

## NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

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

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

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Public Participation Session: None.

50.0 Apologies – Cllrs Beard and Blick

50.1 Declaration of Interests

None.

50.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Wood, All in favour.

50.3 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

Cllr Howley explained that the Silver Birch trees that are to be planted at the lake are going to be dedicated to two members of the Chill Out Zone who died. The stakes have been installed and Councillors will be invited to attend when the trees are planted.

**S106 Funding** – An application has been submitted to the District Council for funds towards the refurbishment of the changing rooms.

**Lake Information Boards** – Several Councillors viewed the information boards last week and agreed amendments, before the final version was sent for printing.

50.4 Finance

50.4.1 To approve accounts to be paid

| Payments made since last meeting | Chq No. | £       |
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| Wages                            |         | 4390.39 |
| Payments to be considered        |         |         |
| Transition Graphics              | 14066   | 591.27  |
| Glebe Contractors                | 14067   | 534.00  |
| Hobbs Bros Ltd                   | 14068   | 314.69  |
| FODDC                            | 14069   | 1257.16 |
| South West Councils              | 14070   | 442.80  |
| Viking                           | 14071   | 264.41  |

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| Network Connections | 14072 | 2310.00 |
| Mainstream Digital  | 14073 | 77.23   |
| ICCM                | 14074 | 90.00   |
| Glebe Chapel        | 14075 | 450.00  |
| GAPTC               | 14076 | 1470.44 |
| FODDC               | 14077 | 269.55  |
| Zurich Municipal    | 14078 | 4174.65 |
| K Noble             | 14079 | 26.62   |
| Spirex Aquatec      | 14080 | 433.55  |

**Resolved:** The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £17,096.76. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Mrs Davies, All in favour.

## 50.5 Correspondence

### 50.5.1 Invitation to CPRE AGM on 30<sup>th</sup> May at the Royal College University, Cirencester

No Councillors are available to attend.

## 50.6 Planning

### 50.6.1 Planning applications to be considered

P0498/17/FUL – Horsley Grove, Cliffords Mesne

Erection of a two storey extension and creation of balcony.

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

P0541/17/FUL – 11 Lancaster Terrace, Hill Top Lane, Newent

Proposed two storey extension to rear of property. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Wood, All in favour.

P0029/17/Discon – 6 Vauxhall, Newent

Discharge of conditions 03 (external facing materials),07 (foul and surface water drainage) of planning permission P1066/15/FUL.

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

P0351/17/LD1 Cemetery Chapel, Watery Lane, Newent

Application under Section 191 to establish that the use of the building as a storage building is lawful - FOR INFORMATION

## 50.6.2 To note planning decisions

### PERMITTED

P0199/17/LD2 – Slade Cottage, High Street, Newent  
Application under Section 192 to establish whether the replacement of windows requires planning permission

P1687/16/LBC – Flat 5 Stardens, Tewkesbury Rd, Newent  
Listed Building Consent for the installation of a wood burner and external flue and replacement of existing roof lights, and change of cladding to walls of dormer around entrance door

P0327/17/TCA – Land off Court Lane (Shambles Village) Court Lane, Newent  
Remove x 1 Sycamore tree

P0256/17/FUL – 6 Craddock Road, Newent  
Erection of a single store rear extension to existing bungalow

P1536/16/FUL – The Coach House, The Cottage, Tewkesbury Rd, Newent  
Conversion and alterations to former coach house/garage to annexe

P0044/17/LBC – The Coach House, The Cottage, Tewkesbury Rd, Newent  
Listed Building Consent for the conversion and alterations to former coach house/garage to annex

### DECISION ON APPEALS

Appeal Ref: APP/P1615/A/14/2228822 – Land north of Ross Road, Newent

Appeal is made under Section 78 of the Town Country Planning Act 1990 against the failure of the local planning authority to give notice within the prescribed period of a decision on an application for outline planning permission. The appeal is made by Gladman Developments Ltd against Forest of Dean District Council. The application ref. P0969/14/OUT is dated 12 June 2014. The development proposed is the erection of up to 85 dwellings, access, parking, public open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure (all matters reserved other than means of access to the site). **This decision supersedes that issued on 25 August 2015. That decision on the appeal was quashed by order of the High Court.**

Decision: The Appeal is **ALLOWED** and outline planning permission is granted for the erection of up to 85 dwellings, access, parking, public open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure on land north of Ross Road, Newent in accordance with the terms of the

application reference P0969/14/OUT dated 12 June 2014 subject to conditions.

