

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27 September 2006 at Raglan Junior School at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillor Mrs. M. Chilcott (Chairman),
Councillors R. Moorby, T. Phillips, Mrs. H. Williams, D. Brown, D. Watkins,
A. Crump, R. Parry and R. Watkins
In attendance: The Clerk, K. Fairbank (Press) and 3 members of the public.

1066. Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Mrs. J. Harry and N. Porter.

1067. The Chairman welcomed PcsO Barclay to provide the bi-monthly Police Report.

It was noted that a further PcsO was due to start in the area.

PcsO Barclay highlighted issues in the written report and responded to Members comments.

The Chairman noted that it was important that the public should use the Police surgery service in Raglan to ensure that it is not lost.

It was noted that the Police are following up problems with young drivers causing a nuisance in the area.

The Chairman thanked PcsO Barclay for his report and he left the meeting at this point.

1068. The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 August 2006 were received and adopted as a correct record.

1069. The Minutes of the Planning Site Meeting held on 2 September 2006 were read out by the Clerk and adopted as a correct record.

1070. Matters Arising

Minute 1047 Progress was noted on the Local Housing Survey. The materials had been received and Members **agreed** to meet on 2 October at the Chairman's house to collate the papers ready to send out.

Re Minute 1052 Councillor Phillips confirmed that the bins are being emptied.

Re Minute 1042 Councillor Moorby had received correspondence on common land and this would be considered later on the agenda.

It was also noted that the trees in the Police Station have been cut down.

Re Minute 1064 Councillor Phillips had attended Wales in Bloom presentations in Criccieth. He noted that the Welsh Assembly have said that they will not fund the competition next year. Councillor Phillips asked Councillor Crump to persuade the County Council to make representations to keep the competition as it contributes directly to the tourist industry. it was also **agreed** to write to the Welsh Assembly deploring the withdrawal of funding and copying it to David Davies AM.

Re Minute 1064 The Chairman has layout plans of the allotments.

We are awaiting a response on changing the dog walk access.

The Monmouth CAB have invited a candidate to take the post on the retirement of Mrs. Dent. Councillor Crump suggested that the Council write to thank Mrs. Dent for her 23 years of service.

1071. Planning Matters

a) Plans Lists and correspondence were noted. It was also noted that appeals had been lodged for non-determination of Application DC/2006/00470 and against enforcement at Central Stores, Raglan because of the steel roller shutters.

b) The following decisions of the Planning Authority were noted:

DC/2006/00116 Conservatory at Caestory Bungalow, Orchard Close, Raglan -
Approved.

DC/2006/00022 Single storey extension at Twyn House, Twyn-y-Sherriff Road, Raglan -
Approved.

DC/2006/00020 Upgrade playroom, construct toilet and convert ground floor to office -
Court Street Lawrence, Trecastle Road, Monmouth - Approved.

DC/2006/00107 Convert agricultural barn to residential - Old Trecastle Farm, Trecastle
Road, Monmouth - Approved.

DC/2006/00419 Provide/erect double portal framed covered yard - County Farm 6,
Llangovan, New Trecastle Farm, Llangovan - Approved.

MM11339 New dwelling and garage at 3 Orchard Cottages, Llandenny - Approved.

MM12566 New demountable building for office staff at Station House, Raglan
Maintenance Depot - Approved.

MM12329 Infill development for one detached dwelling - Canbourne, Primrose Green -
Raglan - Approved.

MM12440 Demolition of existing front porch and replace with 2 storey extension - 1
Hillside, Kingcoed - Approved.

DC/2006/00278 Replace steel frame building at Springfield Farm, Llangovan - Approved.

c) The following Planning Applications were considered:

DC/2006/00965 Single storey extension at Dean House, Chepstow Road, Raglan - Agreed.

DC/2006/00747 Garden room extension at Rumpus House, Llandenny - Agreed (Councillor Mrs. Williams declared an interest in this application and took no part in the decision).

DC/2006/00554 Modification to roof and 2 extensions at Little Castle Farm, Pen-y-Parc Road, Raglan - Agreed.

DC/2006/00889 Two storey extension and garage at Bentra Mill House, Llangovoan - Agreed, but express concern about the wood finish.

1072. Finance Matters

a) Agreed to pay the following accounts:

Clerks Salary £250.00

K. Clarkson (notice boards) £94.56

b) Several items of correspondence were noted.

c) The Clerk was having some difficulty with the Audit proforma. **Agreed** that the Chairman would sign it when this had been resolved.

1073. Highway Matters

a) Correspondence

Several items of correspondence were noted. **Agreed** to write to Mr. R. Joy about lights on the Willows Close/Ethley Drive footpath indicating that the Council may be able to make a contribution to the cost.

b) Members Concerns

Several concerns were recorded and sent to the Maintenance Department.

The Chairman will check with Mr. Keach about the tree in Sunny Vale.

The Clerk will write to challenge the response on the back access at the Services which is in regular use and causes a danger to traffic on the Old Monmouth Road.

1074. General Correspondence

A number of items of general correspondence were noted.

It was **agreed** to ask for someone to address the Council on the Clinical Futures Paper.

Councillor Crump left the Meeting at this point.

1075. Common Land

Councillor Moorby outlined the additional information that he had managed to acquire. Members discussed the pros and cons of taking on this additional responsibility and it was **agreed** that Councillor Moorby be requested to speak to Jonathan Stephens at Usk about the liabilities the Council would be taking on. It was noted that there is already a dispute about Llandenny Walks Common.

1076. Members Reports

a) Councillor Brown reported on the developing success of the Raglan Village website with about 48 hits per day on the site.

b) Councillor Mrs. Chilcott asked that the Council write to the County Council to request small goal posts on the Children's Play Area.

it was **agreed** that the Clerk would write again to the County Council about the MUGA and would copy it to the Chief Executive asking for a site meeting.

1077. Any Other Business

a) Councillor Moorby expressed his personal concern that a letter in the Free Press of 23 August from the Raglan Conservation Group misrepresented his position at the County Planning Committee. Other Members confirmed he had represented this Council's views accurately.

b) The Chairman had asked Mr. Philip Challoner to attend the next meeting to talk to Members about developments at Hill House, Raglan where dwellings for elderly people were being proposed.

The Meeting ended at 9.10 pm.

