

## **RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Council Meeting held after the Annual Meeting on Tuesday 13 May 2008 at Raglan Junior School.

Present: Cllr R Moorby (Chair)

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

In Attendance: The Clerk and three members of the public

2062. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Mrs M Chilcott and A Crump.

2063. The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 April 2008 were received and adopted as a correct record.

2064. Matters Arising.

Re minute 2058, it was noted that the lady who had fallen in Monmouth Rd may contact the County Council about it.

Re minute 2055, the Clerk noted that some local councils in the Abergavenny area were getting together to secure a favourable contract for Dog Bins and the emptying of them. Members noted this but considered that it would be an expensive addition to their budget.

Re minute 2061, Cllr Moorby told members that he and the Clerk had met with Lord Raglan and his solicitor the previous day and had agreed to proceed with the process of transferring the keepership of the local commons to the Council. This was welcomed.

It was agreed that the Head Teacher of the School should be invited to the start of the next meeting.

2065. Planning Matters.

No applications had been received but a letter from Savills concerning a new telephone mast at Maerdy Farm was noted. Agreed to respond saying that we will wait for the Planning Application.

2066. Finance Matters

a) Agreed to pay Clerk's salary and stationery £274.47

Wales Audit for 2005/6 Audit £141.00

b) The Clerk had completed the 2007/8 accounts and it was agreed that the Chair and Clerk should sign them off and pass them to the Council's Internal Auditor.

A number of letters of thanks were received from Raglan PCC, Raglan Scouts, St David's Foundation, Homemakers, Monmouth CAB, Bobath Cymru, Llandenny PCC and The British Heart Foundation.

2067. Highway Matters

Members Concerns

Cllr Phillips was concerned that Music Festival banners and signs had been taken down on the trunk road. Other members noted that litter and some other signs had not been interfered with and that the process was inconsistent. It was felt that the whole process was unnecessarily heavy-handed.

It was also suggested that a meeting is needed with the Welsh Assembly Trunk Roads Division about the cross-over at the top of Raglan. This is still dangerous and needs attention. It should be closed off in one direction.

A sign is also needed to Sutton`s as heavy vehicles are ending up in the village rather than at the appropriate place.

The Clerk will write, including Monmouthshire Highways and Nick Ramsay AM.

#### 2068. General Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were received.

Correspondence from WAG concerning the Code of Conduct will be discussed at a future meeting before September.

A proforma to book places at the One Voice Wales conference in October was noted and a decision will be made as to whether anyone attends.

#### 2069. Members Reports

Cllr R Watkins commented on the way in which fences put in on blind bends to improve visibility were getting overgrown so that the visibility was being lost. A letter will be sent to the County Highways to ask if the problem can be dealt with.

#### 2070. Any Other Business

Members expressed commiserations with Mr Dennis Brown who had worked tirelessly for the village but had not been re-elected this time. Thanks were given to him for his efforts and the hope was expressed that he would stand again at the next opportunity.

The meeting ended at 8:50pm