

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday
25 November 2015 at the Raglan School at
7.00pm

Present

Cllr Ewen Brierley
Cllr Dennis Brown
Cllr Penny Jones
Cllr Richard Moorby(Chairman)

Cllr Sylvia Price
Cllr Trevor Phillips
Cllr Noel Porter
Cllr Peter Williams
Cllr Helen Williams

3972 In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.

3973 Agenda item 1:-Apologies for absence.

Cllr's Ray Parry, & Vivian Compton

Cllr Dennis Brown joined the meeting at 7.10pm

3974 Agenda item 2: Declarations of interest

No declarations made at this time.

3975 Agenda item 3: To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 23 September 2015.

Proposed by Cllr Peter Williams seconded by Cllr Sylvia Price that the minutes are signed as a true record after minute 3943 is amendment.

All Members Agreed

3976 Agenda item 4: Matters to report.

The clerk informed members that he along with Cllr Jones had been in email correspondence with a resident regarding the demolition works being undertaken at St'Cadocs Court.

Minute 3966 Cllr Phillips informed members that the lighting column had been removed from the footway and relocated behind the path edging.

Minute 3966 Cllr Porter expressed concern again over the corner on Pen-y-Parc Road adjacent to the industrial estate. After some debate it was:

Agreed: the clerk will invite officers from MCC highway to a site meeting

All members agreed

Cllr Moorby gave members a verbal report following the last meeting of the Monmouth CAB board and he explained the service is now being undertaken by the newly set up organisation.

3977 Agenda item 5: Planning applications no application received prior to the meeting

The following councillors offered their declarations of personal interest, current or as past clients of the business. **DC/2015/01358**

Cllr's T Phillips, R Moorby, P Williams and N Porter.

- **DC/2015/01358** APS Automotive, Rhiwlinon, Ton Lane, Raglan Monmouthshire
- **DC/2015/01239** Raglan Ford Car Sales, High Street, Raglan, Re Demolition of pathway, wall, steps and portion of side elevation to existing show room
- **DC/2015/01140** The Hill, Elms Road, Raglan, Monmouthshire. Extension and alterations to existing dwelling.

After some debate it was:

Proposed: to offer no objection to the above applications

All members agreed

3978 Agenda item 6: Finance Matters.

Payee	Amount
Clerks salary & HMRC September	
Blackhill website hosting & domain name	115.49
Merlin Waste 9 & 23 Nov	40.68
Raglan school room hire Oct	16.00
Raglan school room hire Nov & Dec	32.00
MCC Ground maintenance 15/16	830.00
Blackhill website Emails accounts	180.42
Kingcoed Church	50.00

Cllr Moorby expressed concern over the room hire for holding community council meetings. After some consideration it was:

Agreed: the clerk should contact MCC about reimbursement as MCC has an obligation to provide a meeting place for the community council.

It was: proposed by Cllr P Williams seconded by Cllr S Price the invoices are paid

All members agreed.

All invoices were available for members to inspect

3979 Agenda item 6a: Consider an additional payment to the Raglan Festival 'Cllr Moorby'

Cllr Moorby gave members a verbal report following receipt of an email from the chairman of Raglan Festival.

Cllr Moorby explained the community council offered to make up any short fall in the grant which was awarded some months ago. The community council would consider a further payment up to £500 if the Festival incurred losses through the year

He explained the Bank Holiday Monday was very successful, but the Festival did incur a loss on that day. This was mainly Due to infrastructure costs such as:

- Insurance £500
- Shuttle Bus, £200

- Marquee Hire £300
- Field Hire and Licences £200
- Publicity, Shows and Sundries

It was explained the event has Free Entry and funds are raised through stall hire and a raffle, and a Shuttle Bus was used in order that all of the village could participate. There was a very large attendance with good feedback. The festival will be reviewing this in readiness for 2016.

After some debate it was:

Proposed: by Cllr T Phillips seconded by Cllr Peter Williams that a further £500 grant to be awarded

All members agreed

3980 Agenda item 6b

The clerk gave a verbal report that the council's finance regulation state each committee (if any) shall review its three year forecast of revenue and capital receipts and payments. Having regard to the forecast, it shall thereafter formulate and submit proposals for the following financial year to the council not later than the end of November each year including any proposals for revising the forecast. After some debate it was:

Agreed: the clerk will produce a report in readiness of the budget meeting

3981 Agenda item 7: Members concerns on highway issues.

Cllr Ewen Brierley expressed concern over the side of the highway on Monmouth Road which is deteriorating as the rain water channel is not taking the rain water away.

Proposed: the clerk should write to MCC Highways

Cllr Ewen Brierley asked about the bridge on the Old Monmouth Road. The clerk explained that the community council has not received a reply to date.

Cllr Peter Williams raised concern again over the number of vehicles parking on footpaths and bends in the community. There was also some debate between members over a number of vehicles that are parked on the side of the highway without any road fund licence or not in a road worthy state. After some debate it was:

Proposed: the clerk should write to MCC Highways and copy the cabinet member into any correspondence.

All members agreed

Cllr T Phillips raised a matter relating to the Christmas decoration in the village following the incident last year. It was explained that some parts of the decoration may not comply with standards. After some debate it was:

Proposed: the clerk contacts the contractor and try to find an alternative and if necessary have a new bracket made up to a value of £300.00

3982 Agenda item 8: Items of correspondence. (Please see appendix)

Welsh Government:

1. One day conference relating to Devolution Wales
2. Appointment of chair to Career Choices

Monmouthshire County Council:

3. MCC Head of Democracy
4. Careline Services and community meals
5. Freedom of information copy letter

Other Correspondence including Emails:

6. WG Draft local government (Wales) Bill
7. Press release: regarding super-fast broadband rollout
8. Press release: company prosecuted under H&S
9. Press release: MCC local communities give dog fouling red cards
10. Gwent Police October Crime report
11. Press release: Lottery funding available for Monmouthshire
12. MCC Biggest Challenge yet
13. MCC Salt bins in Kingcoed area
14. MCC reply relating to Pen-y-parc Road
15. Email from resident relating to St-Cadocs Court
16. Gwent High Sheriffs community fund
17. MCC Chairman Charity Quiz Night
18. WG Investment in green growth projects
19. MCC Meeting between Community & Town Councils and MCC officers
20. OVW Development officer resigned

Members noted the above correspondence

3983 Agenda item 9: Clerk reports.

No further points to report

3984 Agenda item 10: Reports from members on outside bodies.

Cllr T Phillips gave members a verbal report on the Old School and explained that the building is undergoing a deep clean before handing it over to Raglan Village Hall Association.

Cllr Dennis Brown asked for a update regarding the MUGA and the adjacent field. Cllr H Williams explained that they are still waiting for MCC Estates Department. Cllr H Williams explained that an amended business plan was submitted in July this year.

Cllr Price asked about the grassed area around the dog walk and the cutting of the grass, before any of the bulbs start to shoot. The clerk will contact a different contractor to undertake the work.

Cllr P Williams asked about the inspection chamber cover at the allotments. The clerk will obtain a cover and deliver to Cllr Williams.

3985 Agenda item 11: Reports from the County Councillor

Cllr Jones informed members that she along with Cllr Sara Jones will be convening a surgery in the Old School between 4.30 and 6pm. Cllr Jones also informed members that MCC Estates will be undertaking further reports on the building.

3986 The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 8.25 pm. The date of the next meeting 16 December 2015

Signed by _____
Chairman Cllr Richard Moorby
Date 16 December 2015