

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 13th August 2018 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

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

Also present – The Clerk and 2 members of the public

Public Participation Session: No items raised.

80.0 Apologies – Cllr Wood.

80.1 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio declared an interest in planning application P1193/18/FUL.

80.2 Finance

80.2.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Barclaycard Transactions:		£
Fasthost Internet		6.00
Fasthost Internet		13.19
Just Giving		40.00
Payments to be considered	Chq No.	£
Streetmaster	14738	804.00
CF Complete Finance	14739	168.00
EE	14740	30.73
Sage	14741	338.40
GMT Solutions	14742	81.84
Abbey Business	14743	43.46
Mainstream Digital	14744	46.95
G D Parkers	14745	98.30
Highleadon Filling Station	14746	288.83
Peninsula	14747	346.84
The Sign Shop	14748	198.00
Severn Signs	14749	402.00
Watkins Hire	14750	220.80
Dean Truck Hire	14751	1503.33
Forester Newspapers Ltd	14752	88.80
GCC	14768	2059.68
HMRC	14769	1864.31

Resolved: The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £8,643.46. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Beard, All in favour.

80.3 To consider response required to correspondence/consultations received

80.3.1 Lord Select Committee on Rural Economy – Call for evidence

The previously circulated information was reviewed and it was agreed a response should be sent by the Council. Councillors were asked to send comments to the Clerk who would co-ordinate a response for approval.

80.4 Planning

80.4.1 Planning applications to be considered

P1086/18/FUL – 33 The Tythings, Newent

Erection of a single storey rear extension with associated works. Demolition of existing conservatory. **Resolved:** No Objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Beard, All in favour.

P1119/18/GPDE – 22 Coopers Way, Newent

Single storey rear extension (General Permitted Development Extension). **Resolved:** No Objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, All in favour.

P1215/18/TCA – Nicholson House, Court Lane, Newent

Reduce x 5 Hazel trees to 2.1 m height, prune 1 x Plum tree to 2.1m height, remove x 2 Sycamore trees and remove x 4 Pine trees at Nicholson House. **Resolved:** Objection. Need clarification on who owns the trees. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, 11 in favour, 1 abstention.

(Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio left the meeting whilst the next application was considered)

P1193/18/FUL – 8 Broad Street, Newent

Conversion of former bank (Grade II listed) to 5 self contained flats. A lengthy discussion took place on this application. Cllr Blick proposed an objection due to lack of parking and concerns regarding fire evacuation facilities, which was seconded by Cllr Heathfield, 4 were in favour.

Cllr Mrs Moseley proposed an objection due to fire evacuation concerns, which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Wadley, 2 in favour.

Cllr Mrs Howley proposed no objection providing the developers provide adequate fire evacuation facilities, the building is DDA compliant and allocated parking in the main car park is stipulated.

Resolved: No objection, providing the following conditions are stipulated; adequate fire evacuation facilities are provided, the building is DDA compliant and allocated parking is stipulated at the main car park. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, 10 in favour, 1 abstention.

P1190/18/AG Carswalls Farm, Tewkesbury Road, Upleadon

Agricultural and Forestry Development. Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for further details.

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

80.4.2 To note planning decisions

PERMITTED

P0808/LD1 – Spring Bank, Malswick

Application under Section 191 to establish whether a mixed use class (B1 and B8) is lawful

P0783/18/FUL – Newtown Villa, Ross Road, Newton

Erection of a clad construction garage. Demolition of existing garage and creation of extended driveway

P0770/18/FUL – The Moat, Anthony's Cross, Newent

Construction of a manege.

P0999/18/TCA – Cleeve House, High Street, Newent

Works to trees in accordance with the submitted details

P0581/18/FUL – Lorenden, Culver Street, Newent

Erection of a detached dwelling with hardstanding and associated works. Demolition of existing fire damage dwelling

P0454/18/FUL – The Poplars, High Street, Newent

Internal repairs and alterations with associated works and minor changes to landscaping. (Part retrospective)

P0858/18/FUL – Woodgate Cottage, Cliffords Mesne

Change of use of land from agricultural to residential curtilage

PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED

Bellstone Unit 1 Redmarley Road, Newent

Prior approval for conversion of B1(c) light industrial to C3 residential

Newtown Farm, Tewkesbury Rd, Newent

Prior notification for the erection of agricultural storage building

APPEAL IN PROGRESS

AP0028/18/AENF – Mantley Chase Workshop, Ross Road, Newent
Appeal against Enforcement Notice

80.5 To approve newsletter

Two versions were circulated, a short version for the magazine and a more in-depth version for the website. A number of amendments were noted.

Resolved: The newsletters are approved, subject to the agreed amendments being incorporated. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, All in favour.

80.6 Notices and Information

Cllr Mrs Davies reminded Councillors that when discussing any projects with members of the public, where a public consultation has to be held, it should not be implied that a fait accompli has been reached, nor should it be indicated to members of the public that Councillors have a preference whether that is the case or not. No definite statements should be made until after public consultations have been held and the Council know what the public want.

Cllr Mrs Wadley said that the Valegro project is progressing and a representative will attend a future council meeting to give an update.

Cllr Beard stated that an obnoxious smell from the sewerage factory had been evident for 6 days in July (2 days slightly less nauseating) and 5 days in August to date. This needs to be monitored.

Cllr Mrs Duncan informed the Council that the Drs Surgery would be holding flu vaccination days on 29th September and 3rd November. Due to the exceptional attendance last year, Forest of Dean District Council has agreed to waive parking charges again for the two days.

Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio confirmed the final inspection of the allotments for judging the competition had taken place and the winners were 1st prize – plot 58, 2nd prize – plot 66B and highly commended - plot 47.

Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio informed the Council that a meeting with the installers of the Rugby Club floodlights had taken place earlier in the day, as works are due to commence shortly. A separate electricity supply is being installed for the lights and the cabinet will be sited behind the Changing Rooms. There will be limited key holders for the cabinet and the lights will be set on a timer as per the licence agreement requirements. All certificates will be provided to the Council on completion and the lights will be inspected after the first year, and thereafter every three years, which is more than the legal requirement.

Cllr Mrs Moseley confirmed the letter of designation had been sent to the Forest of Dean District Council.

The Clerk enquired if Cllr Vesma had asked the Onion Fayre Committee to submit the hire agreement paperwork, as it had still not been received. Cllr Vesma confirmed he had emailed the Chairman and raised it at the recent Committee meeting. The Council agreed that a reminder is sent, stating that the paperwork is required by the end of the week.

The Clerk informed the Council that the organiser of Live at The Lake had decided to cancel the event this year.

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

80.7 Staffing matters

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.