

## **RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20 August 2008 at Raglan Junior School at 7:30pm.**

Present: Cllr R Moorby (Chair)

Cllrs T Phillips, R Watkins, N Porter, R Parry, Mrs S Price, S Thomas

In attendance: The Clerk and 5 members of the public

2099. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs Chilcott, A Crump and D Watkins

2100. The minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2008 were received and adopted as a correct record subject to an amendment to minute 2094b) to read "seat by the allotments" rather than "in Fayre Oak".

#### 2101. Matters Arising

Re minute 2092, the meeting is to be rearranged.

Re minute 2095, The Police Station hedge still needs cutting. The Clerk will write to Police Property Services.

Re minute 2095, Cllr Mrs Price noted that Monmouthshire Housing had said that there would be two new seats at Prince Charles Rd

Re minute 2098g), there had not yet been any progress and this would be raised again at next month's meeting.

#### 2102. Planning Matters

##### a) Correspondence

Planning agendas and a letter concerning the Development Plan Issues were noted.

##### b) The following applications were considered:

DC/2008/00860 Proposed revisions to curtilage and parking for Chapel House and new access driveway and garage for the Old Vicarage, Llandenny. Agreed

DC/2008/00864 Retention of alterations to shop-front at The Old Paper Shop, High Street, Raglan, Agreed

DC/2008/00887 Single storey rear extension, Aderyn Du, Llandenny Agreed. (Cllr Phillips declared an interest in this application and took no part in the decision)

DC/2008/00907 Erection of three storage/light industrial units, Little Castle Farm, Pen y Parc Rd, Raglan, This application should not be approved until the road access and drainage issues on the road have been resolved.

DC/2008/00953 Design variation to existing permission for conversion of a barn to 2 dwellings at Brooklands Farm, Chepstow Rd Raglan, Agreed.

DC/2008/00943 Erection of a house on land adjacent to Con Amore, Cuckoos Row Raglan, Agreed. (Cllr R Watkins declared an interest in this application and took no part in the decision.)

DC/2008/00820 To replace the front ground floor windows with sash windows and replace the front door with one in solid wood. Agreed.

##### c) Notice of the appeal hearing for retention of a building at Cayo Farm was noted

#### 2103 Finance Matters

a) Agreed to pay Clerk's salary £262.50

b) Various items of correspondence were noted

2104 Highway matters.

a) Correspondence

Sewta draft regional transport plan was considered. Agreed to comment on the safety problems at the A40 intersection above Raglan.

Two items of correspondence were to be returned as not in our area.

b) Members Concerns

A meeting had been requested concerning the intersection on the A40 but no response had been received. Agreed to follow it up.

The new tarmac in the village had been poorly done as water was not reaching the drains now.

The Clerk would also chase up the last list of concerns sent to the County Council.

2105 General Correspondence

It was noted that the police were holding local PACS meetings every six weeks or so on a Sunday. Cllr Watkins, as our representative had not been notified. He would follow this up.

Other items of correspondence were noted.

2106 Litter Bins (Cllr Phillips)

It was noted that the County would be replacing four bins in the village, but that the bin at Sunny Vale was this Council's responsibility. It was agreed that Cllr Phillips would look into it further and that the matter could be discussed at the next meeting. Concern was expressed that the crew emptying the bins did not re-lock them so that the locks get damaged by others playing around with them.

2107 Members Reports

a) Cllr Parry asked if the Council would be prepared to support a celebratory party for a returning Olympic rower who lives in the area. It was agreed that Cllr Parry would find out what was intended and would then agree the level of support with the Chair and Vice Chair.

Reference was also made to a party for the land girls, but this was deferred to a future meeting.

b) The Chair congratulated Cllr Phillips and his Team on Raglan in Bloom for their recent success in Wales in Bloom with a silver gilt award. The Britain in Bloom outcome was still awaited.

c) Cllr Mrs Price asked if anything could be done to clean up the footpath along the brook at Barton Bridge. A local resident had done some of it but the rest needed to be done. It was agreed to ask the County to do it.

d) Cllr Mrs Price also noted the very poor state of the dog walk. It was heavily overgrown and not usable for its purpose. After discussion it was agreed to ask the usual contractor to cut it as soon as possible, and that Cllr Mrs Price could ring Glyn Edmonds to see if the young offenders team could be used to improve it. Ultimately it needs more than one cut a year, and this will need to be achieved somehow.

e) Cllr Phillips asked if Glyn Edmonds could be asked to make Raglan one of the first pink bag collection areas in the rural area. At present the Black Box collection scheme was leaving plastic bags and broken glass around, which was unsightly and dangerous.

The meeting ended at 8:50pm