

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 26th March 2018 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

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

Also present – The Clerk and 6 members of the public

Public Participation Session: No items raised.

70.0 Apologies – Cllrs Mrs Marcovecchio and Beard.

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

70.2 Royal British Legion's proposals for marking the centenary of the end of the First World War and to consider proposal by Cllr Gooch

Mr Celino attended the meeting for this item and was welcomed by Cllr Mrs Davies. Mr Celino gave an overview of the planned concert and explained that many volunteers have stepped forward to help and various organisations will be involved including the Schools. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be invited to attend the event.

Mr Celino asked if the Council could make any contribution towards the event expenses and the Clerk was asked to forward a copy of the grant application form. It was agreed the Council would be very happy to advertise the event and Councillors may be able to contribute prizes for the raffle.

The Business Club had agreed that a window display competition could take place and this raised concerns regarding the Christmas Lights' window display.

Mr Celino asked if Cllr Thomas could be the Council's representative for the event and it was agreed this would be discussed at the AGM.

Mr Celino was thanked for attending the meeting.

(4 members of the public left the meeting at this juncture)

A long discussion took place regarding Cllr Gooch's suggestion for poppies to cascade down the Market House and there were some concerns as it would clash with the erection of the Christmas lights. The Christmas Lights Committee will discuss how the poppies could be incorporated with the Christmas Light theme. **Resolved:** The flag pole should be used to display poppies if the Christmas Lights Committee are unable to accommodate the poppies. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Blick, Seconded Cllr Mrs Wadley, 7 in favour, 3 abstentions.



70.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th March 2018

Resolved: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th March were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Heathfield, Seconded Cllr Mrs Moseley, 8 in favour, 2 abstentions.

70.4 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

Young Anglers project – Several emails have been exchanged and we are waiting for a meeting date from the project representatives.

Section 137 grants – Thank you letters have been received from the Forest of Dean Citizens Advice Bureau and Cobalt.

Speed Watch project – Awaiting a training date.

Annual Parish Meeting – An advert was placed in last week's New Ad. Posters are available for distribution.

Dog fouling – The Street Warden has been invited to give a talk at the School. Unfortunately, the CCTV cameras cannot be installed on the footpath between Foley Road and Culver Street.

All letters have been sent, as requested.

70.5 Finance

(Cllr Mrs Draper left the meeting whilst the next item was discussed)

70.5.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Payments made since last meeting	Chq No	£
Wages		4230.02
Teens in Crisis	14552	166.66
Severn Area Rescue Association	14553	166.66
COBALT	14554	166.66
Forest of Dean Citizens Advice	14555	1300.00
Barclaycard Transactions:		£
Fasthost Internet		3.00
Fasthost Internet		13.99
Payments to be considered	Chq No.	£
Valuation Office Agency	14556	905.40
Screwfix	14557	34.99
GMT Solutions	14558	81.84
Arnold Bartosch	14559	240.00
Direct Autos	14560	144.00
Forester Newspapers	14561	56.64
Buildbase	14562	76.57
SSE	14563	206.06

GCC	14589	1926.33
HMRC	14590	1694.36

Resolved: The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £11,412.38. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Blick, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

70.5.2 To review budget update report

The report was noted and no issues raised.

70.6 To consider response required to correspondence/consultations received

70.6.1 District Councillor Gooch – To consider cleaning the town pavements on a monthly basis and to consider replacing some of the town's flower tubs.

The Town Council is equally concerned about the detritus on the pavements and a lengthy discussion took place regarding Forest of Deans District Council's street cleansing contract and the reduction in service provided. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should circulate a copy of the District Council's cleaning contract and then the item will be discussed further.

A discussion took place regarding the flower tubs in the town and although the Town Council gave Newent in Bloom a grant of £1,500.00 it was noted that the tubs are not kept up all year round.

Resolved: The Business Club are asked to contribute to the purchase of the replacement flower tubs. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Blick, All in favour.

70.6.2 Freedom Leisure – To consider alternative proposal regarding Xplorer events at the Lake

Resolved: The current charges still stand. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

70.7 Planning

70.7.1 Planning applications to be considered

P0243/18/COU – 33 Ford House Road, The Scarr, Newent

Change of use from agricultural and equestrian land to extend existing caravan park to include up to 10 no. static holiday homes.

Resolved: No objection – subject to the following condition being implemented; tourist/holiday lets only allowed for 10 months of the year. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour.



P0155/18/FUL – The Three Cocks, Tewkesbury Road, Newent

Erection of a two storey rear extension and a single storey rear extension with associated works. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, All in favour.

