

## NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs J Davies (Deputy Mayor), D Blick, Mrs S Marcovecchio, Mrs M Duncan, Mrs C Howley, C Thomas, R Beard, E Heathfield, Miss Shere, Mrs Draper

Also Present – The Clerk and 9 members of the public

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Cllr Mrs Davies Chaired the meeting in the absence of the Mayor.

Public Participation Session: A representative spoke on behalf of residents of Lakeside with regards to anti-social behaviour occurring at the Lake. Residents have had difficulty reporting issues using 101. A resident had taken some footage, which was available for Councillors to view, of one particular occurrence and this had been shown to the Police and the parents of the children notified. Residents were unhappy of the location of the outdoor gym and feel it encourages teenagers to congregate in the area.

29.0 Apologies – Cllr Wood.

29.1 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Thomas declared an interest in the Soundscape Community Association request.

29.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and the Extraordinary meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

Cllr Blick was unhappy with the reporting of the issue raised under the representative report on flash flooding. Cllr Blick had also requested that individual Councillors votes be recorded during the exclusion of the public and press and wanted it noted he voted against the decision.

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, 9 favour, 1 against.

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Howley, Seconded Cllr Beard, 8 favour, 2 abstentions.

29.3 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

Cllr Beard requested the installation of CCTV at the Lake is revisited under item relating to the siting of the outdoor gym

Cllr Blick resigned as the Council's nominated Flood and Snow Warden. Cllr Mrs Davies thanked Cllr Blick for all his work in this role.

**P0698/16/FUL** – The Planning Officer confirmed that the land is commercial. The location of the footpath will be checked as part of the process. Planning Officers will not respond to planning consultation comments.

**S106 funding for repairs to play area** – £375 has been received from the District Council.

**Election** – An article informing residents of the forthcoming bi-election could be placed in next week's New Ad. Notices will also be placed in various locations in the town. **Resolved:** A full page advertisement at a cost of £194 is approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Howley, All in favour.

Cllr Blick expressed his dissatisfaction that nominations are in alphabetical order.

## 29.4 Finance

### 29.4.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Payments made since last meeting	Chq No.	£
Wages		4051.25
Payments to be considered	Chq No	£
RBS	13628	539.28
Mainstream Digital	13629	75.43
Ladder & Fencing Ind	13630	288.00
Ermin	13631	58.80
High Speed Training	13632	90.00
Diversified Communications	13633	175.00
SLCC	13634	250.00
Safpro	13635	57.58
Geoffrey Urch Garden Services	13636	280.00
K Noble	13637	65.00
Forest Products	13638	18.10

**Resolved:** The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £5,948.44. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Davies, All in favour.

### 29.4.2 To review the budget update report

The report was reviewed and noted.

It was agreed that the purchase of a diesel tank should be discussed at the next meeting, as the money is still allocated.

### 29.4.3 To set up a working group to review the Council's fees and charges

Cllrs Mrs Davies, Mrs Howley, Miss Shere and Heathfield were appointed as members of the working group.

## 29.5 Correspondence

### 29.5.1 Soundscape Community Association – Request permission to hold 'Live at the Lake' music event on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

(Cllr Thomas left the meeting whilst this item was discussed)

Clarification was required regarding the date, as the 9<sup>th</sup> June is a Friday. **Resolved:** Due to the Brass Band Concert taking place on the second Sunday of each month during summer, the Council would request that the event takes place on third or fourth weekend in June. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Beard, All in favour.

### 29.5.2 Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust – Review of Minor Injuries and Illness Units in Gloucestershire

No comments were made.

### 29.5.3 Siting of Outdoor Gym at the Lake – Antisocial behaviour

Cllr Mrs Howley had received a telephone call from a distressed resident regarding the anti-social behaviour occurring at the Lake, which all agreed was unacceptable.

Cllr Blick proposed that the meeting be adjourned for a maximum of 10 minutes to view the recording which was agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.13 pm until 8.19 pm.

A long discussion took place as to what action the Council could take to help the situation. Cllr Beard asked that the possibility of installing CCTV is revisited. The Clerk was asked to invite Inspector Chester to a future meeting. Residents were reminded that all incidents should be reported to 101 either by phone or via the website. The Clerk was also asked to look in to the possibility of moving the bench at Old Maids Walk to a more visible location and to install a litterbin by the outdoor gym.

(2 members of the public left the meeting at this juncture)

## 29.6 Planning

### 29.6.1 Planning applications to be considered

Cllr Heathfield thanked Cllr Mrs Duncan for her guidance and support in reviewing the applications.

P0955/16/TCA40 Church Street, Newent  
Removal of 1 x Tamarisk tree. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** 6 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention.

P0907/16/FUL – Land at Graces Pitch, Newent  
Proposed erection of a 3 bedroom dwelling, associated car parking and landscaping. **Resolved:** Request a planning site meeting due to concerns regarding overlooking neighbouring properties and footpath ownership. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

P0931/16/FUL – The Old Rectory, Culver Street, Newent  
Erection of a single storey rear extension. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

Notice of Appeal – P1657/15/FUL – 47 Orchard Road, Newent  
Erection of 4 holiday chalets with associated parking (Planning Inspector's reference APP/P1615/W16/5151357)

#### 29.6.2 To note planning decisions

The following decision was noted;

#### **Planning application granted by Forest of Dean District Council**

P07771/16/FUL – Brookside Cottage, Cliffords Mesne  
Erection of a two storey rear extension and siting of a static caravan (demolitions of outbuildings).

#### 29.7 Estate Management

##### 29.7.1 To receive the Estate Supervisor's report and agree any actions

Cllr Beard suggested that the location for the town map should be reconsidered, as people could block the footpath when viewing it. Cllr Blick suggested that it could be placed under the Market House and this will be considered.

It was agreed that the Market House repairs should be discussed at the next meeting.

(3 members of the public left the meeting at this juncture)

##### 29.7.2 To consider Newent Rugby Club's planning application notice for siting of 2 anti-vandal storage containers at the Recreation Ground.

The application was noted.

(1 member of the public left the meeting at this juncture)

#### 29.8 Committee and Representative reports

Cllr Thomas

The Flower Festival was quite successful and will be held again next year

## 29.9 Notices and Information

A discussion took place regarding an empty property on Culver Street and the garden being extremely overgrown and encroaching on to the footpath. The Clerk was asked to contact the District Council's Enforcement Officer.

Cllr Blick stated that there are many weeds along the footpath in Johnstone Road and suggested a working group is set up to clear the area of weeds. It was agreed that street hygiene is discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr Miss Shere expressed concern about the bunting, which has diminished since being erected. Cllr Thomas confirmed that the Onion Fayre Committee have agreed to purchase and erect more bunting before the Onion Fayre takes place.

Cllr Mrs Duncan asked for an update with regards to the bridge repairs on Bridge Street and if the earth bund which has been placed across the south eastern (Gloucester side) entrance to the Malswick Arms is going to be removed. The Clerk will contact Highways and report back.

Cllr Mrs Howley confirmed that works will start on the new path for the Jubilee Wildlife Walk on 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

A discussion took place regarding the format of the August meeting and it was agreed that a walkabout would not take place.

The meeting was concluded at 8.58 pm.