

## **RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 March 2012 at Raglan School at 7:30pm.**

Present: Cllr Mrs H Williams (Chairman)

Cllrs Mrs S Price, A Crump, R Watkins, R Moorby, N Porter and S Thomas

In attendance: The Clerk, Miss S Hughes and Mr D Brown

3140. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D Watkins, Mrs A Vaughan, T Phillips and R Parry.

3141. Declarations of interest would be made as necessary during the meeting.

3142. The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 February 2012 were received and adopted as a correct record.

3143. Matters arising.

Re minute 3134, It was noted that the Charter Working Group had invited the County Deputy Chief Executive to a meeting to discuss progressing the Action Plan from the Charter.

Re Minute 3135, it was agreed to ask Brian Jones to put up the bunting.

It was noted that the grant money for furniture was now to be used to remove the toilet from the new Community Room, and possibly to install a sink unit instead.

3144. Planning Matters.

a) A Planning Committee Agenda was received.

b) The following Planning Application was considered:

DC/2012/00003 Replace dilapidated farm store/office/generator building at Little Castle Farm, Pen y Parc Rd, Raglan Agreed. (Cllr Crump declared an interest as a member of the County Planning Committee and took no part in the discussion or decision)

3145. Finance Matters.

a) It was agreed to pay the following:

Clerk's Salary	£163.27
Inland Revenue	£108.40
Merlin Waste	£35.64
Stationery Item	£15.99
Monmouthshire Beacon	£187.20
Abergavenny Chronicle	£201.60
Insurance Renewal	£476.13
Handwaving Flags	£218.04
MrFlag.com	£
One Voice Wales	£223.00

b) Other matters

The Clerk noted that a Building Society account with about £2000 in it which had been set up in 1998 was not now earning any significant interest. He asked members to agree that the account be closed and the money be transferred into the Council's current account. This was agreed.

The Clerk reported that he had been investigating the cost of renting a small photocopier, but that his enquiries so far had not been very fruitful. He would continue to pursue it and would report back to the next meeting.

#### 3146. Highway Matters.

a) There was no correspondence.

b) Members concerns.

None were reported here as they would be picked up from the Walk around the Village.

#### 3147. General Correspondence.

a) An agreement for signature to accept responsibility for the footpath to he MUGA was received. Members agreed that they had not accepted this responsibility. They had said that they would consider an agreement put in writing but had not agreed to accept it. It was agreed to decline to sign the agreement as it opened he Council up to potentially onerous future liability and at present the future of the site is not certain.

b) Other items of correspondence were received and noted.

#### 3148. Jubilee Celebrations.

Cllr Mrs Price outlined progress which had been made with preparations for the Jubilee Street Party. She had offers of chairs and tables, food and drink, a bouncy castle and musicians.

Llandenny were also progressing with their arrangements for a hog-roast.

#### 3149. Appointment of new Clerk progress.

The Clerk had received 8 applications so far, with the closing date on 31 March. It was agreed that a small group (3 to 5) councillors would meet on Sunday at 3pm in the Scout Hut to short-list the applicants and to agree a date for the interviews. The objective is to make an appointment in time for the new Clerk to attend as observer at the April meeting.

#### 3150. Policies for consideration.

Members had copies of various policies sent by One Voice Wales as Models which could be adopted by Councils. It was agreed that they were quite extensive and should not be adopted until they had been carefully scrutinised. One possibility was for the Appointment Committee to take on responsibility for the scrutiny and to report back to Council. It was agreed to receive the policies for future detailed consideration.

#### 3151. Website progress.

No progress had been made since the last meeting.

### 3152. Members Reports.

Cllr Crump had taken notes of a walk around the village which some members had undertaken on Monday. Each item was considered as follows:

The lights on the MUGA were not working and it was noted that Cllr Phillips was dealing with this. It was agreed to purchase a waste-bin to site near the gate and to ask the Community Caretaker to empty it occasionally.

Cllr Crump would pursue the filling in of the slurry pit holes at Brooks Farm.

Garden Walls in the alleyway between Caestory Avenue and The Hawthorns needed maintenance. Their ownership needed to be established.

A waste bin is needed in the alleyway between Caestory Avenue and Caestory Crescent.

The lights on the footpath between Willow Close and Ethley Drive were now working.

The Clerk would ask the Post Office to tidy up the rusty storage box in Caestory Crescent

The Clerk would report the sinking footpath in Sunny Vale outside no 3.

The Clerk would try to get new Dog Walk signs.

Mr Clarkson would be asked by Cllr Phillips to carry out the following items:

Renew legs on map box.

Paint benches in Crown Square and around the Cross.

New Perspex for Village Plan Sign.

Re-hang Orchard Close sign on wall with owner`s permission.

Slabs on the walls around the Cross need re-fixing.

It was also noted that manholes in Prince Charles Rd by the play area are not down properly. The Clerk would chase this up.

### Other Members` Reports

The School is back on the list for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools funding. It could be upgraded in 2014, although a number of factors are still outstanding. The school will be WiFi friendly by the next meeting.

It was noted that both Monmouth and Abergavenny CABs are closed at present for refurbishment and relocation (in Abergavenny).

The Chairman reminded members it is Community Consultation weekend this weekend. It was noted that children and young people had come up with good ideas for this.

**There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8:50pm**

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