

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday
23 March 2016 at Raglan School, Station Road, Raglan,
at 7.00pm

Present

Cllr Dennis Brown
Cllr Ewen Brierley
Cllr Vivian Compton
Cllr Richard Moorby(Chairman)

Cllr Trevor Phillips
Cllr Ray Parry
Cllr Sylvia Price
Cllr Helen Williams
Cllr Peter Williams

4035 In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.
Three members of the public joined the meeting at 7.25pm

4036 Agenda item 1:-Apologies for absence.

Cllr Penny Jones

4037 Agenda item 2: Declarations of interest

No declarations made at this time.

4038 Agenda item 3: Report from PC 1233 Rhydian Evans Gwent Police

Not in attendance

4039 Agenda item 4: To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 24 February 2016.

***Proposed:** by Cllr D Brown seconded by Cllr T Phillips that the minutes are signed.*

All Members Agreed

4040 Agenda item 5: Matters to report.

Cllr D Brown asked about the grass cutting in the community and how frequent the grass will be cut in the 2016 season

Action point: clerk to contact MCC direct services as they are the contractor

4041 Agenda item 6: Planning applications.

- **DC/2013/ 00358:** Stable & Hayloft West of Cefn-y-Coed Farm, King Coed, Raglan: Proposed amendments to planning permission DC/2010/00367 to provide two bedrooms

Members expressed concern over the lack of information on the plans submitted to the planning authority and it was agreed the clerk contacts the relevant officer in the planning authority

- **DC/2016/00162:** Cefn Tilla Court, Llandenny, Usk, Monmouthshire, Repair, conservation work and minor internal alterations.

Members offered no objection

- **DC/2016/00200:** St Cadocs Court, Prince Charles Close, Raglan, Construction of ten dwellings and associated works.

There was some debate over this application and the clerk gave members a verbal report. After some debate it was:

Resolved: to convene a consultation meeting to gain the views of local residents.

Action point: the clerk to contact MCC planning and ask for an extension.

- **DC/2016/00240:** The Old Vicarage, Pen Y Clawdd, Monmouth, PROPOSED FODDER STORE, MAINTENANCE MACHINERY STORE FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND

Members considered this application and asked the clerk to contact the planning authority and ask for further information due to the proposed construction.

4042 Agenda item 7: Raglan Roots crowdfunding request 'Cllr Moorby'

Cllr Moorby gave members a verbal report relating to the funding of the replacement notice board. It was noted the funding has been successful and sufficient funding has been sourced. It was:

Agreed: a plan of the replacement board should be approved before installation.

The chairman asked for standing orders to be suspended to allow Mr Andrew Watkins to address the council, relating to the village post office. Mr Watkins explained that he is still in negotiations with the post office regarding the redevelopment of the existing site. Mr Watkins reiterated again, if anyone would like to take the service over he will release his contract with the post office.

The chairman thanked Mr Watkins for the update.

4043 Agenda item 8: To note finance matters, including Income & Expenditure.

| Payee | Amount |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Clerks salary & HMRC February | |
| Clerks salary & HMRC March | |
| Came & Co renewal payment | £288.16 |
| RCS Ground & Gardens | £432.00 |
| Raglan Village Hall Grant £3,360 +Vat | £4,032.00 |

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

All members agreed.

All invoices were available for members to inspect

4044 Agenda item 9: MCC car parking consultation

Cllr Moorby explained that he has been contacted by a number of residents expressing concern over the drop off points to the school, and the lack of a zebra-crossing on Chepstow Road. There was some debate over the access and closing of the existing layby. After some debate it was:

Resolved: a letter should be sent to MCC highways asking for a zebra-crossing to be constructed on Chepstow Road.

4045 Agenda item 10: Members concerns on highway issues

- Cllr P Williams raised concern over the number of street lights that are out on the high street.
- Cllr Brierley asked if any further action has been taken in relation to Barton Bridge.
- Cllr Moorby expressed concern regarding the lack of road marking and signage in the vicinity of 'Ton Farm' Cllr Moorby gave the clerk the road numbers 42.2 – 42.1 – 42.4 so they can be passed to the Highway Authority
- Cllr S Price raised concern over the lack of a footpath from Prince Charles close to the by-pass road. Cllr Price explained that the hedge has grown in width over the years and pedestrians now need to walk further on the road.
- Cllr D Brown asked why are the new signs so small and why are the signs located in the carpark not directing vehicles to the new carpark from the highway

Action point: the clerk will write to MCC officers regarding the above concerns.

4046 Agenda item 11: Items of correspondence. (Please see appendix)

Welsh Government:

1. Letter of acknowledgement regarding lorries parking on the A40
2. Reply from SWTRA regarding lorries parking on the A40.
3. The Planning Wales Act 2015
4. Local Government Ethical Framework
5. Shared purpose –Statutory Guidance for the well-being of future generations

Monmouthshire County Council:

6. Pedestrian Access to Raglan School
7. Acknowledgment of Precept
8. MCC Chairman Showcase appeal on 22 April
9. Give Dog fouling the Red Card
10. M4 Corridor Around Newport Exhibitions
11. Tenovus
12. HM Queen 90 Birthday Medal

It was: agreed the council would obtain medals for all the children in the junior school.

Other Correspondence:

13. Walk of Life Sunday 24 April 2016
14. Crowd-funding reply
15. Monmouthshire County Citizens Advice
16. Rural Development programme funding
17. One Voice Wales reply to Consultation on the draft Local Government (Wales) Bill

By Email:

18. Parliamentary review of constituencies
19. February Crime Report
20. Free computer Club in Usk and Raglan
21. Raglan Roots crowdfunding request

- 22. MCC car parking consultation
- 23. Resurfacing of the A40 Raglan to Abergavenny
- 24. Wooden Sculpture at Beaufort Arms Hotel
- 25. PCC for Gwent
- 26. PCC Election 2016

Member noted all the correspondence

4047 Agenda item 12: Clerk reports.

No further reports

4048 Agenda item 13: Reports from members on outside bodies.

Cllr S Price raised concern over the fly tipping that is occurring in the lay-bys in the community, as most of the lay-bys are on roads leading into the village. Cllr Price also raised concern over the recycling bins, and if the existing bins are being used to their full capacity. Cllr Price informed members that items have been stolen from the bins over the last twelve months, and asked should the recycling bins be relocated or removed if they are not being used. After some debate it was:

Agreed: the clerk should contact the relevant officer in MCC

4049 Agenda item 14: Reports from the County Councillor

No report.

4050 The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 8.40 pm. The date of the next meeting 27 April 2016

Signed by _____
Chairman Cllr Richard Moorby
Date 27 April 2016