Vaughan had some notices which could be stuck onto suitable surfaces to highlight the need to clear up after your dog.

There is also a problem with litter in the alleyways leading up from Caestory Crescent. Cllr Phillips was chasing the relevant officer about this.

Cllr Mrs Vaughan also raised a concern expressed to her about the Local Development Plan, and the lack of consultation on it, but members considered that there had been extensive consultation by the County Council, who are responsible for doing so.

Another query was also raised about play equipment being sited close to houses. The Clerk would try to find out what rules existed for this.

Cllr Phillips raised the issue of the Community Room at the back of the school. Members agreed that it would need furnishing and Cllrs Williams, Vaughan and Phillips should look at options for this and let the Clerk know what is to be ordered. The Clerk would also ask Mr Sims if there is any furniture available at County Hall which would suit the purpose.

The meeting ended at 9:10pm and members adjourned to view the Community Room and to discuss how to remove the toilet in the middle of the room.