

**Raglan Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday**  
**26 July 2023. This meeting was convened at the Fellowship Centre,**  
**Usk Road, Raglan**  
**at 7:00 pm**

**Present**

<b>5339</b>	Cllr Nick Ramsay (Chair)	Cllr Penny Jones
	Cllr Lynne Eilertsen	Cllr Hazel Leacock
	Cllr Martine Dorey	Cllr Richard Moorby
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**5340 In attendance:**

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council,

**5341 Agenda item 1:-** Apologies for absence

Cllr Pennie Walker, Cllr Martine Dorey joined the meeting at 19:08

**5342 Agenda item 2:-** Declarations of interest.

No declarations of interest were submitted, but members will make a declaration when and identified under the relevant minute.

**5343 Agenda item 3:-** 15 minutes set aside for Community interaction and members of the community to ask the Chairman or the Council questions of local interest. **Any questions should be relevant to the agenda and submitted to the clerk 3 working days before the meeting.**

The Chair welcomed a local resident to address the council. Mr Morgan explained that he has an old plough that he would like to donate to the village. He explained that the plough was found in his garden in 2000. It was explained that it was thought the grass verge on Chepstow Road may be the ideal place to install the old plough.

A discussion took place with a range of views expressed by Councillors and Mr Morgan. It was concluded that the Clerk would contact the Highways authority relating to consent to place the plough on Chepstow Road, similar to other villages in Monmouthshire.

Mr Morgan left the meeting at 19:20hrs

**5344 Agenda item 4:-** To receive and adopt the minutes from the Ordinary meeting, held on 28 June 2023

**Proposed:** by Cllr Ramsay seconded by Cllr Moorby that the minutes are accepted.

**All those present agreed**

**5345 Agenda item 5:-** Matters to report.

No matters to report

**5346 Agenda item 6:-** Clerks reports verbal or written

The Clerk informed elected members that he and Cllr Moorby attended the Bank to collect items that were stored in a safe deposit box. It was explained that the items were documents relating to contracts between the Community Council and the Welsh Government.

A discussion took place with a range of views expressed and it was concluded that the items should be placed in archive with Gwent Archives.

**All those present agreed**

**5347 Agenda item 7:-** Consider any Planning Applications received and circulated prior to the meeting.

The Clerk gave elected members a verbal report relating to Planning Application DM/2023/00863 for the construction of a new barn for storage, at Chapel Cottage, Nannys Lane Kingcoed. It was explained that two mobile containers had been installed and following an enforcement notice by the Planning Authority the Planning Authority received an application for a large barn structure.

A wide range of views were expressed, and it was resolved that this application is objected to on it's size and appearance.

DM/2023/00889. This application seeks consent to alter the existing agricultural occupancy condition in accordance with the updated version of the condition outlined in TAN 6: Planning for sustainable rural communities, at Little Pastures, Llandenny Walks, Llandenny.

A wide range of views were expressed, and it was resolved not to objected as the unit does not detract from the open countryside.

The Clerk gave elected members a verbal report relating to DM/2019/01286, the construction of three detached dwellings with associated external works and landscaping on Land Off High Street, Raglan Monmouthshire. The Clerk explained this Planning Application has been ongoing for more than 4 years and several amendments have been presented and the site layout has been changed. It was explained

that the access onto this proposed development is close to the controlled speed limits entering the village and the proximity to the trunk road.

A wide range of views were expressed, and it was resolved to make observations and to object to this application due to road safety concerns and the building of this development is outside the village boundary.

**5348    Agenda item 8:-** Consider the extension of time for DC/2017/00250: Demolition of vacant school.

The Clerk gave elected members a verbal update on the current matters relating to the ongoing planning consent for the Old Junior School. He explained that he had made a submission requesting an extension of time to the Planning consent. The Planning consent that had been granted previously had been granted to Raglan Village Hall Association (RVHA) which has now been moth balled. The Community Council made observations relating to the extension that had been applied for. A detailed discussion took place with a range of views expressed by Councillors.

It was concluded that no further action should be taken until Monmouthshire County Council agree the ownership and the proposed transfer to RVHA or the Community Council.

**5349    Agenda item 9:-** To consider the "street scene" and the condition of Raglan Old Church School Community Centre Chepstow Road.

The Clerk raised the question of the street scene of the Old Church School building and the condition and general appearance of the building. This generated a debate about the building and the management of the building by Monmouthshire County Council as trustees. One elected member explained that a resident was so concerned about the appearance of the building, the resident de-weeded the weeds from the front and sides of the building. This generated further discussion with a range of views expressed by Councillors.

In conclusion it was proposed that the Clerk contact the Duke of Beaufort and the Church of Wales along with Monmouthshire County Council to discuss the current ownership or trusteeship of the building, and who is responsible for the management and maintenance of the building.

