

## NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs J Davies (Mayor), D Blick, Mrs K Draper, Mrs C Howley, Mrs S Marcovecchio, Mrs M Duncan, E Heathfield, Mrs G Moseley, C Thomas, V Vesma

Also present – The Assistant to the Clerk and 2 members of the public,

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### Public Participation Session:

A member of the public informed Members that the occupants of the Travellers' site in Horsefair Lane had recently signed a tenancy agreement with the Forest of Dean District Council to occupy the land for a further five year duration. He commented that this action conceded the wishes of a very small minority but was against the opinion of the general public of the town.

54.0 Apologies – Cllr R Beard and the Town Clerk

54.1 Declaration of Interests

None

54.2 Development at The Black Dog – Pre-planning consultation

Members were introduced to Mr & Mrs Southall new owners of the Black Dog pub together with Angela Wadley – Total Design Ltd Architectural Consultants who had been invited to give a short briefing of their intended plans for the Black Dog site.

Angela advised that considerable money needed to be spent on the Black Dog and plans had been drawn up to retain the building as a pub whilst also incorporating rooms suitable for bed and breakfast and a flat on the top floor dedicated for a resident Manager. There were also plans for four two bed roomed dwellings plus four flats at the side of the pub (on the side of St Bartholomews). These would be built with traditional rustic brick with a plain tiled or slate roof and would create a “cottage” street scene. The frontage of the pub on the side of Church Street would remain the same as is. An existing footpath running from Church Street would also remain. A traffic survey will need to be undertaken with regard to parking provision required.

Angela further advised that meetings had been had with the Conservation Officer and Tony Pope Senior Planning Officer at Forest of Dean District Council who were supportive of the scheme.

Angela left for Members information and perusal several copies of the proposed plans, indicating the layouts and proposed dwelling elevations.

The Mayor thanked Angela and her clients for attending the meeting and informing the Council of their proposed plans, ahead of a planning application submission.

#### 54.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June were approved subject to a minor mis-spelling. **Proposed:** Cllr Mrs Davies

**Record of Voting:** All in favour

#### 54.4 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising from previous Minutes

Cllr Blick queried the Agenda title and suggested "previous minutes" should be dated.

Members were advised that concerns raised regarding the replacement of windows in a property in the High Street had been referred to the Planning Department of the Forest of Dean District Council. The Planning Department's response was it had issued a certificate of lawfulness for the windows to be replaced, as planning permission was not required.

Members expressed a wish to meet with Officers from the Planning Department to discuss planning criteria, particularly that in conservation areas.

**Resolved:** to contact the Planning Department of the Forest of Dean District Council requesting attendance by a Planning Officer at a future Council meeting. **Proposed** by Cllr Blick, seconded by Cllr Mrs Duncan. All in favour.

#### 54.5 Finance

##### 54.5.1 To Approve accounts to be paid

	Payments made since last meeting	Chq No.	£
Wages			1,576.38
Barclaycard Transactions			
Fasthost Internet			3.00
Amazon			22.18

##### Cheques to be paid

Arnold Bartosch	14146	240.00
Glebe Chapel	14147	450.00

G D Parker	14148	42.93
Buildbase	14149	123.64
J L Lighting	14150	121.80
David Ogilvie Engineering	14151	838.80
SSE	14152	292.47
Mainstream Digital	14153	73.30
J M Woods	14154	50.00

**Resolved:** The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £3,834.50.

**Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Blick, seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

#### 54.6 Planning

##### 54.6.1 Planning applications to be considered

P0942/17/FUL Agricultural building at Kerrys Barn, Upleadon, Nr Newent  
Retrospective relocation of an agricultural building

Resolved: No Objection Record of Voting: All in favour

P0968/17/FUL 1 Hillfields, Tewkesbury Rd, Newent, Glos  
Demolition of existing single storey side extension and erection of a single storey side extension together with associated works

Oxenhall Parish Council

P0055/17/Discon 47 Orchard Road, Newent, Glos  
Discharge of conditions 05 (hard and soft landscaping) and 06 (materials) of planning permission P1657/15/FUL (allowed on appeal APP/P1615/W/16/3151357)

Resolved: No Objection Record of Voting: All in favour

P0976/17/FUL Site at Lower Newent Woods, Cliffords Mense, Newent, Glos  
Erection of 7 unit holiday accommodation and associated works

Resolved: No Objection: Record of Voting: 10 in favour, 1 abstention

##### 54.6.2 To note planning decisions

##### PERMITTED

P0540/17/FUL Greenways, Ross Road, Newent, Glos GL18 1BE  
Erection of a first floor extension, conversion of existing garage, sheds, wc and larder to additional living accommodation.

