Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Special Meeting of Raglan Community Council which will be held on Thursday 5 March 2026.
This meeting was convened at the Fellowship Centre on Usk Road at 7:00 pm

Present

5963 Cllr Nick Ramsay (Chair)
Cllr Luke Thompson

5964 In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.

Mary Pask Monmouthshire County Council Environmental Health Officer

Three officers from Raglan JAFC (JAFC)

5965 Agenda item 1:- Apologies for absence

Cllr Penny Jones and Club Chair

5966 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.

5967 Agenda item 3:- Consider dog fouling in and around open spaces in Raglan including the football fields on Station Road, Raglan relating to: (Dog exclusion or leads only areas, the MCC (Dog Control) PSPO (Public Space Protection Order 2024). Its Raglan Community Council understanding Monmouthshire County Council will not be adding or taking away any sites from the PSPO until it is reviewed in 2027.

5968 It may be necessary to implement Section 1 (2) Admission of public to meetings of local authorities and other bodies. A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting where a meeting is open to the public, a body may, by resolution exclude the public from the meeting, (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies.

It was noted and to resolve if it becomes necessary to exclude members of the public or press whether during the whole or part of the proceedings, whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted during the meeting.

The Clerk gave a brief outline of the reasons for the meeting and asked what officers from JAFC would like to gain from this meeting. It was explained that JAFC would like to stop people from walking dogs on the playing fields on Station Road and not picking up their dog waste. They explained before every football match or training session officers and volunteers walk the play areas and pick up any dog waste that is seen.

Monmouthshire County Council officer explained that the current area on Station Road cannot be included on the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) which is currently for a 3-year period, from the 1st June 2024 to the 31st May 2027.

The Order https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/app/uploads/2024/05/MCC-Dog-Control-PSPO-2024.pdf will have a further public consultation in 2027. It was explained that the current areas cannot be included at this stage. It was explained the only area in Raglan Community is the Playing Fields on Prince Charles Road.

There was some discussion regarding the current footpath that crosses part of the Playing Fields. It was explained part of the footpath crosses on corner of one of the football pitches. It was discussed whether the current footpath could be moved to follow the boundary of the Playing Fields.

A discussion took place with a range of views being expressed by those present. After some debate it was proposed the Clerk should contact the relevant officers from Monmouthshire County Council about what application could be made to move the current line of the footpath to follow the boundary.

The current route was created with the help of local school children as a healthy walk. There are a number of signs etc along the way and it is waymarked with Raglan Local Ways way markers Raglan Healthy Footsteps.

The officer from Monmouthshire County Council explained if the area is included in the revised PSPO that would mean dogs would be prevented from access the area during any community events.

It was concluded;

- The Clerk to contact Monmouthshire County Council Rights of Way officers.

- Raglan Playing Fields Association to make submissions to include the area on the revised PSPO in 2027
- Raglan JAFC to support any submissions to include the area on the revised PSPO in 2027
- Officers or volunteers from Raglan Playing Fields Association and JAFC to report anyone found fouling the playing fields.

Signed by the Chair:_____ Dated 25 March 2026