

## **RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26 March 2008 at 7:30pm at Raglan Junior School.

Present: Cllr R Moorby (Chair)

Cllrs Mrs M Chilcott, D Brown, Mrs J Harry, R Parry, N Porter, D Watkins, R Watkins.

In attendance: The Clerk, P C Mike Thomas for the first item, and four members of the public.

PC Thomas gave a short report of crimes that had occurred in the area since the previous report. 130 incidents had been recorded in all, but most of them were traffic incidents. There had been several incidents of theft of diesel or heating oil from rural premises and a residential burglary at Llandenny. After some discussion PC Thomas left the meeting.

2043. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Phillips and Mrs Williams.

2044. The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 February 2008 were received and adopted as a correct record.

2045. Matters arising. Re minute 2042, Cllr D Watkins queried the opinion that the new visitor centre at the Castle was a well designed facility, given the Council's objections to it at Planning stage. He was told that those who had visited it acknowledged that the original view had been mistaken.

2046. Planning Matters.

a) Planning correspondence and agendas were received and noted.

b) The following applications were considered:

DC/2008/00058 Reed bed and shallow pond and underground garage to hide cars etc at Treworgan Manor Farm, Treworgan. Agreed.

DC/2008/00156 Renewal of consent M8065 at 2, Model Cottages, Monmouth Rd, Raglan. Agreed (Cllr D Watkins declared an interest in this application and took no part in the decision)

DC/2008/00248 Amendment to planning application DC/2007/00038 to include conservatory at Grange Lodge, Abergavenny Rd, Raglan. Agreed.

c) The information concerning appeals was noted.

2047 Finance matters.

a) The following payments were agreed:

Clerk's salary       £258

D and M Watkins   £50 (Christmas lights power)

C Warwick           £25 (Christmas lights power)

R Moorby            £7.20 (maps)

b) Various items of correspondence and bank statements were noted

2048 Highway matters

a) Correspondence

2 items of correspondence were noted

b) Members` concerns

The Clerk will find out from Mr Joy whether speed signs are permitted on lamp-posts. Also, the Clerk will write to Mr Cleary to find out what is happening to the traffic calming chicanes in Chepstow Rd.

2049 General Correspondence

A number of items were considered. The Clerk will try to attend the Community Strategy meeting in Mulberry House on Tuesday 3 April. If members have any comments to make on the Community Strategy they will use the forms provided to return their comments.

2050 Candidate sites for development.

Members considered the letter circulated with the agenda, but felt that the process was complicated and it would not be easy to make suggestions in that way. The timescale was also quite short. No comments were made at this stage.

2051 Members reports.

Cllr D Watkins reported that it seems that local post offices are safe in this area for the time being.

It was noted that dog fouling is still an issue and that dog owners are not acting responsibly, particularly early in the mornings. A query was raised as to what the law says on this matter.

It was noted that no press reporters are attending Council meetings now, despite the agenda being sent to three of them. Cllr Brown will speak to Andy Sherwill about this to see if an improvement can be achieved.

The meeting ended at 8:40pm.