

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 11th June 2018 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

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

Also present – The Clerk and 2 members of the public

Public Participation Session: No items raised.

76.0 Apologies – Cllrs Mrs Draper and Mrs Wadley

76.1 Declaration of Interests

None.

76.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 29th May 2018

Cllr Mrs Howley referred to item 73.17 stating that the resolution approving £1,000 could be used from the town promotions budget was omitted.

Cllr Heathfield referred to item 73.19 stating that it was agreed that he could speak on the Newent Initiative's current role.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th May 2018 were approved, subject to the above amendments being incorporated.

Record of Voting: Proposed by Cllr Heathfield, Seconded Cllr Blick, 9 in favour, 2 abstentions.

76.3 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

Meeting with Mark Harper MP – Following the Council's request, Mr Harper has offered to meet with the Council on 20th July or 24th August. The Council agreed the preferred date was 20th July and the Clerk would circulate further details in due course.

76.4 Finance

76.4.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Payments made since last meeting	Chq No	£
Wages		1656.28
Barclaycard Transactions:		£
Fasthost Internet		6.00
Fasthost Internet		13.19
Fasthost Internet		73.20

Payments to be considered	Chq No.	£
Hampshire Flag Company	14687	831.59
GMT Solutions	14688	162.63
Mainstream Digital	14689	2.83
GRCC	14690	40.00
P Newman	14691	180.00
GDR Solutions	14692	144.00
GMTF	14693	250.00
Buildbase	14694	133.78
G D Parker	14695	20.97
A J Dunlop	14696	348.00
C Hyett	14697	124.91
Glebe Contractors	14698	544.68
Rialtas Business Solutions	14699	442.80
Grundon	14700	181.06
Highleadon Filling Station	14701	223.10
EE	14702	31.22

Resolved: The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £5,410.24. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Blick, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, 10 in favour, 1 abstention.

76.4.2 To approve Direct Debit/Standing Order payment schedule

Resolved: The circulated schedule was approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

76.5 To consider response required to correspondence/consultations received

76.5.1 Location of New Community Hospital consultation

Resolved: The new community hospital should be in or near Cinderford and transport links should be included in the package. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

76.5.2 Forest of Dean District Council – Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles (policy) consultation

No comments were made.

76.5.3 Newent Rugby Club – Request permission to use changing room facilities on 15th July for a charity cycle ride

Resolved: The request for the changing rooms to be used on 15th July for a charity cycle ride is approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Vesma, All in favour.

76.5.4 Newent Angling Club – Request to hold fishing matches at the Lake

Resolved: The Council approved the request for fishing matches to be held on the mornings of 14th October, 4th November, 25th November, 16th December 2018, 13th January 2019, 3rd February, 24th February and 10th March 2019. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Mrs Marcovecchio, All in favour.

76.6 Planning

76.6.1 Planning applications to be considered

P0796/18/TCA – Coach House, Graces Pitch, Newent

Works to x 2 Eucalyptus tree at Coach House to reduce x 3 branches overhanging the driveway by 3 m and remove dead branches.

Resolved: Unable to make a decision, due to lack of information. Request photos or a plan are supplied. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

P0808/18/LD1 – Spring Bank, Malswick

Application under Section 191 to establish whether a mixed use class (B1 and B8) is lawful. **Resolved:** No comment. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Davies, All in favour.

P0831/18/FUL – The Black Dog, Church Street, Newent

Erection of five (2 bed) dwellings with parking and amenities.

Resolved: No objection, although there are still concerns regarding the lack of parking provision. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Wood, 8 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions.

P0632/18/TPO – 14 Lakeside, Newent

Crown reduce x 1 Yew Tree covered by G1 of G41 TPO54 at 14 Lakeside by 2m all round (to reconsider having viewed photographs of tree). **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Wood, 8 in favour, 3 against.

P078/18/LBC – Cemetery Chapel, Watery Lane, Newent

Listed Building Consent for the installation of internal gate behind door. Application was for noting only.

76.6.2 To note planning decisions

PERMITTED

P0559/18/TP0 – 14 Lakeside, Newent

Removal of x 1 Leylandii tree in group G1 of G41TPO54 at 14 Lakeside

P0036/18/Discon – Okle Clifford Farm, Okle Green, Upleadon

Discharge of Conditions 05 (Landscaping plan), 07 (Ecological and landscape management plan), 08 (Schedule of ecological works), 10 (Schedule of repairs), 11 (Materials) and 12 (Surface water drainage) of planning permission P1392/17/FUL

REFUSED

P0369/18/FUL – Eastnor House, Botloes Green, Newent

Erection of two detached dwellings with associated garages, parking and works

76.7 Estate Management

76.7.1 To approve year 1 recommendations from the tree survey inspection report

Resolved: The recommendations for year 1 tree works were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour.

76.8 To review and approve a Strategic Plan for 2018-2019

A long discussion took place regarding the draft plan and many amendments were made.

Resolved: The amended Strategic Plan is approved **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Davies, 10 in favour, 1 abstention.

76.9 To consider placing an advert in the CDC Tourism Yearbook 2019

Resolved: The Council decided not to place an advert in the publication. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Wood, Cllr Seconded Cllr Thomas, 9 in favour, 2 against.

76.10 To request the Grange Farm community benefit income is earmarked for the CCTV upgrade

A grant is being applied for, although match funding from the Council is required and therefore the request is to earmark the second payment from Grange Farm. **Resolved:** £4,976.00 is earmarked for the CCTV upgrade. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Beard, 10 in favour, 1 against.

76.11 To approve Newsletter

Resolved: The circulated newsletter is approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Blick, All in favour.

76.12 To consider proposal to sell The Lodge and office accommodation proposal

Before the discussion took place, Cllr Mrs Davies reminded the Council that a public consultation needed to take place before any decision is made.

Cllr Blick gave a short brief of his proposal. A very lengthy discussion took place and many councillors agreed that the correct processes needed to be followed. Other points raised included; the Working Group should continue to look into the agreed sites, there was a lack of response to the previous consultation, the public must be consulted on any options with all plans and costings. All agreed that the office accommodation process should be progressed. **Resolved:** The proposal to apply for change of use of The Lodge from commercial to residential and to sell The Lodge and after a public consultation, to engage services of a design and build architect and to build a unit of a meeting room, office space for 2 staff, space for a tourism information centre, reception, storage space, kitchen, toilets and outside area was rejected. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Blick, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, 3 in favour, 4 against, 4 abstentions.

76.13 To receive committee and representative reports

Cllrs Blick and Heathfield

Cemetery site visit

Cllr Mrs Moseley

NDP Working Group

Cllr Beard

Recreation Ground Licence Agreement to be signed next week

76.14 Notices and Information

The Veg Out Zone AGM will be taking place on 28th June at 7 pm and will be held in the Community Centre. All are welcome.

Cllr Heathfield thanked Cllr Blick for nominating him to attend the Royal Wedding.

Cllr Heathfield reported that a temporary Tree Preservation Order had been placed on the Black Poplar in Botloes Green.

Cllr Mrs Howley gave an update on the Community and Wildlife Day and the support received from some very generous local businesses. Councillors were asked to donate raffle prizes.

Resolved: That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

76.15 Staffing Matters

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.