

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 10th April 2017 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

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

Also present – The Clerk and 2 members of the public

Public Participation Session: None.

49.0 Apologies – None.

49.1 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Mrs Davies declared an interest in the accounts to be paid.

49.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 27th March 2017

P 292 - Cllr Heathfield stated that he had abstained in the vote of no confidence in the District Council planning department.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th March 2017 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Wood, All in favour.

49.3 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

Grants – A thank you letter had been received from the Citizens Advice Bureau

Angling Trust Grant – The purchase and installation of the fishing platforms came in significantly under budget. The Angling Trust have kindly agreed to cover the cost of the netting and health check of the fish in the lake. The outstanding balance of the grant will be returned to the Angling Trust. The Trust is going to have a new grant fund available from June and an application will be made to replace the aerators in the lake.

49.4 Finance

(Cllr Mrs Davies left the meeting whilst the next item was discussed)

49.4.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Payments made since last meeting	Chq No.	£
Wages		1,562.17
HMRC	13899	1678.70
GCC	13900	2087.98
FODDC	14045	360.00
A Plan Insurance	14046	667.69

Barclaycard Transactions:	
Kedel Ltd	375.38
Turtlecovers	59.50
Bournemouth Canoes	25.94
Door Furniture Direct	288.41
Fasthost Internet	3.00

Payments to be considered	Chq No	£
G D Parkers	14047	18.58
Highleadon Filling Station	14048	371.55
Furnace Mill Fishery	14049	622.50
Archer Safety Signs	14050	578.30
Newent Association for the Disabled	14051	36.00
Country Corner	14052	521.82
Soft Surfaces	14053	100.80
Southern Electric	14054	118.03
Green Farm Seeds	14055	121.90
Ermin Plant	14056	1057.11
Hale & Co	14057	36.00
Grundon	14058	138.98
Ross Choristers	14059	30.00
Green Farm Seeds	14060	50.00
Southern Electric	14061	147.99
Millington & Ramstedt	14062	64.00
Severn Trent Water	14063	20.52
Angling Trust	14064	422.81

Resolved: The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £11,565.66. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Wood, All in favour.

49.5 Correspondence

49.5.1 Forest of Dean District Council – Consultation on premises licence application for All Seasons, Delicatessen & Café, 10 Church Street, Newent

Resolved: No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Wood, All in favour.

49.5.2 The Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral review of Forest of Dean warding arrangements

Cllr Heathfield suggested a boundary change for Lakeside, The Croft and Butts to the Central Newent Ward and will submit this directly.

The Council have no comments at this stage.

49.6 Planning

49.6.1 Planning applications to be considered

P0331/17/FUL – Recreation Ground, Watery Lane, Newent

Retention of portable building for use as a cafeteria for a further 5 years. (Previous approval P0191/14/FUL – 3 years temporary use).

Cllr Blick proposed approval for a further 3 years. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Blick, Seconded Cllr Mrs Duncan, 6 in favour, 7 against, the proposal was rejected.

Resolved: The Council do not wish to comment to prejudice current negotiations with the Newent Rugby Club and future site plans.

Record of Voting: Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, 10 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions.

P0472/17/FUL – The Vines, Birches Lane, Newent

Erection of a side extension. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

P0210/17/FUL – Ravens Hill Bungalow, Cliffords Mesne, Newent

Erection of an agricultural storage shed – Revised Plans. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

49.6.2 To note permitted planning decisions

PERMITTED

P0207/17/FUL – Greenways, Newent

Two Storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear (demolition of existing conservatory)

P0089/17/FUL – 47 Orchard Road, Newent

Erection of an implement shed

P0080/17/FUL – Pigeon House, Glebe Road, Newent

Erection of an extension to first floor, dining room extension ground floor, boiler room extension ground floor and porch

P01619/17/FUL – 319 Foley Road, Newent

Proposed single storey rear and side extension

REFUSED

P0070/17/PQ3PA – Agricultural Barn, Kerrys Barn, Upleadon

Prior approval for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling house (Use Class C3)

P0119/17/FUL – 19 Knights Way, Newent, Glos

Erection of a single storey rear extension and partial conversion of the garage to living space

49.7 Estate Management

49.7.1 To reconsider quotation for treatment of moles at various locations

It was agreed that quotations from local companies should be sought.

49.7.2 To consider applying for Section 106 monies for changing rooms refurbishment

Resolved: An application is made to the Forest of Dean District Council. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Wood, All in favour.

49.7.3 Memorial tree planting proposal

Cllr Mrs Howley had recently received a number of free trees for planting and was proposing that 3 Silver Birches are planted at the lake in remembrance of Shaun Payne. Members of the Chillout Zone will be asked to plant the trees and the family are aware of the proposal. **Resolved:** Three Silver Birch trees are planted at the Lake in remembrance of Shaun Payne. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Mrs Davies, All in favour.

49.8 To review Strategic Plan

The Clerk gave some further updates with regards timings. Cllr Heathfield updated 1d confirming a meeting had been arranged to finalise the first Youth Advisory meeting.

Cllr Miss Shere enquired why the columns for 4a were blank and the Clerk confirmed that no Councillors had volunteered to lead on the project.

Cllr Vesma asked for the website link to the ghost page using .gov.uk be amended. The Clerk explained that the domain has recently been changed and works are on-going.

49.9 To consider and adopt Planning Pre-Application Discussion Policy

Resolved: The Policy was approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Wood, All in favour.

49.10 To approve newsletter

The Clerk had submitted some changes to the fishing platforms paragraph, which would be amended. An amendment was made to the Annual Assembly paragraph. **Resolved:** The newsletter is approved with the agreed amendments. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Wood, 12 in favour, 1 abstention.

49.11 To receive committee and representative reports

Cllr Mrs Howley

Newent Open Day meeting

Cllr Wood & Town Clerk

Public conveniences meeting with the
Forest of Dean District Council

49.12 Notices and Information

Cllr Beard informed the Council that sadly Clive Bryant had died.

Cllr Beard confirmed that the pottery items depicting the Onion Fayre are to be retained in the town for display.

Cllr Mrs Howley explained that due to some design issues, the information board for the Lake has been delayed and there is now an extremely tight schedule to get the design agreed and sent to print within the deadline, which means there will not be an opportunity to agree the final design at a Council meeting. Any Councillors who would like to view the proof, were asked to attend the office on Tuesday 18th April at 3.30 pm, as the final amendments need to be made and agreed before they are sent to the printers.

Cllr Miss Shere informed the Council that the Mounted Police trial had been extended, which was good news.

Cllr Mrs Howley confirmed that the rotavating for the wildflower seeds to be sown at Toby's Hole would be taking place on Tuesday.

Cllrs Mrs Howley and Mrs Marcovecchio had planted several of the donated trees at the Lake at the weekend. The oak trees received have been planted on the spare ground at the allotments to mature.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.