

## NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors E Wood (Deputy Mayor), D Blick, Mrs R Wadley, E Heathfield, Mrs C Howley, V Vesma and Mrs G Moseley

Also present – The Clerk and 3 members of the public

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

Public Participation Session: No items raised.

84.0 Apologies – Cllr Mrs Davies, Mrs Draper, Mrs Duncan, Beard & Mrs Marcovecchio

84.1 Declaration of Interests – Cllr Mrs Moseley declared an interest in the accounts to be paid.

84.2 Presentation on maximising civic pride

Mr Savage was welcomed to the meeting and gave a presentation on an idea for improving civic pride and spoke about a joined up approach with the District Council, County Council and businesses in the town. A question was raised with regards to how this would fit with the NDP and Mr Savage suggested that it could be run in parallel. Cllr Blick stated that numerous defects have been reported to both District and County Councils over many years. The Town Council is keeping its own house keeping in good order.

Mr Savage was thanked for attending.

84.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Wood, Seconded Cllr Vesma, All in favour.

84.4 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

**GMTF State of locality report** – GMTF responded to the questions raised as follows:

There will be no cost to any individual council in GMTF membership.

We hope that the material will provide comparative information that will help inform initiatives such as the creation of a neighbourhood plan: I led the neighbourhood plan here in Winchcombe, and only afterwards have found sources for information that would have enabled us to create a better plan.

I've also been in contact with Lydney Town Council, from whom I understand that there are concerns about an annual report that the Forest of Dean Council provides on towns in the district. I've undertaken from them that we will try to deliver a product that is more locally useful, and that is for further exploration.

**Office accommodation status** – Having reviewed the minutes from the relevant meetings, GAPTC confirm that the two options for a possible new build at the Lake or Library Car Park still stand and the Council is not acting illegally.

#### 84.5 Finance

(Cllr Mrs Moseley left the meeting whilst this item was discussed)

##### 84.5.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Payments made since last meeting	Chq No.	£
Ermin Plant	14864	Re-issue
Barclaycard Transactions:		£
Fasthost Internet		6.00
Fasthost Internet		13.19
GCC		70.00
Payments to be considered	Chq No.	£
GAPTC	14865	75.00
City Fire Protection	14866	112.68
Grundon	14867	145.97
Millington & Ramstedt	14868	55.00
Buildbase	14869	42.25
Mainstream Digital	14870	8.30
Abbey Business Group	14871	21.05
Network Connects	14872	240.00
Royal British Legion	14873	180.00
Water Plus	14874	1037.54
Screwfix	14875	21.98
Viking	14876	181.43
GMT Solutions	14877	81.84
SLCC	14878	90.00
G Moseley	14879	41.60
J Davies	14880	14.95
The Forest & Wye Valley Review	14881	129.84
Glebe Chapel	14882	450.00
CF Corporate	14883	216.00
Ermin Plant	14884	98.74

**Resolved:** The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £3,333.36. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Blick, All in favour.

84.6 To consider response required to correspondence/consultations received

84.6.1 To consider request for installation of a memorial bench at the Lake

**Resolved:** The request is approved, providing the bench replaces an existing non-memorial bench. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour.

84.6.2 Nature Explorers – Request for lake hire charges to be waived

A lengthy discussion took place and the Council were mindful of setting a precedence. The nature group is a very good idea and the Council would like to support the project. **Resolved:** The fee is reduced to £6.00 for a 6 month period. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Mrs Moseley, 6 in favour, 1 against.

84.6.3 Forest Economic Partnership – Invitation to meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30 pm at Gloucestershire College, Cinderford

No Councillors are available to attend.

84.7 Planning

84.7.1 Planning applications to be considered

P1571/18/TPO - 4 Pippin Close, Newent

20% crown reduction of 1 x Oak tree covered by A1 of TPO156.

**Resolved:** Objection, the tree is not on the properties land and there is no supporting evidence that it is dangerous. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Wood, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

P1491/18/FUL – Woodgate Cottage, Cliffords Mesne

Erection of workshop and store. Demolition of existing barn (resubmission). **Resolved:** No objection on the condition the wc is reduce in size to 5 ft x 5 ft and there is a covenant that the building will not be used for residential purposes. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Wadley, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour.

84.7.2 To note planning decisions

PERMITTED

P1292/18/TPO – Newent Lake Area, Court Lane, Newent  
Works to crown lift trees covered by G41 TPO54 to a maximum of 2.5m above ground level.

P1490/18/TCA – Newent Lake Area, Lakeside, Newent Works to trees at Newent Lake that are not protected by G41 TPO54 but are within Newent Conservation Area. Crown lift trees to a maximum of 2.5 m above ground level.

#### ENFORCEMENT

EN/0197/18 – 9 Culver Street - Enforcement action authorised

Mr Reynolds from the Forest of Dean District Council will attend a short meeting with Councillors on 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm in the Market House to answer any questions.

#### 84.8 Estate Management

84.8.1 To receive the Estate Supervisor's report and agree any actions

No issues were raised.

84.8.2 Newent Rugby Club – Request to hold floodlight installation celebration match on Friday 9th November

**Resolved:** The request is approved, providing the parking stewards are in attendance and the lights are switched-off at the specified time in the licence agreement. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Mrs Moseley. All in favour.

84.9 To agree arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the format worked well last year and should be held again in the Memorial Hall in April.

84.10 To receive committee and representative reports

Town Clerk

Meeting regarding the tourist information centre in the Library

84.11 Notices and Information

Cllr Blick informed the Council that a Barn Dance for the Dolphin Club would be taking place in the Community Hall the following evening and all were welcome.

Cllr Mrs Moseley reminded the Council that the NDP launch meeting was taking place in the Memorial Hall the following evening.

The Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.23 ppm.