Appeal Ref: APP/P1615/W/16/3155826 – Sandyway Nurseries, Redmarley Road, Newent

Appeal is made under Section 78 of the Town Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant planning permission. The appeal is made by Sandyway Nurseries against the decision of the Forest of Dean District Council. The application Ref P0028/16/FUL dated 4 January 2016 was refused by notice dated 7 July 2016.

The development proposed is use of land for the stationing of 23 mobile homes for occupation by persons employed in the locality in agriculture.

Decision: The Appeal is **DISMISSED**

Application for Costs

The application is made by Forest of Dean District Council for a partial award of costs against Sandyway Nurseries.

Decision: The application for an award of costs is **REFUSED**

## 50.7 Estate Management

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

Following an electrical condition report being undertaken at the Chapel, some issues need addressing and additional sockets are required. One quotation of £1,120 has been received.

**Resolved:** Three quotations are required. The Mayor and Clerk are delegated to approve a quotation for the works to be carried out.

**Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Wood, All in favour.

### 50.7.2 To note Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association play area assessments

As members of the association, free assessments have been carried out on the play areas, which will be compared with others in the county. The play area at the lake was rated excellent and an average rating was given to the recreation ground area. Further seating at the recreation ground could be considered in the future.

The report was noted.

- 50.8 To consider publishing draft Annual Assembly Minutes and agree date and location of next year's meeting

**Resolved:** Draft Minutes are circulated to Councillors before being published on the website. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Moseley, Seconded Cllr Vesma, All in favour.

Cllr Vesma proposed the date of the meeting is changed. **Record of Voting:** 2 in favour, 8 against, 1 abstention. The proposal was rejected.

Cllr Vesma suggested a change of format is considered.

Venue options will be explored.

- 50.9 To consider quotation to purchase ill health liability insurance

**Resolved:** Ill health liability insurance cover is approved at an approximate cost of £1456.00, which will come out of the salaries budget. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

- 50.10 Dementia Working Group update

Cllr Vesma had circulated a briefing paper. The next steps are to liaise with other organisations in the town and stimulate formation of a community group to take the project forward.

- 50.11 To receive committee and representative reports

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| Cllr Heathfield | Youth Advisory Group                       |
| Cllr Thomas     | Real Tour App is now available             |
| Cllr Thomas     | Emergency Plan                             |
| Cllr Wood       | Attended St Georges Day Parade in Coleford |

- 50.12 Notices and Information

Cllr Mrs Duncan raised concerns regarding the number of thefts in the local area. Cllr Mrs Davies also stated that a number of anti-social behaviour incidents have taken place. It was agreed that a letter is sent to Martin Surl to complain about the non-existent Police presence in the area.

Cllr Mrs Howley informed the Council that an application for the Tesco's Bags of Help Scheme has been successful and the project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores in Ledbury during May and June 2017. The money will be used to purchase disabled access picnic benches for the Lake area.

Cllr Mrs Howley requested that a letter of thanks is sent to the gentleman who did a fantastic job at rotavating the areas for the wildflower seeds at the Lake.

The clerk informed the Council that as part of the Love Your Forest Campaign, the trash convertor will be in the town on 23<sup>rd</sup> May between Midday – 2 pm.

Cllr Mrs Davies requested that a letter of recognition is sent to Jane Nicholls who, after 42 years, is the longest serving teacher at Newent Community School.

Cllr Wood stated that the travellers who have been living on the former Council Depot site in Horsefair Lane are applying for permission to stay on the site. It had been quoted that the Town Council had never objected to the site, which was untrue. Cllr Wood proposed that a letter is sent to the District Council asking why no action has been taken for 10 years, 9 Councillors agreed and 2 abstained.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.