

**Raglan Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 at the Raglan Junior School at**  
**7.30pm**

**Present**

Cllr Dennis Brown  
Cllr Ewen Brierley  
Cllr Penny Jones  
Cllr Noel Porter  
Cllr Ray Parry

Cllr Richard Moorby  
Cllr Trevor Phillips (Chairman)  
Cllr Sylvia Price  
Cllr Helen Williams  
Cllr Peter Williams

**3591 In attendance:**

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.  
Two members of the public were in attendance.

**3592 Agenda Item 1:-**Apologies for absence.

Cllr Vivienne Compton-Due to Work commitment, Cllr Noel Porter

**3593 Agenda Item 2:-**Declarations of interest.

Cllr Ewen Brierley declared an interest in an item relating to planning applications. Any further declarations will be made as and when required.

**3594 Agenda Item 3:-** 15 minutes set aside for members of public to address the Council with any concerns.

**3595 Agenda Item 4:-**To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

***Proposed** by Cllr P Williams seconded by Cllr H Williams that the minutes are signed as a true record.*

**All Members Agreed**

**3596 Agenda Item 5:-** Matters to report.

Cllr Brown asked about the Police attending meetings as it was his impression that the police would attend every other meeting.

Cllr Moorby asked about minute **3576** and the cost relating to obtaining a further waste bin. It was explained that Raglan in Bloom collected a bag of bottles and cans and general rubbish from around the MUGA area. After some debate it was:

**Resolved:** to obtain a waste bin for the best value.

**All members agreed**

One member asked about the woodlice in the notice board in the village. At this moment no one as an answer to this problem. This issue will be monitored.

**3597      Agenda Item 6:-** To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014

**Propose:** *by Cllr R Moorby seconded by Cllr P Williams that the minutes are signed as a true record.*

**All Members Agreed**

**3598      Agenda Item 7:-** Matters to report.

No matters to report.

**3599      Agenda Item 8:-** Planning applications received.

The Clerk explained that an application has been brought to his attention but he has no paperwork relating to the application. (Land adjacent to Wells Cottage)

- **DC/2014/00148:** 7 Primrose Green, Raglan. Proposed rear extension.  
*Members considered the application and offered no objection in principle but the Clerk should request a design statement*
- **DC/2014/00227:** Pergoed Farm, Llandenny. Erection of a two storey side extension, to existing dwelling, plus demolition and re-building of an existing two storey projection to rear elevation.  
*Members considered the application and after some debate it was agreed to offer **no objection***
- **DC/2014/00322:** Land at Castle Road, Raglan. Modification or Removal of Condition. Variation of condition 7 of DC/2007/01563.  
*Members considered the application and offered the following observations. Members believe if the conditions are removed it will set a precedent. It was also noted that the conservation officer has objected to the condition being removed.*
- **DC/2014/00354:** The Ferns Llandenny. Provision of a first floor over existing single storey rear extension. Demolition of existing conservatory and provision of new garden room (revised scheme)  
*Members considered the application and after some debate it was agreed to offer **no objection***
- **DC/2014/00363:** 3 Orchard Close, Raglan. Construction of 2 storey side extension, partially over existing single storey extension and provision of new open front porch  
*Members considered the application and after some debate it was agreed to offer **No objection***

## Land adjacent to Wells Cottage Monmouth Road

Defer to a Site meeting

### 3600 Agenda Item 7:- Finance Matters.

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

RECORD OF EXPENDITURE AND BALANCES

for the month of	April	2014
Balance brought forward		16'042.42
Payee	Amount	Balance remaining
Merlin waste	£33.90	
Clerk salary		
HMRC		
Balance carried forward		15'728.02

*It was: Proposed and agreed that the payments are granted and paid:*

*All invoices were available for inspection at the meeting.*

### 3601 Agenda Item 8:- Members concerns on highway issues.

One expressed concern over the road surface on the Main Road and the approach, to the A40 roundabout. It was explained that the road surface is in the same condition as it was last year. After some debate it was:

**Resolved** to write a further letter to MCC Highways

One member raised concern over individuals fly tipping on the side of the roads around Penyclawdd

**Resolved** to write a letter to MCC Environmental Department

One member raised concern over the hedge overgrowing the road on Usk Road adjacent to Prince Charles Close. After some debate it was:

**Agreed:** to contact MCC and ask for this to be placed on the works programme

It was also agreed to copy the letter from MCC Environmental Department and place it on the Notice board and the post office.

