

**NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL  
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Planning & Environment** Committee held on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023** at Room G4 Newent Community School, Watery Lane, Newent, Started 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Ms G Moseley (Chairman), Ms C Stone, Mrs K Draper, Mrs K Selwyn, Mrs M Duffield and Mr E Wood.

Co-opted Member Dr S Bean

Also present – The Clerk and 13 members of the public

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**Public Participation Session**

There were no public speakers.

**1. To note apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Mrs W Odhiambo.

**2. Declarations and Interest on items on the agenda**

Councillor Ms G Moseley declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 8 C. P1722/22/FUL 35 Ford House Road, The Scarr, Newent  
Erection of a welfare and office block with associated works.

Councillor Mrs K Selwyn declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 8 C. P1722/22/FUL 35 Ford House Road, The Scarr, Newent  
Erection of a welfare and office block with associated works.

**3. To approve the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

The Minutes of **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023** were approved by a majority decision and were duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. Clerk's update and matters arising from previous Minutes.**

4.1 To note the Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was noted.

**5. Cheltenham Motor Club, 3 Shires Stages, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

5.1 To decide if a response is required regarding the Cheltenham Motor Club, 3 Shires Stages, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The committee resolved by a majority decision that a response is required regarding the Cheltenham Motor Club, 3 Shires Stages, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

5.2 To decide on the responses for submission regarding the Cheltenham Motor Club, 3 Shires Stages, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision on the responses for submission regarding the Cheltenham Motor Club, 3 Shires Stages, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023, as follows:-

- I. Strongly suggest that signs are erected at least 2 weeks before the event to ensure local agricultural farms and residents are made aware of the road closures.
- II. That Newent Town Council be provided with the number and proportion of electric vehicles used in the 2023 event.

## 6. **Climate Change Action Plan**

6.1 To review and develop the Climate Change Action Plan

The committee reviewed and developed the Climate Change Action Plan.

## 7. **Local Recycling & Waste Disposal Poster**

7.1 To approve the Local Recycling and Waste Disposal Poster

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision to approve the Local Recycling and Waste Disposal Poster.

## 8. Planning applications received from the Forest of Dean District Council for consideration by Newent Town Council at its meeting on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**

### **NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL**

#### **Planning applications received from the Forest of Dean District Council for consideration by the Planning and Environment Committee at its meeting on 23 January 2023**

#### APPLICATIONS

- A. P1711/22/FUL Land at Southend Lane, Newent, GL18 1JD  
Erection of 9 dwellings with associated garages, landscaping and parking.

The committee resolved by a majority decision to 'Strongly Object' to this application on the following grounds:

- i. We feel that the rural setting of the narrow lane and the listed buildings would be harmed by this development. The proposed site lies at the end of this country lane which is a no-through road.
- ii. Traffic – Southend Lane is narrow with passing places and unsuitable for more vehicles which will include private cars, construction traffic, delivery vehicles and septic tank collection service vehicles.  
Vehicles movements have already increased significantly with the development of two small/ housing estates on the south side of the Lane.

- iii. Lack of access to mains drainage. It is felt that any further development of this sort in the town of Newent should not rely on alternative means of foul sewage treatment or disposal.
- iv. What investigation has taken place regarding how any outflow from the sewage treatment plant at the adjacent site – The Stables – may affect this site?  
Is the proposed orchard planting intended as a visual screen or is it proposed for any other purpose?
- v. On page 44 of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Report, there is a reference to odorous water flowing into the pond at the far northwest of the site.  
We have concerns that this is related to the foul water disposal on the adjacent site. Neighbouring residents complain of a smell when the wind is in the north-east.

- B. P1710/22/FUL Glengarth, Cliffords Mesne, Newent GL18 1JT  
Erection of a two and a half bay oak framed garage and removal of the existing garage

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision to 'No Objection' to this application.

Councillor Mrs K Selwyn left the meeting.

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision for Councillor Mrs K Draper to be Chairman of the meeting, whilst Councillors Ms G Moseley and Mrs K Selwyn were unavailable.

Councillor Ms G Moseley left the meeting.

- C. P1722/22/FUL 35 Ford House Road, The Scarr, Newent  
Erection of a welfare and office block with associated works.

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision to 'No Objection' to this application.

Councillors Ms G Moseley and Mrs K Selwyn returned to the meeting.

Councillor Ms G Moseley resumed Chairmanship of the meeting.

- D. P0040/23/TPO 9 The Butts, Newent, Gloucestershire, GL18 1SH  
2 x Lime trees covered by G41 TPO 103; reduce in height by 3 metres.

A councillor commented that photographs or images of trees/canopy to be discussed would be helpful for future decisions.  
The images should be provided by the Forest of Dean District Council, as part of the planning process.

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision to 'No Objection' to this application.

The Planning Decisions were noted.

#### CONSENT

1683/22/TPO Mount Pleasant, Culver Street, Newent GL18 1JA  
Undertake the following works to Horse Chestnut T7 of DFTPO100: Reduce crown by approximately 3 metres overall, due to crown dieback. Remove lowest branches overhanging footway in line with the hand rail, to balance the tree, and to improve public safety.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.52pm**