

**Raglan Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday**  
**27 September 2023. This meeting was convened by Zoom**  
**at 7:00 pm**

**Present**

Cllr Nick Ramsay (Chair)  
Cllr Martine Dorey  
Cllr Pennie Walker

Cllr Penny Jones  
Cllr Hazel Leacock  
Cllr Richard Moorby

**5359 In attendance:**

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council,

**5360 Agenda item 1:-** Apologies for absence

No apologies received all elected members in attendance. Cllr Pennie Walker joined the meeting at 19:15 hrs

**5361 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.

**5362 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.**

No member of public in attendance. Cllr Leacock informed the meeting that someone (Steve Jenkins) had telephoned her about attending the meeting at the Fellowship Centre but didn't wish to inform the Cllr what the subject matter was.

**5363 Agenda item 4:-** To receive and adopt the minutes from the Ordinary meeting, held on 27 September 2023

**Proposed:** by Cllr R Moorby seconded by Cllr H Leacock that the minutes are accepted.

**All those present agreed**

**5364 Agenda item 5:-** Matters to report.

The Clerk explained about the ongoing issue with the Old Church School room. It was explained that the Clerk had left messages with the Duke of Beaufort, the Church of Wales and Monmouthshire County Council but had not received any response at this time. Cllr Jones informed the meeting that she has been in contact with Monmouthshire County Council Legal Department and there appears to be some delay between the Church in Wales Dioceses and Monmouthshire County Council. It was reported that

several fires have happened in the Old Junior School, and the fire service had been in attendance on several occasions.

**5365    Agenda item 6:-** Clerks reports verbal or written

The Clerk informed elected members that he has received the audited accounts. The Annual Return received will be ratified at a reconvened meeting. The Clerk had no further updates.

**5366    Agenda item 7:-** Consider any Planning Applications received and circulated prior to the meeting.

The Clerk informed elected members that all the planning applications received have been forwarded for elected members observations. The Clerk asked elected members what they like would to do about the planning Application on Monmouth Road that has been submitted to the Planning Authority. A detailed discussion took place with a range of views expressed by members. It was concluded that the Clerk should draft a response and circulate to all elected members for consideration.

**5367    Agenda item 8:-** 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.

**5368    Agenda item 9:-** Consider the receipt of invoices and payments made.

Date	Payment to	Amount	Cheque
26/7/23	Cllr Penny Jones (Remuneration) paid July 23	150.00	2396
27/9/23	St Cadoc Church (Grant to support local pantry)	1,000.00	2397
27/9/23	Merlin Waste	235.00	2398
27/9/23	One Voice Wales (Membership)	370.00	2399
27/9/23	Clerks (SLCC membership)	187.00	2400
27/9/23	Merlin Waste Oct collection	294.00	2401
27/9/23	Raglan Festival (Balance on Kings Coronation)	497.42	2402
27/9/23	Raglan Baptist Church (Hall Hire)	20.00	2403
27/9/23	Clerks (August Salary)		2404
27/9/23	HMRC (August Salary)		2405
27/9/23	Clerks (Sept Salary)		2406
27/9/23	HMRC (Sept Salary)		2407
27/9/23	Raglan Community Xmas Event (Grant)	500.00	2408

The Clerk informed elected members that the Community Council had received a grant application from the Church relating to a small Christmas fair in the main street outside the Ship Public House. A discussion took place with a range of views expressed by those present and it was proposed by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Ramsay that the Community Council should support this community event.

**5369    Agenda item 10:-** Reports from the County Councillor

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

1. Cllr Jones informed those present about ongoing matters relating to street cleansing and there has been reports that the service has been very poor. It was also explained that roads outside the village are in a very poor state of repair. Those present also referred to the lack of gully cleaning in and around the village.
2. Cllr Jones explained that a resident had contacted her relating to the waste bin that was sited in the bus shelter on Usk Road. The Clerk explained that the Community Council purchased the waste bin and Monmouthshire County Council Street cleansing team agreed the bin could be located in the bus shelter as there was no other place to place a bin, apart from being located on street lighting columns.
3. There was number of observations relating to the condition of footpaths in and around the village due to the lack of maintenance. There are several footpaths that have moss and other vegetation growing on them which is/will cause concern for residents.
4. There was some discussion over the trees on Castle Street. It was explained that one of the trees fell into the road several years ago and would appear that the remaining trees need to be maintained.

**5370    Agenda item 11:-** Reports from members on outside bodies.

No reports were presented.

**5371    Agenda item 12:-** Appointment to fill the vacant seat following the resignation of Cllr James.

The Clerk explained that he has informed Monmouthshire County Council that the Community Council has a vacancy, and he was awaiting the notice of co-option. The Community Council cannot formally coopt someone who has expressed an interest until the publication of the notice. The Clerk will follow this up with the election office at Monmouthshire County Council.

**5372    Agenda item 13:-** Appoint a co-opted member to the School Governing body

The Clerk explained that it was suggested that Cllr Harrington be approached to ask if she would consider the co-option. The chair will contact Cllr Harrington to confirm if this is acceptable.

**5376    Agenda item 14:-** To confirm the date of the next meeting 25 October 2023. The Chair adjourned this meeting until 3<sup>rd</sup> October via Zoom.

No other business was discussed, and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 19:57 hrs.

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

Chairman

Date 25 October 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.