

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 27th June 2016 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors E Wood (Mayor), Mrs J Davies, Mrs S Marcovecchio, Mrs M Duncan, Mrs C Howley, C Thomas, R Beard, E Heathfield

Also Present – The Clerk and 2 members of the public

Public Participation Session: No items raised.

26.0 Apologies – Cllrs Miss Shere and Mrs Draper and Blick

26.1 Declarations of Interests – Cllr Mrs Howley declared an interest in the Newent in Bloom grant request.

Cllr Wood took the opportunity to remind Councillors to ensure the media policy is adhered to and to refer all press enquires to the Town Clerk.

26.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th June 2016

Resolved: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th June 2016 were approval. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Wood, All in favour.

26.3 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

Cllr Beard queried the payment to R Muirhead and the Clerk confirmed it was for pest control services.

Cllr Beard enquired if a response to the queries raised regarding planning application P0698/16/FUL had been received, the Clerk confirmed a reply is still awaited.

Flood Relief Pipe – A funding application for an extra £20,000 has been submitted to the County Council, which should cover the cost of both proposed schemes. The Council could wait for the funding to be granted, however, this could take several months and no works will be started this year.

There is not currently enough money available to complete the bunding upstream. The District Council's Engineer recommends the works are started on the pipe to ensure some progress is made before the winter.

The Council agreed to discuss this item at the next meeting, so Cllr Blick who has been leading on the flood scheme, is present to answer any queries.

Fishing platforms – The Angling Trust has an Angling Improvement Fund, which awards grants for up to £5,000. Details of the next round of funding will be available early July and an application will be submitted if we meet the criteria.

Water levels at the Lake query – This was carried out, by adding another row of bricks on top of the over flow. Once the water had risen to its new level it was found to be having a detrimental effect on the rest of the area. The island was submerged and falling in the water and the earlier gabions, near the duck feeding area, were submerged and water was then running behind the gabions and cutting into the bank. Therefore, the water level was lowered to its original level.

26.4 Finance

26.4.1 To approve accounts to be paid

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| Payments made since last meeting | Chq No. | £ |
| Wages | | 4354.62 |
| Payments to be considered | Chq No. | £ |
| Viking | 13609 | 45.16 |
| Glebe Chapel | 13610 | 450.00 |
| M Shere | 13611 | 20.15 |
| FODDC | 13612 | 140.00 |
| Forest Drains | 13613 | 175.00 |
| EE | 13614 | 29.30 |
| Screwfix | 13615 | 13.76 |
| RBS Software | 13616 | 2028.72 |

Resolved: The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £7,2561.71. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Wood, All in favour.

26.4.2 To review the budget update report

Cllr Howley raised a query which was explained. The Clerk was requested to provide a reserves account statement with each budget report.

Cllr Wood confirmed the new account with Barclays Bank is being progressed.

26.5 Correspondence

26.5.1 Complaint from Lakeside residents regarding antisocial behaviour at the Lake

Cllrs understood the concerns raised and suggested the mobile CCTV is installed. The Clerk explained that the County Council had confirmed that unfortunately the electricity feed cannot be taken from the lamppost in the area. Cllr Beard suggested that if the residents were willing to provide the electricity the camera could be used. The Clerk agreed to look into this further.

26.5.2 Newent in Bloom – Request grant payment

(Cllr Mrs Howley left the meeting whilst this item was discussed)

Resolved: The grant payment of £1400 is approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Wood, All in favour.

26.6 Planning

25.6.1 Planning applications to be considered

P0806/16/FUL Land at Rymes Farm, Malswick, Newent
Compliance of conditions (04), (06), (07), (08) and (10) to confirm full discharge. Variation of condition (02) approved plans for amendments to the approved scheme including layout, building dimensions, fencing, CCTV, PV modules and drainage relating to planning permission P1976/14/FUL for a proposed solar farm.

Resolved: No objection **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

P0781/16/ADV Millpark Veterinary Centre, Cleeve Mill Business Park, Cleeve Mill Lane, Newent

Advertisement Consent to display four signs to advertise and give directions to Millpark Veterinary Centre. **Resolved:** No objection.

Record of Voting: All in favour.

P0777/16/FUL Brookside Cottage, Cliffords Mesne, Newent

Erection of a two storey rear extension and siting of static caravan. (Demolition of outbuildings). **Resolution:** No objection. **Record of**

Voting: All in favour.

P0793/16/FUL 20 Church Street, Newent

Change of use of upper floors from Museum to three self-contained flats. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

P0794/16/LBC 20 Church Street, Newent

Listed Building Consent for external and internal alterations to the building to facilitate the change of use of upper floors from Museum to three self-contained flats. **Resolved:** No objection **Record of**

Voting: All in favour.

P0051/16/Discon Good News Centre, High St, Newent

Discharge of conditions (04) details of glazing bars and (06) sample panel for render relating to listed building consent P0302/16/LBC.

Resolved: No objection. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

P0047/16/APP Southend Lane Nurseries, Southend Lane, Newent
Reserved matters application for the erection of 25 dwellings.

Resolved: No objection. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

P0813/16/FUL Cemetery, Watery Lane, Newent, Glos

Variation of condition (04) of planning permission P1692/13/FUL to allow use of the Cemetery extension before completion of the car park. No Comment.

26.6.2 To note planning decisions

The following decision was noted;

Planning application granted by Forest of Dean District Council

P0225/16/FUL Springfield, Watery Lane, Newent

Replacement of existing single storey roofs with one mono pitched roof (part-retrospective).

26.7 Estate Management

26.7.1 To receive Estate Supervisor's report and agree any actions

A query was raised regarding the information board at the Lake, the Clerk confirmed that it is being put on hold until the Jubilee Walk is completed.

A query was raised whether the fishing rules had been changed. The Clerk confirmed the rules had not been changing as the boards could not be produced before the start of the fishing season. Cllr Mrs Marovecchio had been approached by a member of the public stating fish were being removed and the Council could not prosecute as this was not stated on the fishing rules. The Clerk agreed to review this and report back.

26.7.2 To review quotations and agree actions following RoSPA report

Replacement of the recreation ground play area fence. Gloucestershire Playing Field Association had been consulted regarding the dividing fence and confirmed it was not a requirement. Quotations had been requested for the whole fence to be replaced and for just the perimeter fence to be replaced, the Estate Supervisor have also priced for the works to be completed in house.

Resolved: Only the perimeter fence is to be replaced and the dividing fence should be removed. The Council staff are requested to complete the works at a maximum cost of £1,800.00. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

Repairs to safety surfacing at the recreation ground play area – Quotations had been sought for repairs to the safety surface, which were circulated for consideration. **Resolved:** Quotation from Company A is accepted at a cost of £391.00. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

The Clerk was asked to enquire if Section 106 monies held by the District Council could be used to cover the cost of the above works.

26.8 Police crime statistics reports

The report was noted.

26.9 Representative reports

Cllr Beard

Traffic enforcement issues at St Mary's Church. The Clerk will write to the County Council to clarify issues raised.

Cllr Thomas

Events Group Flower Festival 16-17th July

26.10 Notices and Information

Cllr Marcovecchio enquired what the soundscape event was. It was confirmed that it was a music event. Cllr Beard expressed disappointment that the School did not appear to be involved in the event.

The Allotment Association BBQ is taking place on Saturday and all Councillors are invited to attend.

This concluded the business of the meeting and it was declared closed at 8.20pm.