

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 27th February 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, C Thomas, Mrs G Moseley, V Vesma

Also present – The Clerk and 5 members of the public

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

Public Participation Session: A representative from Newent Cycle Group requested the Council consider a cycle track to bypass the Ross Road/Gloucester Road junction when considering options to submit to the County Council.

43.0 Apologies – Cllr Heathfield

43.1 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Mrs Davies declared an interest in the accounts to be paid. Cllr Mrs Howley declared an interest in planning application P0207/17/FUL.

43.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th February 2017

A spelling error under 14.5.3 was amended.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th February 2017 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Davies, Seconded Cllr Beard, 9 in favour, 3 abstentions.

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.

43.3 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

Cllr Mrs Davies stated that she had attended a transport forum meeting. Sheppard House are working on options to utilise the minibus more in the afternoons.

The Clerk circulated an update from PC Mortimer on ongoing investigations.

43.4 Finance

43.4.1 To approve accounts to be paid

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

Payments made since last meeting	Chq No.	£
Wages		3981.83

FODDC	14005	192.50
Transition Graphics	14007	540.73
Payments to be considered	Chq No	£
Mainstream Digital	14008	9.08
Trade UK	14009	14.18
High Speed Training	14010	60.00
NALC	14011	60.00
Arnold Bartosch	14012	780.00
N Garner	14013	400.00
Severn Trent Water	14014	173.72
EE	14015	29.30
J Davies	14016	27.30
K Noble	14017	20.36
HMRC	13883	1654.93
GCC Pensions	13884	2079.29

Resolved: The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £10,023.22. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Blick, Seconded Cllr Beard, All in favour.

43.4.2 Budget update report

A query was raised regarding the earmarked reserves figures. The Clerk confirmed that the transfers are only made at the end of the financial year.

No further issues were raised.

43.4.3 To approve amended Standing Order/Direct Debit payment schedule

Resolved: The schedule was approved. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

43.5 Correspondence

43.5.1 Forest of Dean District Council – Invitation to an electoral review of the Forest of Dean briefing on 7th March at 7 pm in Coleford

Cllr Mrs Moseley agree to attend the briefing.

43.5.2 Gloucestershire County Council – Invitation to a ‘Pub is Hub’ workshop on 6th March at 2 pm at Shire Hall

Cllr Miss Shere agreed to attend the workshop.

43.5.3 Gloucestershire County Council – suggestions for junction improvements at Ross Road/Gloucester Road

Cllr Blick suggested a right-hand turn refuge or a pedestrian/cycle access link to the junction to Malswick/Hooks Lane. Cllrs agreed to put forward these suggestions to Highways.

Cllr Vesma raised some issues regarding dropped kerbs, which the Clerk will send to Highways for their consideration. The Clerk was requested to arrange a general meeting with the Highways Manager.

43.6 Planning

43.6.1 Planning applications to be considered

P0119/17/FUL – 19 Knights Way, Newent

Erection of a single store rear extension and partial conversion of the garage to living space. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

(Cllr Mrs Howley left the meeting whilst the next application was discussed)

P0207/17/FUL – 1 Greenways, Newent

Two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear (demolition of existing conservatory). **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

P0169/17/FUL – 313 Foley Road, Newent

Proposed single storey rear and side extension. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

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

Erection of an agricultural storage shed. **Resolved:** Insufficient information has been supplied. The Council require further information on the size of the building and acreage. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

43.6.2 To note permitted planning decisions

P1473/16/FUL – Tythings Cottage, Watery Lane, Newent

Erection of detached garage

P0060/17/TCA – Works to trees at Newent Library Car park to include removal of x 1 stem and 30% reduction of x 1 Sycamore tree and 50% reduction of a line of x 5 Beech trees.

P1601/16/FUL – Cargill Meats Europe Ltd, Freemans of Newent, Town Farm, Newent

Proposed extension to lairage area, creation of new toilets and access corridor.

P1642/16/FUL – 19 Redmarley Road, Newent

Erection of a three bay garage. Demolition of existing disused single storage piggery

P1915/15/APP – Land at Watery Lane, Newent
 Discharge of condition (01) proposed brick of planning permission

43.7 Estate Management

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

The report was noted and no issues raised. The Clerk reported that several trees had fallen in the high winds last week.

Cllr Miss Shere thanked the staff for repairing the bus shelter in Cliffords Mesne

43.8 To receive committee and representative reports

Cllr Mrs Moseley

Inaugural Boar meeting

Cllr Mrs Howley

New Open Day meeting

The event will take place eon 22nd July

Cllr Miss Shere

Newent Initiative Trust

43.9 Notices and Information

No items raised.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.12 pm.