

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28 November 2007 at 8:30pm at Raglan Junior School

Present: Cllr R Moorby (Chair),
Cllrs Mrs M Chilcott, D Brown, Mrs J Harry, R Parry, T Phillips, A Crump

In Attendance: The Clerk, Mr M Moran (Mon CC) for the first item, and four members of the public

2004. Multi Use Games Area

Mr Moran explained that the planning application for this had not been determined at the Planning Committee the previous day, due to late objections by two officers of the County Council in relation to footpaths and disturbance of bats. He anticipated that the problems could be resolved but the application will now go to the Planning Committee in December.

Members thanked Mr Moran for this explanation, although some disappointment was expressed concerning the late involvement of the county officers thereby causing further delays. Mr Moran left the meeting at this point.

2005. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs N Porter, Mrs H Williams and D Watkins. It was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to Cllr Mrs Williams and her husband for their recent bereavement.

2006. Minutes of the Council on 24 October 2007.

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record and adopted.

2007. Matters Arising

Re Minute 1196 Cllr Brown noted that the Ringmaster system does work.

Cllr Crump had checked about variable message signs on lamp posts, and he was not aware of any problem with it. Agreed to ask the Police to check this at their next attendance.

2008. Planning Matters

a) Correspondence and Agendas were noted

b) The following applications were considered.

DC/2007/01426 Demolish single storey extension and add two storey extension at Orchard House Llandenny - Agreed

DC/2007/01291 Replacement of existing garage and extension above. 2 Hillside, Kingcoed – Agreed

DC/2007/01442 Erection of sun lounge extension and alterations, Ty Hir, Monmouth Road Raglan - Agreed.

DC/2007/01429 Erection of rear kitchen extension, bay window extension Ty Garreg, Llandenny – Agreed

DC/2007/01417 Construct double garage with workshop and garden machinery shed, Upper Llangwendr Farm, Old House Rd, Llangovan. Agreed

DC/2007/01377 Change of use of land and erection of stable block and tack/feed room with erection of fencing, Grange Lodge, Old Abergavenny Rd, Raglan No objection to the principle, but the clock tower is not in keeping with the area.

DC/2007/01503 (Cllr Phillips declared an interest in this application and took no part in the decision) Replacement agricultural barn (stone built) at Cayo Farm, Usk Rd, Raglan - Agreed.

DC/2007/01496 This application was not in the council's area.

DC/2007/01445 Construction of double garage and store, timber shelter Brooklands, Chepstow Rd, Raglan – Agreed

2009 Finance Matters

a) Agreed to pay

Clerk's salary	£258
Website maintenance	£104.58
Monmouthshire CC (grass cutting)	£722.71
Beaufort Hotel	£80
A G Bradley (dog walk)	£117.50

b) Several requests for donations were referred to the January Finance meeting

c) A letter from Mrs Sutton asking for approval of a seat near the end of Fayre Oaks was considered. Cllr Phillips will speak to Mrs Sutton and offer advice. The Council supported the request.

2010. Highways Matters

a) Proposed Speed Restriction scheme at Chepstow Rd. Members were concerned that the proposals were the same as those put forward twelve months ago, and none of the suggestions for alteration of the scheme had been included. Agreed to write to Mr Cleary to express concern and to question whether the wrong drawing had been sent.

b) Members concerns

Cllr Mrs Chilcott noted that the footpaths in Fairfax View and Somerset Drive were in a poor condition and needed attention before someone falls.

2011. General Correspondence

A number of items of general correspondence were received and noted.

A letter about the suitability of polling stations was noted and the Old School was the only one which had poor access. The Parish Room could be used as an alternative.

2012. Old School

Following the discussion before the meeting at which the problems with the Old School had been discussed, it was agreed that the Council wishes to support the continued use of the Old School for Community purposes, and will make some funding available if required to secure its quick return to normal use.

2013. Members Reports

The Chair mentioned a meeting that he had attended concerning footpaths in the Raglan area. It was also noted that year four in the school were doing a project on Old Raglan and were seeking information to help the project.

2014. Any Other Business

a) There was information that the burial ground at Kingcoed Baptist Church was to be closed. It was agreed that the Clerk would enquire why this was happening so that local people might understand the reasons.

b) The Chair noted contacts he had received from Mr Challoner concerning the development of Nelson Oaks. It was agreed that this should be treated as any other

planning application when it was received and that the Council would not agree to receive a presentation from him.

c) The Chair noted that the issue of Common Land had been held in abeyance for some time and the Council should progress to a decision on it. Agreed to purchase a book to assist this process and to consider it at a forthcoming meeting.

d) It was noted that a reception would be held for Raglan in Bloom volunteers at the Beaufort on the following evening.

e) The next meeting of the Council will be held on 19 December and the Finance Meeting will be held on 9 January 2008

The meeting ended at 9.55pm