

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd October 2017 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors E Wood (Deputy Mayor), D Blick, Mrs C Howley, Mrs M Duncan, E Heathfield, V Vesma, Mrs Marcovecchio, C Thomas, Mrs R Wadley

Also present – The Clerk and 3 members of the public

Public Participation Session: No items raised.

60.0 Apologies – Cllrs Mrs Davies, Mrs Draper, Beard and Mrs Moseley

60.1 Declaration of Interests

None.

60.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th October 2017

Resolved: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th October were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Wood, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

60.3 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

Community Hospitals in the Forest of Dean public consultation – A letter from the Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group had been received and circulated. Councillors have been offered to visit one of the other new community hospitals in the County. Cllrs Blick, Mrs Howley, Mrs Wadley and Mrs Marcovecchio expressed an interest in attending.

Street Lighting –An email was sent to GCC & Skansia and the response circulated. A meeting has been arranged with County Councillor Will Windsor-Clive to discuss the issue further.

Changing Rooms – Section 106 funding has now been received from the Forest of Dean District Council to cover the costs of the improvements.

District Councillor Gooch – As requested, Cllr Gooch will be attending the next meeting to answer any questions about the District Council services. Cllrs were asked to notify the Clerk of any specific queries in advance.

60.4 Finance

60.4.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Payments made since last meeting	Chq No	£
Wages		4284.38
Barclaycard Transactions:		£
Fasthost Internet		3.00

Payments to be considered	Chq No.	£
Network Connections	14355	240.00
Chris Hyett	14356	124.91
Grundon	14357	138.77
Ron Smith	14358	9.64
Ermin Plant	14359	151.20
LITE	14360	654.00
Buildbase	14361	51.60
National Test Service	14362	153.90
Viking	14363	198.63
GAPTC	14364	80.00
Mainstream Digital	14365	76.72
Abbey Business Group	14366	118.57
CF Corporate Finance	14367	216.00
Glebe Chapel	14368	450.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	14369	68.50
J Davies	14370	23.40
Loop Scorpio	14371	135.00
Petty cash	14372	96.73

Resolved: The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £7,274.95. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Wood, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

60.4.2 To review budget update report

Cllr Vesma queried the utilities costs for the Lodge. The Clerk confirmed that the expenditure was higher than expected due to the increase in business rates.

The circulated report was noted.

60.5 Planning

60.5.1 Planning applications to be considered

P1556/17/FUL Sheppard House, Onslow Road, Newent

Erection of a detached building for furniture recycling. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

P1145/17/FUL Woodgate Cottage, Cliffords Mesne, Newent

Erection of a workshop and store. Demolition of existing barn. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

P1578/17/AG Okle Clifford Farm, Okle Green, Upleadon, Newent

Prior notification for erection of an agricultural building. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

P1564/17/OUT Land at Bradfords Lane, Newent

Outline application for up to 50 dwellings with educational facility, new planting and landscaping, informal open space and car parking, with all matters reserved except for main vehicular access.

Resolved: No objection, however the Council would request that S106 monies are used to improve the facilities and equipment at the recreation ground instead of another small play area being built. The pathways from Lewall car park into the town centre should be improved, as well as the highway in Old Court Lane. The site was an ancient meadow and some of the ancient trees and Newent daffodils should be protected. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

P1609/17/Planob Land Off Foley Road, (Foley Gardens), Newent

Modifications to planning obligation dated 24 July 2012 attached to planning permission P0181/12/OUT in relating to Public Open Space and play area triggers. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** 8 favour, 1 against.