P0628/17/TPO Yew Tree Cottage, Birches Lane, Newent, Glos GL18 1DN  
Removal of x 1 Yew Tree covered by T1 of TP052 at Yew Tree Cottage

P0707/17/TP0 The Trapp House, The Scarr, Newent, Glos  
 Works to x 1 Copper Beech tree at The Trapp House in accordance with the recommendations of the submitted report

P0702/17/LD2 9 Knights Crescent, Newent, Glos GL18 1QN  
 Application under Section 192 to establish whether a dropped kerb requires planning permission – lawful development certificate issued

P0351/17/LD1 Cemetery Chapel, Watery Lane, Newent, Glos GL18 1QG  
 Application under Section 191 to establish that the use of the building as a storage building is lawful – lawful development certificate issued

P0922/17/TCA Porch House, 35 Church St, Newent Glos GL18 1AA  
 20% Crown reduction of x 1 Acacia Tree

P0741/17/ADV MKM Building Supplies, Newent Business Park, Newent, Glos GL18 1DZ  
 Advertisement Consent for the display of illuminated and non-illuminated signage including totem sign

#### 54.7 Estate Management

54.7.1 Newent Rugby Club – Request consent for Portacabin to be sited on the Recreation Ground for a further five years

Proposal: Cllr Blick – that a licence is issued for three years  
 - Not seconded

**Resolved:** the licence is renewed on an annual basis

**Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Duncan, seconded by Cllr Mrs Howley, all in favour

54.7.2 To consider quotations for repairs to Market House

Members considered quotations from tenderers supplied by Arnold Bartosch Ltd:-

- A. £25,903.00 plus VAT
- B. £18,075.00 (not registered for VAT)

A discussion ensued with regard to the source of funding to enable the work to be carried out. This included possible part-funding from general reserves, contingency funding and grant aid, albeit it was accepted this would not cover the entire cost.

Cllr Mrs Howley suggested the Council should look at its other assets at the same time which were also subject to requiring repair with a view

to combining the expected total cost and applying for a Public Works Loan to enable these assets to be restored.

**Resolved:** A Working Party consisting of Cllrs Mrs Howley, Mrs Davies Mrs Marcovecchio and Cllr Beard be tasked with sourcing costings for the works required to the Council's buildings/land and to seek repayment figures for a Public Works Loan for further consideration by the Council.

**Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Howley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Draper 6 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstentions.

Members further considered the quotations.

**Resolved:** Quotation B be accepted, subject to the length of time quotation valid for, and to acceptance of a Public Works loan as discussed above, in order to cover costs of this and other identified repairs to Council buildings/land. **Record of voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Draper, seconded Cllr Vesma. All in favour.

#### 54.7.3 Review of alcohol consumption order implementation at the Lake

Cllr Thomas suggested the Council needed to clearly set out its rules regarding the use of alcohol at public events on its land, due to apparent confusion in this regard.

**Resolved:** The Council review its rules on the use of alcohol at public events and incorporate this into its forms for public events.

**Record of voting:** Proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Heathfield 9 in favour, 1 against

#### 54.8 To consider booking a Council stall at this year's Onion Fayre

Due to insufficient numbers of people available to man it, Members declined to have a stall at this year's Onion Fayre.

**Resolved:** The Council declined to have a stall at this year's Onion Fayre

**Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Draper, seconded by Cllr Mrs Duncan 9 in favour, 1 against.

#### 54.9 To approve newsletter

The newsletter was considered and amended with minor changes and insertions

**Resolved:** The Council approves newsletter with minor amendments.

**Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Blick, unanimously agreed.

54.10 To receive committee and representative reports

There were no committee or representative reports.

54.11 Notices and Information

The Mayor advised that both the Federation of Newent Schools – Glebe and Picklenash together with the Community School had been recently awarded Mental Health Schools of Excellence accreditation.

**Resolved:** The Council send a letter of congratulations to the Schools and that mention of it be inserted into the next Newsletter.

**Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Davies, unanimously agreed

Cllr Mrs Howley proposed thanks to the Staff for their involvement and support in the organisation of the forthcoming Open Day.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.52 pm.