**5350    Agenda item 10:-** To consider the way forward regarding the MUGA and adjacent field and the time lapse since the first business plan was presented to Monmouthshire County Council.

The Clerk asked elected members what they would consider to be the way forward relating to the MUGA and the management of the adjoining field. It was explained that the Clerk and Cllr Eilertsen met officers from Monmouthshire County Council estates and legal dept about the transfer of the MUGA and field to the Community Council. It was explained that officers explained that a report would need to go the Cabinet member due to the time lapse since the first agreement was sought. It's been over twelve months since that meeting and no further action has taken place on behalf of Monmouthshire County Council. The Community Council are receiving several questions about the use of the MUGA and the condition of the adjoining field.

This generated further discussion with a range of views expressed and it was concluded that a meeting should be arranged to try resolve this, and the County Councillor will also contact the Cabinet member.

**5351 Agenda item 11:-** Consider any correspondence that's been circulated prior to the meeting.

All those present acknowledged the correspondence forwarded by the Clerk and offered no further observations.

**5352 Agenda item 12:-** Consider the receipt of invoices and payments made.

Members noted all the payments as appropriate on the list provided.

Date	Payment to	Amount	Cheque
28/6/23	Reimbursement for Zoom renewal	143.88	2382
28/6/23	Llandenny Trust	1640.00	2383
28/6/23	Banner Business Sol	353.78	2384
26/7/23	Cllr P Walker	150.00	2385
26/7/23	Cllr H Leacock	150.00	2386
26/7/23	Cllr N Ramsay	1600.00	2387
26/7/23	Cllr M Dorey	150.00	2388
26/7/23	Raglan Baptist Church Hall hire	45.00	2389
26/7/23	Merlin Waste	245.00	2390
26/7/23	Raglan Sport Association	1850.00	2391
26/7/23	Raglan Junior AFC	1440.00	2392
26/7/23	Clerk salary		2393
26/7/23	HMRC		2394
26/7/23	Cllr H Leacock	500.00	2395

**Proposed** by Cllr Moorby seconded by Cllr Leacock.

**All those present agreed**

The Clerk informed elected members that the Community Council had received a grant application to support the Church in providing a food pantry. A detailed discussion took place with a range of views expressed and it was concluded that the Community Council would support this by awarding a grant for £1,000.00.

**All those members present agreed.**

The Clerk gave those present a verbal report that the Community Council had received details of the cost for the Christmas decorations for the 23/24 festive season. Those present noted the verbal report and agreed to the same as other years.

The Clerk informed elected members that the Community Council had received correspondence from Monmouthshire County Council relating to purchasing of Dog Waste bags. It was explained that the estimated cost would be £44.75 plus the Vat for 5k bags per box.

It was proposed that an expression of interest is provided to Monmouthshire County Council.

**5353     Agenda item 13:-** Reports from the County Councillor

Cllr Penny Jones gave a verbal report on several matters considered by the County Council.

1. Several planning applications have been presented to the Planning Dept, which may have an impact on the wider community.
2. There would appear to be concern over parking relating to Planning applications that have been presented.
3. A verbal report on the fund raising by the scout group in the community and the scouts have raised several thousand pounds.
4. A verbal report relating to the issues regarding the stone wall that collapsed at Barton Brook.
5. It was explained that concern has been expressed over the cutting of hedges in the wider community and what hedges haven't been cut this year is causing concern.

**5354     Agenda item 14:-** Reports from members on outside bodies

No reports were presented.

**5355     Agenda item 15:-** Appointment to fill the vacant seat following the resignation of Cllr James.

The Clerk informed members that Cllr James had tendered his resignation as a Councillor. The Chair and elected members, would like it recorded, they expressed their thanks for Mr James contribution since becoming a councillor.

**5356     Agenda item 16:-** Appoint a co-opted member to the School Governing body.

The Clerk informed members, due Cllr James resigning, a place has become available on the school governors. After some discussion it was proposed to ask if Cllr Harrington would consider becoming a governor.

**5357    Agenda item 17:-** To agree delegated powers to the Clerk during the summer recess in consultation with the Chair.

It was proposed by Cllr Moorby seconded by Cllr Leacock delegated powers are given to the Clerk over the summer recess until the next convened meeting.

**All those present agreed.**

**5358    Agenda item 18:-** To confirm the date of the next meeting 27 Sept 2023

No other business was discussed, and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 21:12 hrs.

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

Chairman

Date 27 Sept 2023

Please note: these minutes are a summary of the above meeting, and a record of the decisions or resolutions moved. These minutes are not to be taken as a verbatim record of the meeting.