P1567/17/FUL 41 Glebe Rd, Newent

Demolition of existing porch, to replace with slightly larger porch with internal WC. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

P1594/17/FUL Land at Cleeve Mill Lane, Newent

Variation of condition 02 (Approved Plans) to allow amendments to layout around plot 12; and the inclusion of sheds and bases across all plots, of planning permission P0107/16/FUL. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

60.5.2 To note planning decisions

PERMITTED

P0055/17/Discon 47 Orchard Road, Newent

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)

P1360/17/TCA 23 Culver Street, Newent

Felling of x 1 Spruce tree at 23 Culver Street

P1114/17/FUL Rymes Farm Solar Park, Land at Rymes Farm, Malswick, Newent

Variation of condition 02 (approved plans) to amend site layout and configuration of modules and variation of condition 03 (permission term) to extend term from 25 years to 30 years of planning permission P1977/14/FUL (Retrospective)

P1287/17/FUL 34 Glebe Court, Newent
Erection of a single storey kitchen extension

P1346/17/FUL 7, 8, 9 Whitegates, Newent, Glos
Change of use of agricultural land to form extended residential
curtilage for 7, 8 and 9 Whitegates

60.6 Estate Management

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

The report was noted and a discussion took place regarding the various issues requiring decisions.

Moles Control services - **Resolved:** The Council approved contractor for mole control for a further six months. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Wood, Seconded Cllr Blick, All in favour.

Revetments - **Resolved:** Expenditure of £2,431.00 is approved for revetment works to take place this year, if the grant funding is not agreed. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Blick, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour. Cllr Blick requested that the RoSPA inspection report is reviewed regarding works that should be carried out by the dam.

Garden of Remembrance - **Resolved:** The proposed works to the Garden of Remembrance at the cemetery are approved at a cost of £185.00. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Blick, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

Library and Recreation Ground car parks - The two options for addressing the holes in the library and recreation ground car parks were discussed.

Option one to scrape over the car parks with an excavator and level out and track in at a cost of £370.00. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Vesma, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, 5 in favour.

Option two to fill holes with type one stone at a cost of £475.00.
Record of Voting: **Record of Voting:** 3 in favour

One Cllr abstained from the voting. **Resolved:** Option one at a cost of £370.00 was approved.

The Clerk was asked to contact Huntley Parish Council regarding the surface used in the village hall car park.

60.7 To agree expenditure for CCTV upgrade

Cllr Mrs Howley requested approval for expenditure of up to £2,000.00 from the earmarked CCTV monies for expertise advice regarding the CCTV connection to Waterwells. Cllr Mrs Howley confirmed the monies would only be spent if the option is considered viable.

A lengthy discussion took place. **Resolved:** Expenditure for £2,000.00 is agreed. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, Seconded Cllr Mrs Wadley, 8 in favour, 1 against.

60.8 Strategic Plan Update

The report was noted. Cllr Thomas stated that he would produce a report regarding a tourist information office for the next meeting.

60.9 To consider working group's proposal regarding fishing rules and permit allocation

Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio spoke on behalf of the working group and proposed the following;

1. Only Newent residents will be allowed to purchase a fishing permit. Permits will have to be purchased irrespective of whether someone is a member of Newent Angling Club.
2. Newent Angling Club competition dates are to be considered in advance at Council. Any competitions held at the lake will incur a charge of £25.00 to cover costs of non-residents attendance. Sole use of the lake will not be permitted.
3. The cost for permits will remain unchanged at £10.00 for adults, £5.00 for 16's and under.
4. The fishing signs will need to be replaced and grant funding has been applied for.

Resolved: The above proposal is approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Vesma, Seconded Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

60.10 To approve newsletter

Cllr Vesma had circulated the draft newsletter for consideration. Cllr Mrs Duncan was unhappy with the wording being used regarding the free parking and requested the item was removed. Due to the lack of space, the open-air gym and flooding items would also be removed. Cllr Mrs Howley requested that the wording 'in conjunction with the Chill Out Zone' is added to the tree planting item. The Town App details are to be added to the further information section.

Resolved: The newsletter is approved with the above changes. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Wood, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

60.11 To receive committee and representative reports

None.

60.12 Notice and information

Cllr Mrs Howley stated that the cheque from the Business Club towards the costs of the Open Day had now been received.

Cllr Mrs Howley informed the Council that Great Oaks were starting a cancer support group, commencing this week. The group will be held on alternative Thursdays at the Good News Centre at 10 am – Midday.

Cllr Blick informed the Council that a Barn Dance was being held at the Community Centre the following evening in aid of the Dolphin Club and all were welcome to attend. Also, on 17th November Cllr Blick and his band would be busking outside of Nisa in aid of Children in Need.

The Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.