

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 13th February 2017 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

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

Also present – The Clerk and 2 members of the public

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Mrs Davies in the absence of the Mayor.

Public Participation Session: No items raised.

41.0 Apologies – Cllrs Wood, Mrs Draper and Mrs Howley

41.1 Declaration of Interests

Cllrs Beard, Thomas and Mrs Duncan declared an interest in the accounts to be paid.

41.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meetings held on 23rd January 2017 and the Extraordinary meeting held on 30th January 2017.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd January 2017 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Davies, Seconded Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, All in favour.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 30th January 2017, were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Davies, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour.

41.3 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

Allotment plots – The 4 quarter allotment plots have been allocated.

Meeting regarding the public conveniences proposal – The Clerk has made contact with the District Council and is awaiting a meeting date. Cllr Beard asked for confirmation that if the Town Council took over the management of the car park, would the Town Council have authority to remove charges. Cllr Moseley stated that Mitcheldean have a small number of spaces that are free for 20 minutes and this could be consider for Newent.

Meeting with Kodiak Land – A meeting has been arranged for 27th February.

41.4 Finance

41.4.1 To approve accounts to be paid

(Cllrs Beard, Thomas and Mrs Duncan left the meeting whilst this item was discussed)

Payments made since last meeting	Chq No.	£
Wages		2390.44
HMRC	13866	1829.07
GCC	13867	2299.75
Payments to be considered	Chq No	£
Grundon	13984	172.06
Ron Smith & Co	13985	1077.11
EE	13986	29.82
Buildbase	13987	32.93
Severn Signs Ltd	13988	327.60
Highleadon Filling Station	13989	529.42
Safpro	13990	291.60
G D Parker & Co	13991	18.55
Forest Products Ltd	13992	193.80
Suttons	13993	176.40
Glebe Chapel	13994	450.00
George Price	13995	750.00
Glasdon UK Ltd	13996	82.28
G T & R G Goulding	13997	250.00
Ermin Plant	13998	399.98
R Beard	13999	17.55
K Noble	14000	36.08
Buildbase	14001	177.60
Fletcher Contracting Ltd	14002	2485.01
C Thomas	14003	27.20
M Duncan	14004	39.00

Resolved: The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £14,083.25. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Blick, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour.

41.4.2 Internal check report

Cllr Mrs Davies confirmed that the third quarter check had been completed and no issues were raised. The new financial system is working well and records are clear.

41.5 Correspondence

41.5.1 Billy Danter Funfair – Request for permission to hold a funfair at the Recreation Ground on 9th–11th March

Resolved: Permission is granted with the usual terms and conditions. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Shere, All in favour.

41.5.2 Amey Highways – Revised traffic calming measures for Onslow Road

No further comments. The Clerk was asked to request a copy of the results from the public consultation.

41.5.3 L Ashton – Concerns regarding Newent's pigeon numbers

Resolved: Prices are sought for the culling of pigeons. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Mosley, All in favour.

41.5.4 West Dean Parish Council – Invitation to meeting to consider the management of the boar in the forest.

Cllr Mrs Moseley agreed to attend the meeting on behalf of the Council.

41.6 Planning

41.6.1 Planning applications to be considered

P0080/17/FUL - Pigeon House, Glebe Road, Newent
Erection of an extension to first floor and porch. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

P0010/17/Discon - Phase 5, Newent Business Park, Gloucester St, Newent
Discharge of conditions (030) external facing materials (07) protection plan, (08) cycle storage facilities, (09 pedestrian footpath, (11) construction method statement, (12) surface water drainage, (13) impact avoidance strategy and (14) biodiversity enhancement scheme of planning permission P1314/16/FUL. **Resolved:** The Council requests a routing agreement for all vehicles to enter the site from the bypass at the east end of Newent. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

P0010/17/Discon - 47 Orchard Road, Newent
Erection of an implement shed. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

P0070/17/PQ3PA - Agricultural Barn, Kerry's Barn, Upleadon
Prior approval for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling house (Use Class C3). **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

41.6.2 To note permitted planning decisions

P1626/16/FUL 43 Drovers Way, Newent
Erection of a conservatory to rear of building

P0098/16/Discon Land at Watery Lane, Newent
 Discharge of condition (06) construction method statement of
 planning permission P1513/13/OUT

Notice of Appeal

Appeal by: Sandyway Nurseries

Site: Sandyway Nurseries, Redmarley Road, Newent

Development: Use of land for the stationing of 23 mobile homes for
 occupation by persons employed in the locality in agriculture

Planning Inspectorate ref: APP/P1615/W/16/3155826

Inquiry to take place on 28 February and 1 March 2017. The Inquiry
 will be held in the Council Chamber, Coleford commencing at 10.00
 am.

41.7 Estate Management

41.7.1 To consider options for information boards at the Lake

A detailed proposal had been circulated to Councillors. Questions were raised regarding the amount of grant money being spent on the sign and whether it should be used to install the footpath at the wildlife area. It was confirmed that the proposed path had already be installed as per the details in the grant application. Concerns were raised regarding the proposed siting of the new information board, due to the area flooding. This will be considered again at a later date. **Resolved:** A new information board is purchased and the existing board updated at a cost of £2,302.44 with half the cost being met from the grant funding, £1,000 from the earmarked reserves and £151.22 from the lake management budget. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Blick, Seconded Cllr Beard, 9 in favour, 1 against.

41.7.2 To agree change of use application for the Chapel

Resolved: A planning application is submitted at a cost of £192.50.
Record of Voting: Proposed Cllr Mrs Davies, Seconded Cllr Vesma, All in favour.

41.8 To consider producing further Council Newsletters

Cllr Thomas stated that Newent Magazine had agreed to publish a newsletter up to 2 pages per month free of charge, which Cllrs Thomas and Mrs Moseley will draft. It was also suggested that the newsletter should also be published on the Council's website. **Resolved:** Monthly newsletters are produced by Cllrs Thomas and Mrs Moseley and must be approved at a Full Council meeting prior to publication. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Blick, Seconded Cllr Beard, 8 in favour, 2 abstentions.

41.9 Flood scheme update

Works on the upstream bund are due to commence in the summer. A proposal for the lake area has been prepared, however, this is being revisited as the cause of the problem may be more related to the highway drainage. The District Council and Highway Officers will be liaising on this matter. The flooding in the car park is also being investigated.

All the allocated funding is still available.

41.10 To receive committee and representative reports

Cllr Mrs Duncan	Gladman planning appeal
Cllr Vesma	Onion Fayre Committee
Cllr Vesma	Dementia Working Group
Cllr Thomas & Town Clerk	GRCC funding event
Cllr Mrs Davies	Consecration of the cemetery extension
Cllr Mrs Davies	Lydney Civic Service
Cllrs Mrs Davies & Mrs Howley	Dolphin Club – presentation of certificates

41.11 Notices and Information

Concerns were raised at the lack of updates from the Police regarding several incidents in the town.

Cllr Beard notified the Council of a telephone scam.

A Newent Transport Forum meeting is taking place on 24th February and Cllr Mrs Davies agreed to attend.

The Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.