

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 9th April 2018 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs J Davies (Mayor), E Wood, D Blick, Mrs M Duncan, R Beard, Mrs R Wadley, Mrs G Moseley, E Heathfield, Mrs C Howley, C Thomas, Mrs S Marcovecchio

Also present – The Clerk and 6 members of the public

Public Participation Session: No items raised.

72.0 Apologies – Cllrs Mrs Draper and Vesma

72.1 Declaration of Interests – None.

72.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26th March 2018

Resolved: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26th March were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Howley Seconded Cllr Mrs Moseley, 9 in favour, 2 abstentions.

72.3 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

Section 137 grants – A further thank you letter has been received from Teens in Crisis.

Street cleansing – This item will be added to the next agenda and copy of the contract circulated.

Flower tubs – A letter has been sent to the Business Club and a response is awaited.

Traffic from new housing developments – A letter has been sent to Mark Harper MP requesting a meeting and a response is awaited.

All letters have been sent, as requested.

Cllr Blick stated that the Staff Committee minutes had now been circulated.

72.4 Finance

72.4.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Cllr Blick expressed dissatisfaction at the Market House repairs. The Clerk confirmed the works had been signed off by the appointed historic buildings consultant Chartered Surveyor.

Payments made since last meeting	Chq No	£
Wages		1551.38
Highleadon Filling Station	14564	264.40
Chris Hyett	14565	124.91

Screwfix	14566	98.91
Parkers	14567	159.92
G I Markey & Son	14568	125.00
Buildbase	14570	1141.18
Buildbase	14571	108.00
Country Corner	14572	508.16
Ledbury Garden Machinery	14573	371.22
Treework Environmental Practice	14574	4146.00
Screwfix	14575	110.86
EE	14576	32.12
Landmarc Agri Services	14577	210.33
Southern Electric	14578	494.47
JC Business Opportunities	14644	17623.13

Barclaycard Transactions: £

Fasthost Internet	3.00
Fasthost Internet	13.19

Payments to be considered	Chq No.	£
FODDC	14579	360.00
GMT Solutions	14580	81.84
A Plan insurance	14641	835.01
FODDC	14642	1686.27
Zurich Municipal	14643	4352.49

Resolved: The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £34,401.79. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

72.5 To consider response required to correspondence/consultations received

72.5.1 GAPTC – Call for resolutions for submitting to the AGM on 21st July 2018

No items were put forward.

72.5.2 Forest of Dean District Council – Invitation to the Forest Youth Services meeting on Monday 14th May 2018 at the District Council Offices at 6 pm

The Clerk will write to ask if a representative from the Chill Out could attend, as it clashes with the Council's AGM. Cllr Moseley agreed to attend for 45 minutes if no other representatives were available.

72.5.3 Forest of Dean District Council - To consider six street names options for the new development on land at Ross Road, Newent

Resolved: The following names are recommended; Mantley Fields, Valegro Avenue, Horsefair Close, School View, Hudson Walk and

Dujardin Gardens. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

72.5.4 Gloucestershire Police – Request for financial support for a school speed reduction poster competition

Resolved: The Council will support the cost of six signs at a maximum cost of £90.00. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Mrs Wadley, All in favour.

72.6 Planning

72.6.1 Planning applications to be considered

P0199/18/LBC – The Poplars, High St, Newent

Listed Building Consent for the internal repairs and alterations with associated works. (Part Retrospective). **Resolved:** No objection.

Record of Voting: Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour.

P0408/18/FUL – 6 Craddock Road, Newent

Erection of a single storey extension to existing garage. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

P0200/18/LBC – Fledgelings, High Street, Newent

Listed Building Consent for internal alterations and repairs including new ground floor over cellar, relocation of electricity meters. (part retrospective). **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour.

P0349/18/AG – Okle Clifford Farm, Okle Green, Upleadon

Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for further details. Prior notification for the erection of a new bridge to allow for the crossing of agricultural machinery. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Blick, All in favour.