P0263/18/FUL – 12 Coopers Way, 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 Mrs Howley, All in favour.

P0328/18/APP – Land north of Ross Road, Newent

Approval of reserved matters pursuant to Outline Planning Permission P0969/14/OUT for residential development of up to 85 dwellings, associated access, parking, landscaping, public open space and associated works. **Resolved:** Would like to see more bungalows built and a reduction in 5 bedroom houses. The Town Council will not take over landscape maintenance at the end of the 5 year maintenance programme and would like assurances that the service will continue. There are no renewables included in the design – solar panels, water harvesting etc should be included. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Blick, 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

P0255/18/FUL – Wildsmith Meadow, Malswick

Replacement of 5, and one new floodlights. Erection of 200 seater spectator stand with proposed additional car parking (resubmission). **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, All in favour.

P0360/18/FUL – 12 Lakeside, Newent

Erection of a single storey rear extension and side extension to provide workshop/store (part-retrospective). **Resolved:** No objection providing the covenants which are in place on Lakeside which includes agreement by all neighbours have been met. Also, that the workshop will not be used for commercial use. Would ask that the Planning Department check the covenants before making a decision. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Blick, All in favour.

70.7.2 To note planning decisions

PERMITTED

P0030/18/FUL – Rosella, Cliffords Mesne
Resiting of oil tank and erection of a greenhouse

P1920/17/FUL – Agricultural Building, The Moat, Anthony's Cross, Newent

Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of agricultural machinery

P0132/18/FUL – Glencairn Cottage, Cliffords Mesne

Erection of single storey extension incorporating 3 bay car port with associated works

P0001/18/FUL – 6 Birches Lane, Newent

Conversion and extension of existing outbuilding for use as holiday let/annexe

P1822/17/FUL – 3 Ross Road, Newent

Erection of summer house, replacement of retaining wall and erection of a 2m wall

REFUSAL

P1844/17/FUL – 1 The Stables, Southend Lane, Newent

Proposed subdivision of existing travellers' pitch, resitting of existing static caravans and 1 dwelling including annexed accommodation

70.7.3 Concerns regarding traffic from new housing developments

Cllr Mrs Duncan expressed concerns regarding traffic in the town and a discussion took place. **Resolved:** A meeting is arranged with Mark Harper MP to discuss the concerns. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

70.8 Estate Management

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

Councillors were notified that due to the extreme weather conditions the revetments went over budget by approximately £500.00.

A discussion took place regarding the cemetery road surface and the damage being caused by a large tree and options were discussed.

Resolved: The tree identified in the report as T2 is felled so the tarmacking can take place. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Vesma, Seconded Cllr Thomas, 7 in favour, 3 abstentions.

70.9 Office accommodation – to discuss next steps

Cllr Mrs Davies explained that a viewing of the former Barclays Bank had been arranged for the following day at 10.30 am. Some Councillors would not be available and the Clerk was asked to try and arrange a viewing on Saturday. An extraordinary meeting was scheduled for 3rd April to discuss all the options further. Note: Subsequent to the meeting the date of the extraordinary meeting was changed to 4th April.

70.10 To review and adopt Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Financial Regulations

The Working Group had made some changes to the documents and copies with tracked changes had previously been circulated. **Resolved:** The Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct documents are approved with the suggested changes. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, All in favour.

70.11 To consider booking a stall at this year's Onion Fayre

Resolved: The Council applies for a stall at this year's Onion Fayre. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Thomas, All in favour.

70.12 To consider a review of parking restrictions in the town

In the absence of Cllr Beard, this item was deferred

70.13 To receive committee and representative reports

Cllr Mrs Moseley

Community Safety Partnership

Cllr Thomas

Wye Valley Tourism Forum

70.14 Notices and Information

Cllr Mrs Moseley informed the Council that the space available for the Newsletter was being reduced, as the publication had been taken over.

The next Neighbourhood Development Plan meeting would be taking place on 4th April.

Cllr Mrs Howley informed the Council that the picnic benches had now been installed at the Lake.

Cllr Mrs Howley explained that letters had been distributed regarding the Community Open Day and there is a lot of interest.

Cllr Mrs Davies attended the Federation of Schools with the Street Warden and gave a talk on the problems of dog fouling. A poster competition took place and Cllrs Mrs Davies and Wood will judge the competition. All posters will be displayed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

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.

70.15 To review formal complaint

70.16 Staffing matters

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.06 pm.

J. Davies