

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Thursday
21 April 2016 at Raglan School, Station Road, Raglan,
at 7.00pm

Present

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

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

4051 In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.
Mrs Jean Langley and Mr R Ward
Mrs Karan Tarbox Monmouthshire Housing Association
Mrs Lisa Way Monmouthshire Housing Association

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and he introduced the officers from MHA.

4052 Agenda item 1:-Apologies for absence.

Cllr Penny Jones

4053 Agenda item 2: Declarations of interest

No declarations made at this time.

4054 Agenda item 3: Presentation relating to Planning Application DC/2016/00200:
Construction of ten dwellings and associated works. at St Cadocs Court, Prince Charles Close, Raglan, NP15 2FB

The chairman invited the council clerk to give members a presentation on the above planning application. The clerk informed members that all the information contained in the presentation are extracts from the planning application submitted to the planning authority. The presentation is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

4055 Agenda item 4: 20 minutes for open questions

One of the residents made a number of points relating to the proposed development. He explained he would support the planning application but has concerns over highway safety around this development. The number of cars that use Prince Charles Road has increased since the development of Ethley Drive and the proposed development will increase the traffic flow along Prince Charles Road. A number of local residents and others use the park area and play area opposite the proposed development.

He explained that he has concerns over the parking on Prince Charles Road, and believes the road should be straightened so the line of vision can be improved. It was also explained that Monmouthshire planning committee inspected the development site on Monday of this week (18 April). He explained there is information included in the officers report that most of the consultees have not responded to the consultation and he believes without comment from the consultees, approval is not taking into consideration issues relating to highways and other points.

Cllr Moorby thanked the resident for his comments. He considers traffic parking on the high street in the village, provides a traffic calming solution as traffic cannot speed in a built up location.

Cllr S Price explained that she has lived in the community for many years. She explained that traffic calming was tried over 40 years ago in this location. Cllr Price explained to members that she was nearly involved in an accident crossing Prince Charles Road, where the traffic was on the wrong side of the road. Cllr Price also raised concerns about antisocial behaviour in this location and to her knowledge there hasn't been any. Cllr Price also raised concerns over the fly tipping in the vicinity of the proposed development. She explained that a number of people have tipped unwanted items that should have been placed in the recycling bins. Cllr Price gave an example that someone was noted tipping unwanted items around 4am one morning.

Officers from MHA explained that they met with officers from MCC Highways and Planning Departments regarding preplanning submissions.

Cllr Phillips made reference to highway safety and commented that parking on the highway would aid traffic calming on the highway. He also made the same comment as other councillors that traffic calming was looked into a number of years ago without any success.

One comment was made relating to the existing parking bay between Ethley Drive and the former building. Officers from MHA will look at this area to consider if this area can be included in the on street parking for the proposed development.

The officers confirmed that the development would be for families, but there was some concern over the lettings policy, and both officers would seek further information relating to the letting policy.

Cllr Moorby raised concern over the planting of shrubs to the front elevations of the dwellings on Prince Charles Road. He believes this may be an issue relating to traffic exiting the dwellings on Prince Charles Road.

The officers would look into this matter and consult the landscape team.

Cllr Moorby thanked the officers and the members of the public for attending and they left the meeting at 7.50pm

The chairman invited members to make any observations or make a proposal for or against the proposed development, after some debate it was:

Proposed: by Cllr P Williams seconded by Cllr T Phillips the council offer no objection by asking for the following conditions to be included in the consent.

All members agreed

- Highway safety audit is undertaken.
- Parking on Prince Charles Road opposite the proposed development.
- MCC consider constructing traffic calming along Prince Charles Road.
- Impact study along Prince Charles Road
- Reduce the planting of high growing plants to the front of the dwellings.
- RCC convene a meeting with MCC highways officers

4056 The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 8.05 pm. The date of the next meeting 27 April 2016

Signed by _____
Chairman Cllr Richard Moorby
Date 27 April 2016