Public Path Diversion Order – Footpath GNE89. Diversion Order made 22/3/18 correcting anomalies in route of Order made in 2016.

Resolved: No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour.

72.6.2 To note planning decisions

PERMITTED

P0012/18/FUL – Ferndale, Strawberry Hill, Newent
Erection of two temporary structures for agricultural/horticultural purposes

P1340/17/LBC – Black Dog Inn, Church Street, Newent

Listed building consent for alterations and renovations of Black Dog Inn to bed and breakfast accommodation. Change of use of garage to one bed accommodation

REFUSAL

P0976/17/FUL – Site at Lower Newent Woods, Cliffords Mesne
Erection of seven Cabins and two Shepherds Huts for holiday accommodation with associated structures and works

P1339/17/FUL – Black Dog Inn, Church Street, Newent
Erection of five (2 bed) dwellings with parking and amenities within Existing car park. Alterations and renovations of Black Dog Inn. Change of use of garage to one bed accommodation.

72.7 Estate Management

72.7.1 To consider purchasing bird boxes

Cllr Mrs Howley explained that some bird boxes were vandalised last year and it would be good to replace them. The person who made the bat boxes has offered to make some new bird boxes out of Forest of Dean cedar with metal plates on the entrance holes. To be cost effective a minimum of 20 boxes would need to be purchased.

Resolved: 20 bird boxes are purchased at a cost of £370.00.

Record of Voting: Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Wood, 10 in favour, 1 abstention.

72.8 To consider advertising in the 2018/19 Forest of Dean & Wye Valley Days Out Guide

Resolved: No advert would be placed this year. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Thomas, Seconded Cllr Wood, 6 in favour, 4 against, 1 abstention.

72.9 Planting of borders and tubs in the town with spring flowers

Cllr Mrs Davies stated that after attending the Newent in Bloom AGM with Cllr Mrs Howley, it was apparent that tubs are only planted up for the competition. Newent is a daffodil town and yet there are very few daffodils in the town centre. A discussion took place and it was suggested a garden club is set up. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Davies should liaise with Newent

in Bloom and find out the costing for planting the tubs and a further discussion would take place at a future meeting.

72.10 To consider a review of parking restrictions in the town

Cllr Beard raised a number of concerns regarding heavy good vehicles driving through the town. Many Councillors also raised concerns including the lack of enforcement, no places for lorry parking and the location of the 7.5 tonne weight limits. A lengthy discussion took place. **Resolved:** The Council will engage with local authorities to ensure adequate Section 106 monies are allocated for the towns road infrastructure and a review of the current restrictions is undertaken for the improvement of traffic flow in the town. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Blick, All in favour.

72.11 To approve newsletter

Due to the reduction in space available in the Newent Magazine a full version of the newsletter will now be published on the website. A few minor amendments were made to the circulated draft.

72.12 To consider the continuation of the Listening Post

Councillors were happy to be available but recognised the lack of attendance. The Clerk confirmed that 4 representations had been made at the Listening Post since January 2017. **Resolved:** The Listening Post would cease after the next meeting. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Blick, 6 in favour, 1 against, 4 abstentions.

72.13 To receive committee and representative reports

Cllrs Beard, Mrs Marchoveccio and Wood	Awarding the allotments grass cutting contract. Due to the prices in the two tenders received, the delegated Councillors agreed to keep the service inhouse this year. A lawnmower will be purchased at a maximum cost of £650.00.
Cllr Mrs Duncan	Meeting with Highways Manager
Cllrs Mrs Moseley	Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group
Cllr Heathfield	Youth Advisory Group – next meeting 17 th April

72.14 Notices and Information

Cllr Mrs Howley stated a meeting regarding the Community Day had taken place and work for the event was progressing.

Cllr Heathfield was delighted to inform the Council that following a nomination from Cllr Blick, Cllr Heathfield would be attending the wedding of Prince Harry and Megan Markle.

The Clerk was asked to report the poor road condition in Court Lane, Lewell Street and the road leading to the Co-op and a blocked drain on the Tewkesbury Road to Highways.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.48 pm.