

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

Also present – The Clerk and 2 members of the public

Cllr Wood chaired the meeting in the absence of the Mayor.

Public Participation Session: No items raised.

69.0 Apologies – Cllrs Mrs Davies and Thomas

69.1 Declaration of Interests – None.

69.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26th February 2018 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 20th February 2018

Resolved: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26th February were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, All in favour.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 20th February were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Wood, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

69.3 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

Royal British Legion – A representative will be attending the next meeting.

Allotment Grass Cutting – No applications were received, so the tender will be re-advertised.

69.4 Finance

69.4.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Payments made since last meeting	Chq No	£
Wages		1552.15
Barclaycard Transactions:		£
Fasthost Internet		3.00
Fasthost Internet		13.99
Payments to be considered	Chq No.	£
Abbey Business Group	14531	33.57
Mainstream Digital	14532	3.60
Highleadon Filling Station	14533	183.14

Buildbase	14534	288.00
EE	14535	32.20
G D Parker & Co	14536	22.97
Viking	14537	74.80
Loop Scorpio	14538	135.00
Water Plus	14539	16.28
Tarmac Trading	14540	416.25
Chris Hyett	14541	124.91
Ford Fuel Oils	14542	262.80
Smiths of the Forest of Dean	14543	16.20
Grundon	14544	145.54
Arnold Bartosch	14545	240.00
Buildbase	14546	6741.22
HMRC	14547	1601.02
Gloucestershire County Council	14548	1895.74

Resolved: The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £13,801.58. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

69.5 To consider response required to correspondence/consultations received

68.5.1 The Young Anglers Project – To note request regarding fishing permit fees and to agree to arrange a meeting to discuss their concerns

Resolved: A representative will be invited to attend a meeting. The Clerk is requested to provide income and expenditure costings.

Record of Voting: Proposed Cllr Wood, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

69.6. Planning

68.6.1 Planning applications to be considered

P1339/17/FUL – Black Dog Inn, Church Street, Newent

Amended description – 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. **Resolved:** No further comments. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Wood, All in favour.

69.6.2 To note planning decisions

PERMITTED

P0059/18/FUL – 55 The Scarr, Newent

Erection of a two storey rear extension, single storey side extension, front porch, sunroom and additional car port with associated works. Installation of PV array. Demolition of conservatory

P1857/17/FUL – Green Farm, Cliffords Mesne
Proposed extension to agricultural building

69.7 To consider grant application requests

69.7.1-3 Three applications for S137 grant funding were received from
Teens in Crisis, The Severn Area Rescue Association and Cobalt.

Resolved: £166.66 is awarded to each of the above
organisations. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard,
Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour

69.7.4 Citizens Advice Bureau

Resolved: £1,300 is awarded to the Citizen Advice Bureau as per
the agreed budget (S142 monies). **Record of Voting:** Proposed
Cllr Blick, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

69.8 To consider participating in a Community Speed Watch Project

Cllr Beard updated the Council on a Police Speed Campaign that is taking
place in April. Cllrs Mrs Howley, Mrs Marcovecchio, Mrs Wadley and
Heathfield volunteered to participate in the project and to be trained to use
the speed gun.

68.9 Annual Parish Meeting update

The Clerk confirmed that several service organisations had agreed to have
display stands at the event. A discussion took place on how to encourage
people to attend and participate. Posters will be produced and Cllrs Mrs
Marcovecchio, Mrs Howley, Beard and Mrs Moseley agreed to distribute the
posters to the shops.

68.10 To approve newsletter

Subject to the minor agreed amendments made to the APM article and a
change in the Mayors item from dog handler to dog owner, the newsletter
was approved.

68.11 To receive committee and representative reports

Cllr Blick	Dog fouling on the footpath between Foley Road and Culver Street
Cllr Mrs Moseley	First meeting of the NDP Working Group is taking place on 13 th March
Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio	Litter on the school field. Request for Street Warden to give a talk to the students

68.12 Notices and Information

Cllr Mrs Duncan requested that new housing developments and traffic is included on the next meeting agenda.

Cllr Mrs Howley stated that the town event will be taking place on 14th July 2018 and a meeting to discuss ideas will be arranged shortly.

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 offer price as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

69.13 To consider response to vehicle lease dispute

The Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.13 pm.