On member asked about the dog waste in the village and surrounding areas. There was debate about the continuing issues and concerns. It was:

**Resolved** to write a letter to MCC Environmental Department

### 3602 Agenda Item 9:- Items of correspondence.

#### Welsh Assembly Government:

1. None received

**Monmouthshire County Council:**

2. MCC Area service officer, Change of date to next forum meeting.

**Other Correspondence:**

3. Mazars, Notice of audit of accounts year end March 2014
4. Wicksteed, play-scapes.
5. Glasdon street furniture.
6. Came & Company, Parish matters
7. GAVO, Presentation evening

**Correspondence by email:**

8. Roger Hoggins, relating to the New School planning application
9. Murray Andrews, declaration of interest by members.
10. MCC pre-planning applications advice service.

All above correspondence was noted by members.

**3603      Agenda Item 12:-** Clerk reports.

The Clerk asked members to consider items to include on the works programme which were debated in the Council's precept meeting. The Clerk asked if members were able to identify works on a traffic light system. After some debate It was:

**Agreed:** *members would make recommendations to the Clerk by the next meeting.*

The Clerk asked members about the former website domain name. He explained that Mr Steve Heath asked if the web site could be taken over by him and he would run it as a community website. Members had no objection to this proposal but the hosting fee must be picked up by the community groups that use it. After some debate it was:

**Resolved:** *the Clerk writes to confirm the Council will not be responsible for any financial liability, and ask for all the community Council information to be deleted from the community website.*

**All members agreed**

There was some debate over the Raglan Twinning Association having links onto the Council website.

The Clerk asked members how the money retained on behalf of the Raglan Village Hall Association will be reverted back into the RVHA account. The Clerk explained that some of the existing members of the Council are trustees. He explained if the RVHA spend all the money and leave the association in debt the trustees will be responsible. After some debate it was:

**Agreed:** that the Council would agenda an item on the community meeting which would be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014. It was also agreed to invite RVHA to the community meeting so a formal transfer can be debated. Members were informed RVHA will be holding a committee meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> May to nominate new trustees.

**3604      Agenda Item 13:-** Reports from members on outside bodies.

Cllr H Williams gave members a verbal report on the Raglan Village Hall Association AGM. She explained the RVHA has a new committee. The officers of the RVHA are, Mr Andrew Johnson Chair, Mr Chris Butler-Donnelly Vice Chair, Ms Lucy Bradley Secretary, and Ms Kirstie Pope Treasurer. It was explained that the new committee will be publishing proposed meeting dates and minutes. They have set up heads and term conditions. She also explained that a meeting was held with officers of MCC relating to the Old Village Hall and the current position and the way forward.

Cllr Phillips gave members a verbal report from the One Voice Wales meeting where the Police Commissioner attended. He also explained the Commissioner attended a meeting in Raglan and only 5 members attended the meeting. He explained that parking in the village was raised and it was explained that this situation will be monitored.

A number of members asked about the community plan and what the current situation is in relation to the publication of the plans. A number of members expressed concern that this is taking so long and the information may be out of date. After some debate it was:

**Resolved:** that the Clerk writes to the coordinator asking for an update.

**3605      Agenda Item 14:-** Reports from the County Councillor

C Cllr Jones gave members a verbal report on a meeting with Mr David Davies relating to community super-fast broad band. It is hoped that the exchanges will be updated to provide 20mb. Cllr Moorby explained at the community of Llandenny have a satellite system where residents contribute to the level they need.

C Cllr Jones explained that she held a constituent surgery with C Councillor Sara Jones and both members will be holding community surgeries.

**3606**      The Chairman thanked members for attending. The meeting closed at 9.10 pm. The date of the next meeting is 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman Cllr Phillips  
Date 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014