

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr T Phillips (Chairman)

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

In Attendance: The Clerk, Miss S Hughes and Mr C Fountain.

2199. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Crump.

2200. Declarations of interest would be made at the appropriate time during the meeting.

2201. The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 February were received and adopted as a correct record.

2202. Matters arising.

Re minute 2191, Cllr Mrs Vaughan had seen one person on the first occasion that a surgery was held, but her presence in that capacity had been welcomed. Other members should let her know if they were going to take part and arrangements could be made to accommodate them. Cllr R Watkins noted that very few people take the opportunity to attend the monthly Council meetings.

Re minute 2194, Cllr Moorby referred to a letter written by Mr O`Donnell to his neighbours at Kingcoed concerning the piece of land in front of his house. He had fenced the land which prevented others having access, and by so doing had caused considerable upset in the locality. It was noted that no-one had written to this Council about it, and it was understood that there may be Planning Enforcement action in due course. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr O`Donnell to invite him to explain what he was going to do to resolve the problems he had raised, and to explain that although this Council has no interest in the land legally, it is concerned about the Community generally and anyone who upsets normal neighbourly relations.

2203. Planning Matters.

a) Enforcement lists were received and noted.

b) the following Planning Applications were considered:

DC/2010/00147 New single storey garage at The Warrage, Warrage Rd, Raglan – Agreed.

DC/2010/00126 Proposed single storey toilet block to replace existing toilet block with associated landscaping at Raglan Castle, Raglan. – Agreed.

DC/2010/00129 Conversion of existing car port to lounge extension – Rivendell, Llandenny – Agreed.

DC/2010/00209 Erection of steel frame agricultural building at Penyclawdd Farm, Dingestow – Agreed.

2204. Finance Matters.

a) The following accounts were agreed for payment:

Clerk`s salary and expenses £339.64

One Voice Wales subscription £211.00

Zurich Insurance £617.01

K Clarkson – cut tree at allotments £180.00

b) Correspondence.

Bids for funds from Monmouth CAB, St Anne`s Hospice and SARA were received and noted.

2205. Highway Matters

a) Correspondence.

A response from Monmouthshire CC about road complaints was received. The Clerk will write again about Penyclawdd School which is used as a play-school.

Responses from Environmental Health concerning the A40 layby and dog fouling were noted and further action was awaited.

b) Members concerns.

Sunday Stage- Coach buses do not stop at the junction of Usk Rd, Prince Charles Rd, although on other days the buses do stop there. The Clerk will write to Richard Cope at Monmouthshire to try to get this rectified.

There is a large pothole in Station Rd.

The Clerk will repeat the request for site meeting at Station Rd, concerning the need for a pavement.

On the road between Llanishen Court and Old Llanishen Farm there are potholes.

The trees at Willsbrook are still overhanging the carriageway although they had been trimmed on the owner`s side and topped. The Clerk will write again on this.

These will be reported.

2206. Trees at the Dog Walk.

A request had been received from a Dr Roy Davies that the trees on the Dog Walk opposite his property were obstructing his view of the countryside beyond. He asked that the lower branches be lopped back to improve the view. Members acknowledged that the Dog Walk belongs to this Council and that responsibility for the trees lies with the Council. They noted the view of the County Trees Officer and decided not to accede to Dr Davies` request. The Clerk will write to him to let him know.

2207. General correspondence.

Replies from Karon Williams to the Clerk`s e-mail following up Cllr Price`s letter to Councillors at the last meeting were considered. A discussion took place as to whether the Council should put dog waste bins in the village. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

It was agreed that the Council should be represented at the meeting to discuss parking for the Ryder Cup on 14 April. Cllr Moorby would go.

It was agreed to invite Cllr Saxon and Mr Hoggins to the next Council Meeting.

Other items of correspondence were received.

2208. Members Reports.

Cllr Mrs Vaughan reported that there was to be a change in the warden service at St Cadoc`s Court and the costs to residents would change as well. A number of residents were concerned about the relative reduction in security that this causes and the additional costs which many could ill afford. The way the system works was explained by Cllr Mrs Price, and after discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would make some enquiries and report back to Cllr Mrs Vaughan as soon as possible.

Cllr D Watkins noted the Police Crime Report and felt that the claim that crime is dropping is not borne out by the information provided in these reports.

Cllr Thomas reported that the Raglan Past and Present booklet is to be launched on Saturday at the Golf Club. A bus would run from the village to transport residents to it. He also noted that Mrs Thomas was retiring from her teaching post at the school. At present the school has 212 pupils until the end of summer term when it will revert to normal.

Damage had been done to the school roof by vandals.

A new school reporting system was now in place to give earlier reports so that any issues arising can be addressed before the end of the school year. The School has an inspection in 8 weeks.

Cllr Mrs Vaughan reported that vandals had damaged the fence between the Doctors` surgery and the MUGA. The fence belongs to the County Council. The clerk will report it.

The meeting ended at 9:00pm