

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on
25th February 2015 at the Raglan Junior School at
7.00pm

Present

Cllr Vivienne Compton
Cllr Ewen Brierley
Cllr Dennis Brown
Cllr Penny Jones
Cllr Richard Moorby
Cllr Sylvia Price

Cllr Trevor Phillips (Chairman)
Cllr Ray Parry
Cllr Noel Porter
Cllr Peter Williams
Cllr Helen Williams

In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.
Mr Mark Davies MCC Highways Traffic & Development Manager
One member of the public in attendance.

3795 Agenda Item 1:-Apologies for absence.

3796 Agenda Item 2:-Declarations of interest.

Declarations of interest will be made as and when required

The Chairman welcomed Mr Davies to the meeting and invited him to present the proposals for the traffic control on Chepstow Road. Mr Davies explained that a 20MPH speed restriction will be introduced from the Church gates to just past the Fayre Oaks junction. He explained that signs will be speed activated. The improvements will include new wider footpaths and the raised areas will be an estimated 75mm so the "humps" will be shallow to reduce the traffic noise.

There was some debate over the location of the zebra crossing, the footway access to and from the MUGA field and the steepness of the access. There was some debate over the existing bus bays. Mr Davies explained that the work is due to commence from Easter through to June 2015. He explained the amended plans will be presented shortly.

The Chairman thanked Mr Davies for attending.

Mr Davies left the meeting at 7.45pm

3797 Agenda Item 3:- 15 minutes set aside for members of public to address the Council with any concerns

The Chairman invited the member of the public to address the meeting regarding traffic concerns in Raglan village. It was explained that the village is seeing more individuals leaving vehicles in the village whilst car sharing to out of the county locations. It was explained that local business are being affected as passing and local trade are unable to stop and collect items or goods from the local traders. After some debate it was:

Proposed: by Cllr Peter Williams seconded by Cllr Richard Moorby the clerk writes to MCC asking for a time restraint to be placed in the village. Max time 4 hours with no return in the 1 hour.

Resolved: to write to MCC highways.

All members agreed

3798 **Agenda Item 4:-** To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 28th January 2015.

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

All Members Agreed

3799 **Agenda Item 5:-** Matters to report.

The clerk gave members a verbal report regarding the renewals of allotment tenancies. The clerk explained that two tenancies have not been renewed and one tenant has not sent the correct renewal amount. After some debate it was:

Proposed: that the next two people on the waiting list are allocated the vacant allotments, and a letter sent to the tenant requesting the outstanding amount

Cllr Price, Chairman of the allotment committee gave members a verbal report from a meeting with the Chairman of the Council regarding minute 3776 and the issue relating to unwanted items left on allotments. It was explained that concern was expressed that several allotments need some attention. After some debate it was:

Proposed: tenants will be given until March 31st to dispose of any unwanted items, and after that time the Council will remove any such items.

Cllr Price also raised the issue over numbers on the allotments as it was difficult to know which allotment was which. After further debate it was:

Proposed: that the clerk obtains numbering plates for each allotment and the allotment committee will erect the number plates.

A point was raised over the replacement fencing; the clerk explained the fencing will be carried out before the spring

All members agreed to the above proposals

A member asked about the improvement works, at the junction of Llandenny Road and Chepstow Road. The clerk explained this was still with MCC Highways. The clerk will follow this up and report to the next meeting.

Cllr Williams expressed concern over the road junction at the A40 roundabout that the road surface has deteriorated since the last meeting.

Proposed: the clerk will contact MCC Highways over this concern.

3800 **Agenda Item 7-** To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Site Meeting held on 31st January

Proposed by Cllr P Jones seconded by Cllr V Compton that the minutes are signed as a true record.

All Members Agreed

3801 **Agenda Item 8:-** Matters to report.

One member asked would the Council be asking for further work or improvements to the corner of Pen-y-Parc Road. Concern was expressed with the amount of traffic that will be using this road and the proposed extension to the factory site on this road; it was felt it is only going to be time before someone is involved in a road traffic accident. After some debate it was:

Resolved: *the clerk writes to senior officers in MCC asking them to carry out a road survey with the intension to improve the corner and junction.*

3802 Agenda Item 9:- To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Finance and Precept Meeting held on Thursday 22nd January 2015

Proposed by Cllr R Moorby seconded by Cllr s Price that the minutes are signed as a true record.

