

## **RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24 February 2010 at 7:30pm in Raglan Junior School.**

Present: Cllr T Phillips (Chairman)

Cllrs Mrs S Price, R Watkins, D Watkins, S Thomas, R Parry, Mrs H Williams and Mrs A Vaughan.

In attendance: The Clerk and PCSO Barclay (for the first item) and one member of the public.

The Chairman welcomed the police presence and asked PCSO Barclay to speak about the report submitted to the Council. There had been relatively little criminal activity except for the theft of diesel fuel on a number of occasions. This was becoming more prevalent.

Cllr D Watkins asked what minor activity was and it was explained that this was nuisance offences, cold callers, scrap merchants calling and similar items.

Cllr Mrs Vaughan identified an issue with congregating youths and suspicious cars. She was asked to note the numbers and to report them.

PCSO Barclay noted that the PACT priorities were still speeding issues in the village. Mobile speed cameras and flashing warning signs would be used to try to deal with this. It was agreed that PCSO Barclay would ask if Councillors could be trained to use the cameras and to help with the campaign to stop speeding.

The Chairman thanked him for attending and he left the meeting.

2188. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Crump, R Moorby and N Porter.

2189. Declarations of interest would be made as necessary during the meeting.

2190. The minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27 January 2010 were received and adopted as a correct record.

2191. Matters arising.

Re minute 2180, Cllr Mrs Vaughan had agreed free use of the Fellowship Centre for three Fridays or Saturdays in the morning when members could be present to hold surgeries. This would be advertised and afterwards it would be possible to see whether on-going surgeries would be welcomed.

Re minute 2183, concern was expressed about human excrement in the lay-by on the A40 as well as litter. This would be reported to Environmental Health. It was suggested that the lay-by could be closed if it is to be abused in this way.

The Clerk reported that the adoption of the two telephone boxes was now in motion. He had sent off the agreement and the £2 and awaited the reply. It turned out that BT had changed their policy about the electricity supply so that it was not now necessary for the Council to take it on.

2192. Planning Matters.

a) Enforcement lists and Planning Agendas were received and noted.

b) The following Planning Applications were considered:

DC/2010/00055 Proposed single storey extension to existing dwelling at Old Victoria, Llandenny – Agreed.

DC/2010/00069 Proposed garage (revised scheme) on Land adjacent to Con Amore, Cuckoo`s Row, Raglan. - Agreed

DC/2009/00462 Engineering operations comprising the installation of grass-ring tracks to facilitate the use of the area for a park and ride facility for a temporary period for the Ryder Cup 2010 and in association with the showground use of the land under permitted development rights, Usk Showground, Usk, Monmouthshire.

This application was noted as being outside the Council's area and no comments were made.

#### 2193. Finance Matters.

a). The following payments were agreed:

Web-site Data Transfer	£15.04
Clerk's Salary	£268.92
RBL Wreath	£25.00
Christmas Lights (F R Jones)	£418.07
Second Life Products (seat)	£339.57

b). Several items of correspondence were received.

An e-mail from Mr Moran concerning the Summer Play-scheme was discussed. It was agreed to donate £100 to the scheme and to suggest that transport using Monmouthshire vehicles be provided for Raglan children, with a charge being made of, say, £1 a day per child for the bus.

#### 2194. Highways Matters.

a) Correspondence.

Responses to our last list of issues were received.

A communication from Mr O'Donnell was considered. This Council has no interest in the land in question.

A letter concerning re-prioritising the County Highway programme because of the harsh winter was received.

b) Members concerns.

Cllr Mrs Vaughan had spoken to Highways direct about an issue in Castle St.

Cllr Parry asked for warning signs for Children Crossing by Penyclawdd School.

Cllr Parry also noted that the sign on the Usk Road into Penyclawdd showed a junction to the right, when in fact there is a staggered cross-roads, and there was no sign going in the other direction.

Cllr R Watkins noted a serious pothole about 100 yards west of his property in Warrage Rd.

Recently the corner of Caestory Crescent and Usk Rd had been badly flooded.

These issues will be reported to County Highways.

#### 2195. Cllr Mrs Price's report.

There was a discussion on the report and it was agreed that the first thing is to ask Environmental Health what can be done to improve cleanliness in the village and the Clerk would find out from the Usk Town Clerk how their sweeper is managed and the extent of the work that he does.

#### 2196. Affordable Housing Sites.

Members considered the plan and sites shown on it and agreed that they would wish to pursue the option of either site 1 or site 8.

2197. General Correspondence.

A number of items of general correspondence were received and noted.

It was agreed to say that the Council owns the two bus shelters at High Street and Usk Road, but none of the others.

2198. Members reports.

Cllr Thomas noted there would be a Governors` Meeting next week but there was a trip organised at short notice to Llanfoist School tomorrow.

Cllrs T Phillips and Mrs H Williams had visited County Hall to discuss the new school and the Community Facilities needed. Cllr D Watkins questioned why it is so important to have a completely new school. It was noted that at one stage it had been suggested that only the Infants Section be re-built and the rest simply up-graded, but the cost was seen as prohibitive.

Cllr Phillips noted that at the recent Rural Forum meeting it had been said that the Area Managers` posts were being removed.

It was also noted that the container by the MUGA was likely to be delivered soon.

**The Meeting ended at 9:03pm**