

## **RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23 July 2008 at 7:30pm in Raglan Junior School.**

Present: Cllr R Moorby (Chair)

Cllrs T Phillips, Mrs H Williams, S Thomas, D Watkins and R Parry.

In attendance: The Clerk and one member of the public

**2090** Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Mrs M Chilcott, Mrs S Price, R Watkins and N Porter.

**2091** The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 25 June 2008 were received and adopted as a correct record subject to amending the date of 11 August to 30 August in minute 2089a)

#### **2092** Matters Arising

Re minute 2089a), it was clarified that Mr D Brown was not representing the Council at a Safe Routes to School meeting.

Re minute 2089c) It was noted that the litter bin had been moved to a wider part of the pavement, and fixed, to remove the nuisance. The bin opposite West Lea had also been fixed at the same time.

Re minute 2089g) There is a meeting tomorrow to discuss the new school.

#### **2093** Planning Matters

a) A list of new Enforcement Cases was noted

A letter indicating a breach of planning law was noted and will be referred to the County Enforcement Officer.

b) The following Planning Applications were considered:

DC/2008/00826 External raised decking and spiral staircase, Ivy Cottage, Kingoed, Usk. Agreed.

DC/2008/00799 Retention of Farmhouse as built, Upper Llangwendr Farm, Llangovan, The Council objects to this. It should comply with the application as permitted originally. (Cllr D Watkins abstained from this item).

DC/2008/00790 Two storey rear extension, 3 Somerset Drive, Raglan, Agreed.

DC/2008/00588 Alterations and Extensions, Little Cefn Coed, Llandenny, Kingoed, Usk, Agreed.

#### **2094** Finance Matters.

a) Agreed to pay Clerk's Salary £262.50

b) Received £300 as a donation towards a memorial seat in Fayre Oak from Mrs Gwatkin.

c) A funding request was deferred to the January meeting.

#### **2095** Highway Matters.

a) A questionnaire was circulated to members present to return to the Highways Manager.

b) Members Concerns.

Cllr D Watkins noted the road from Primrose Green to the Vicarage was in a bad state. This will be reported.

Cllr Moorby was concerned about bracken falling out into the road reducing the road width and visibility. This will be reported (Coldharbour to Llandenny Walks in particular)

Cllr Phillips would check who was responsible for the hedge around the Police Station which needed cutting.

Cllr Parry asked if it could be established in which year the Graig Road would be resurfaced.

Cllr Mrs Price had asked that Monmouthshire Housing be pursued concerning the replacement of the seat behind 17/22 Prince Charles Rd.

#### **2096** General Correspondence

A number of items of correspondence were received and noted.

#### **2097** Code of Conduct

It was agreed to adopt the new Code of Conduct for members.

It was also agreed that at least three members would attend the Code of Conduct Training Session in Monmouth on 27 August.

As this date clashed with the next Council meeting date, it was agreed to bring the Council meeting forward to 20 August instead.

#### **2098** Members Reports

a) Cllrs Mrs Williams and Phillips had attended a One Voice Wales meeting where the County Leader had attended. He had met a fairly hostile reception, but has assured those present that the County was dealing with their problems.

b) Cllr S Thomas and N Porter had inspected the allotments and had found two allotments in a poor state. After some discussion it was agreed to give one allotment holder notice to quit as his allotment had been in a poor state for some time despite requests to improve it.

c) Cllr S Thomas had also attended a School Governors meeting. There had been a debate on admissions, and the problem appeared to have been made worse by Cross Ash School actively marketing their school. The Admissions Unit had accepted two errors which they had corrected to allow two more children into Raglan, but several cases remained unresolved.

d) Cllr Moorby had attended the AGM of the Monmouth CAB. More clients are being seen, with particular emphasis on debt problems. There is evidently a move in England at present to put the legal advice service out to tender rather than through CAB.

e) Cllr Phillips noted that the start date for the MUGA had been put back a month. He was concerned to know the reasons for this. The Clerk will write.

f) Cllr Moorby noted that there were alterations going on to the gates of the property next to the Cayo.

g) Cllr Thomas raised the issue of Twinning. There had been an approach via the website asking if the Council was interested in Twinning with a similar community in France. After discussion it was agreed that it would only work if there was a committee of interested local people to move it forward. The first moves would be to ask the School (Cllr Thomas) and the Village Hall Committee (Cllr Phillips). The outcome could be fed back to the next meeting.

**The meeting ended at 9:00pm**