All Members Agreed

3803 Agenda Item 9:- Matters to report.

A number of members asked about the grant application form and commented about its complex nature. It was explained the Council can change the application form but members will need to be confident that the grant awarded is used for the purpose detailed in the application form. It was explained if a group or body applies for a small amount that can be classed as a donation rather than a grant. There was some debate should an expression of interest form be made available so a group can make an informal request first. This was agreed to and it was:

Proposed: *by Cllr D Brown seconded by Cllr Compton the lower limit should be increased to £250.00 and the maximum remains at £2,500*

Resolved: *to increase the lower figure to £250 and the maximum amount remains at £2,500*

All members agreed

3804 Agenda Item 10:-Planning applications received.

DC/2014/01491: Cold Harbour Farm, Usk Road, Raglan. Material change of use from dwelling to care home. Erection of extension to care home and associated landscaping works and creation of new highway access to care home.

Members considered this application, following a site meeting. After some debate it was:

Proposed: *by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Compton that the application is objected to.*

Resolved: *to object that the application is in conflict with RE1, Policy RE2 and Policy LC1*

3805 Agenda Item 12:- Finance Matters.

Payee	Amount
Payments for February	
Clerks salary	
HMRC	
ICO	£35.00
Income	
HMRC `	£1,261.32
Tenancy rent 2015	£315.00

It was agreed: by all members present that the payments above are paid

All receipts were available for inspection

3806 Agenda Item 13:- Members concerns on highway issues.

Cllr Price raised concern over a large pothole on the junction of Prince Charles Close and Prince Charles Road. It was:

Agreed: the clerk contacts MCC over this matter.

Cllr Moorby gave members a verbal report that MCC have resurfaced some of the roads in Llandenny, but he expressed concern that some of the edging on the highway is being laid very thinly and may break up in extreme weather conditions.

One member made a report on St Cadocs Court. It was explained that there has been reports that some individuals are trying to break into the building. It was believed the Police was contacted and officers attended but no-one was found. After some debate it was:

Agreed: that a letter be sent to Monmouthshire Housing Director expressing concern
One member also expressed concern that a report has been made that needles have been found on some of the footpaths in the community; the police are aware of this matter and will be following it up.

3807 Agenda Item 14:- Items of correspondence.

Welsh Government:

1. Local Voices needed for Health Watchdog

Monmouthshire County Council:

2. Consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy
3. Consultation on draft supplementary planning guidance document and draft planning advice note

Other Correspondence:

4. Proposal to establish a new Welsh-medium secondary school on the site of the current Duffryn High School, Newport
5. Eisteddfod 2016 community project meeting 11th March in Usk

Correspondence by Email:

6. Reforming Local Government, Power to local People
7. Land Transaction tax which will replace UK Stamp Duty Land Tax
8. The Community Tree Fund invitation
9. Welsh stakeholder group on Marine strategy
10. Email from Mark Davies new road layout on Chepstow Road Raglan
11. New Children's Commissioner for Wales
12. Inspector Taylor Gwent Police

3808 Agenda Item 15:- Clerk reports.

The clerk gave members a verbal report following the meeting with an officer from MCC

regarding the MUGA etc. It was explained the field will require planning permission for change of use and there will be a cost element to this. The Chairman also explained in the meeting MCC will need further information. It was explained that this process is due to be placed on the agenda for the Cabinet meeting in March. There was some debate over this and it was:

Agreed: to hold a committee meeting on Monday 2nd March to formalise the Business Case

The clerk also explained to members about the publication of a white paper on reforming Local Government. He explained if Council would like to make a formal response that will need to be done by the 28th April this year. It was:

Agreed: the clerk will draw up a paper on this matter for the next meeting.

3809 Agenda Item 16:- Reports from members on outside bodies.

Cllr Compton gave members a verbal report on the last steering group meeting regarding the action plan, and the proposals to include in the MUGA business plan.

3810 Agenda Item 17:- Reports from the County Councillor

Cllr Jones informed member that she and Cllr Sara Jones are publishing a newsletter for the community.

3811 The Chairman thanked members for attending. The meeting closed at 9.25 pm. The date of the next meeting is 25th March 2015

Signed by _____

Chairman Cllr Phillips
Date 25th March 2015