

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 12 November 2018 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs J Davies (Mayor) E Wood (Deputy Mayor), Mrs R Wadley, E Heathfield, Mrs C Howley, V Vesma, Mrs G Moseley, Mrs S Marcovecchio, R Beard, Mrs K Draper, Mrs M Duncan

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

Public Participation Session: No items raised.

85.0 Apologies – Cllr D Blick

85.1 Declaration of Interests – None

85.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd October 2018

Resolved: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd October 2018 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Wood, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, 6 All in favour, 5 abstentions.

85.3 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

Annual Parish Meeting – the meeting will take place on Thursday 4 April 2019.

Council Vacancy – the position will be filled by co-option at the next meeting.

85.4 Finance

85.4.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Cllr Mrs Howley declared an interest and left the room whilst this matter was under discussion and voted upon.

Payments made since last meeting		£
Wages		5613.32
Payments to be considered	Chq No.	£
HB Digital	14885	12.00
Grundon	14886	146.19
Mrs C Howley	14887	12.17
MKM	14888	17.14
Screwfix	14889	9.99
Kompan	14890	216.00

Peninsula	14891	173.42
SLCC	14892	103.99
LITE	14893	1230.00
EE	14894	36.90
Gloucestershire County Council	14775	2120.88
HMRC	14776	1700.61

Resolved: The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £11,392.61. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour.

85.4.2 To review budget update report

Members reviewed the budget update report

Resolved: the budget update report be approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour.

85.4.3 Internal Check report – Cllrs Mrs Wadley and Vesma

Cllr Vesma advised of a number of discrepancies had been found following the interim check. He suggested that a computer printout of the figures might be presented to Members rather than a transcribed sheet. This would remove possible sources of error and a better use of the Clerk's time. Members were in general agreement with this process but ultimately left the final decision with the Clerk.

85.5 Planning

85.5.1 Planning applications to be considered

P0114/18/Discon – 24A Vauxhall, Newent
Discharge of Condition 03 (external facing materials) of planning permission P1762/17/FUL. **Resolved:** No Objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, All in favour.

P1364/18/FUL – Co-op, Market Square, Newent
Retention of automated teller machine. **Resolved:** No Objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, All in favour.

P1365/18/ADV – Co-op, Market Square, Newent

Retention of one illuminated logo panel and one illuminated surround sign. (Both are attached to an automated teller machine). **Resolved:** No Objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Duncan, Seconded Cllr Ms Howley, All in favour

P1664/18/FUL – 46 Scarr Road, Newent

Conversion of a redundant agricultural building to a detached dwelling with associated works. **Resolved:** No Objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour

P0121/18/Discon – Black Dog Inn, Church Street, Newent

Discharge of condition 19 (roofing and external facing materials) of planning permission P0831/18/FUL. **Resolved:** No Objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, All in Favour

85.5.2 To note planning decisions

PERMITTED

P1353/18/TPO – Land to South West of Meadow Grove, Newent

Works to trees covered by T5, T7, A1, A2 and A4 of TPO156 in accordance with the submitted tree survey

REFUSED

P0643/18/FUL – Glebehyrst, Horsefair Lane, Newent

Erection of 4 residential dwellings, 4 detached garages with associated parking and ancillary works. Creation of new vehicular access

P1056/18/FUL – Kings Arms Inn, Ross Road, Newent

Change of use of land to provide motorhome overnight parking area including the erection of a barrier and fence around perimeter. (Retrospective)

85.6 Estate Management

85.6.1 To consider revised duck platform proposal – Cllr Mrs Howley

Cllr Mrs Howley reported that she, Cllr Heathfield and the Estates Supervisor had met with the donor of the duck platform where various points were discussed and agreed with regard to the anchorage of it in the Lake, the option to remove the duck houses making it easier and lighter to install and to carry out maintenance, together with the siting of the structure. Cllr Mrs Howley further advised that if it was deemed that the platform becomes unsuitable for the area, following installation, the donor would take back the platform and donate it elsewhere.

Resolved: The Council accept the duck platform and that it thanks the donor for their kind contribution to the Lake. Further that those who have fishing permits for the Lake be advised of the proposed installation and its siting. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour

- 85.7 To consider adopting the Civic Pride process as outlined in the presentation to Council on 22nd October or a Town Centre Working Group as proposed by Cllr Mrs Gooch.

Cllr Beard advised that he and Cllr Mrs Howley had recently attended a meeting of the Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum in Winchcombe and had discovered there was funding of up to £14000 available for research via the Countryside and Community Research Institute. He thought that what Cllr Mrs Gooch is considering would be covered by this funding. He believed this would be at no cost to the Council. Considerable discussion took place on both options. **Resolved:** that Cllr Mrs Gooch be thanked for her input to date but the Council would wait until Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum came forward with their findings before progressing this matter further. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, 9 in favour, 2 abstentions.

- 85.8 To consider parking options report – Cllr Beard

Cllr Beard referred to a recent meeting with Gloucestershire County Council representatives and to the notes circulated from that meeting, covering the issues raised. Cllr Beard advised he would like to build on this in a more definitive way, having looked at the needs of pedestrians and traffic management and to take matters forward including engaging with County Cllr Will Windsor-Clive. As a first step he would welcome the input from other Members. **Resolved:** Members to email their individual comments to Cllr Beard for evaluation. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Beard, seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, All in favour.

Cllr Wood advised the yellow lines on the road directly opposite the frontage of the Market House were illegal as the disabled parking there was not enforceable, and should therefore be removed. **Resolved:** that this matter be brought to the attention of County Highways. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Wood, Seconded Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, 10 in favour, 1 abstention.

- 85.9 To approve newsletter – Cllrs Mrs Moseley and Vesma

The content of the newsletter was considered with minor amendments made. **Resolved:** the newsletter be approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour.

85.10 To receive committee and representative reports

Cllr Mrs Draper	Christmas Lights Committee
Cllrs Beard & Mrs Howley	Glos Market Towns Forum
Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio	Newent Rugby Club Social Evening
Cllr Mrs Wadley	Wye Valley Tourism
Cllr Heathfield	Newent Youth Advisory Group

84.11 Notices and Information

The Mayor wished to thank the Council staff for their efforts in successfully erecting the Poppy Flag following vandalism to the Flag pole.

Cllr Mrs Moseley advised the first steering group meeting of the NDP would be taking place on 29 November 2019 at 7.00 pm.

Cllr Mrs Howley wished to thank the Memorial Hall Committee for providing a cooked lunch for the British Legion Members and the Mayor following the Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.06 pm.