

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28 April 2010 at Raglan Junior School at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllr T Phillips (Chairman)

Cllrs R Moorby, R Watkins, D Watkins, N Porter, S Thomas, Mrs H Williams, Mrs A Vaughan, Mrs S Price and A Crump.

In attendance: The Clerk, Pc L Oliver (for the first item), Miss S Hughes, Mr D Brown and Mr C Fountain.

2209. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Parry.

2210. Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Crump on Planning Matters as a member of the County Planning Committee. He took no part in decisions on Planning Applications. Others would be made as necessary during the meeting.

2211. The Chairman welcomed Pc Oliver to the meeting and invited him to make his report. A number of crimes were recorded during the past month and in addition a theft of a number of lawnmowers was noted at a distributor in the village. Pc Oliver urged members to do what they can to publicise the need to secure items of value and property. The present theft of garden equipment is a seasonal effect and people need to be aware of it. Speed checks have been carried out in Chepstow Road and Monmouth Road and the Safety Camera Partnership will be asked to come back to carry out further checks. Miss S Hughes notes that the CSAT had some money available which could be used to buy an additional speed gun for use in this area. Cllr Mrs Vaughan asked if there had been any progress on getting training for Councillors who could then use the equipment. Pc Oliver was not aware of this.

Cllr D Watkins asked how many of the perpetrators of crime in the area were likely to be caught, but Pc Oliver was not able to answer this as the reporting system was not linked to the ongoing tracking of progress on detecting the crimes. Pc Oliver said that if members could say what information they wanted to see he might be able to get it for them.

Cllr D Watkins was concerned that crime is increasing in our area, as the same places are being targeted repeatedly. Cllr Crump said that the statistics did not support his view.

It was suggested and agreed that the Council should invite Supt Johnson to a future meeting to discuss this and other matters.

The Chairman thanked Pc Oliver for attending and he left at this point.

2212. The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 March 2010 were received and adopted as a correct record.

2213. Matters Arising.

Re minute 2202, The Clerk read out a further communication from Mr O'Donnell of Moatenwell, which was noted by Councillors. No further action was needed by this Council.

Re minute 2205, it was agreed that the hedge at Willsbrook in Usk Rd needed to be cut back as it extended out over the carriageway. The owner had been requested to cut it back over a number of years, but it had now reached the stage where enforcement action by the County Council seemed to be the only option. The Clerk will speak to the County officer concerned.

Re Minute 2207, members discussed the possibility of introducing dog waste bins at strategic points in the village. It was agreed that a small group of members (Cllrs Mrs Vaughan, S Thomas and T Phillips) would look for suitable sites and report back to the next meeting with some firm proposals.

2214. Planning Matters.

a) No enforcement lists were available this time.

b) The following Planning Applications were considered:

DC/2009/01116 Conversion and extension of existing stables to provide two bedroom accommodation ancillary to Rock Farm, Rock Farm, Llandenny. Agreed

DC/2009/01117 Listed building consent for the above application. Agreed

DC/2010/00235 Advertisement consent for one internally illuminated pole mounted display unit at Central Garage, High Street, Raglan. Agreed subject to it not being on all night.

2215. Finance Matters.

a) The following payments were agreed:

Ricoh photocopier £96.31

Monmouth CAB £200

Raglan in Bloom £1000

Llandenny PCC £100

Penyclawdd PCC £100

Llangovan PCC £100

Raglan PCC £100

Kingcoed Baptist £100

Raglan Scouts £150

Raglan Music Festival £1000

St David`s Foundation £100

Bobath Cymru £50

Air Ambulance £100

MacMillan Cancer Care £100

St Anne`s Hospice £100

British Heart Foundation £100

Clerk`s Salary £271.67

An account from Monmouthshire CC for use of the room in the school for meetings was noted. The Clerk will write reminding the County officer that the 1972 Local Government Act provides for Community Councils to have use of such facilities free of charge.

b) Several requests for funding were received and deferred to the next Budget meeting.

c) Notice of Audit was received. The Clerk also presented the balanced accounts for the year and made them available to the members for inspection. The Chairman signed them as agreed by the Council. The Clerk would now submit them to the internal auditor.

2216. Highway Matters.

a) There was no correspondence.

b) Members concerns.

Potholes at Warrage Rd, and the road edges at Llandenny Walks had not been done. Cllr Crump suggested that the Council should ask for some more grit bins for next winter and it was agreed that members would look around their area to see where they might be needed.

Litter bins in Raglan were a problem as some had faulty doors. The County would replace these with new, slightly larger bins. Concern was expressed that a larger bin outside the Post Office would be an obstruction on the pavement. It was agreed that before replacement the size needed to be checked. It was further agreed that the Council would pay for two replacement bins outside the Chip Shop and the Supermarket, but the bin by the Chemists was no longer needed. The bin outside the supermarket would be re-used elsewhere.

2217. General Correspondence.

Several items of correspondence were received.

It was agreed that the clerk would produce a specification for Christmas Lights and send it to a number of firms asking for a quotation. On the matter of Cross-Street displays, the tenderers would be asked for alternatives.

2218. Members Reports.

a) Cllr Mrs Williams reported on the One Voice Wales local meeting. Events Policing and the Charter were two items discussed.

b) Cllr Moorby noted that there would be no cost to the rate-payer for policing the Ryder Cup. There had been a good attendance at Lord Raglan`s funeral.

c) Cllr Mrs Vaughan noted that weeds are still a problem for properties in Station Rd that backed on to Brook Holding, as the County had not dealt with the issue. This is also a problem around the MUGA. Cllr Crump will speak to County Officers about this. It was also noted that the brook seems to back up in this area and there are concerns about flooding further up in Barton Bridge area if this continues. Cllr Crump will raise this also.

d) The Chairman noted that the bench opposite the Doctor`s Surgery had been removed for safe-keeping because the holding-down bolts had been removed by persons unknown. It would be adapted to make it more difficult to remove. Members agreed to purchase the adaptor pieces.

e) Cllr D Watkins raised concerns about the Raglan Charity and the need for more Trustees. It was agreed that this would be dealt with at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 9:12pm