

## NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs J Davies (Mayor), Mrs C Howley, E Heathfield, Mrs S Marcovecchio, Mrs K Draper, Mrs M Duncan, A Jones, Mrs G Moseley, Ms C Birkan, Mrs W Odhiambo, A Ralph, Mrs R Wadley

Also present – The Clerk and 3 members of the public

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Public Participation Session: No items raised.

03.1 Apologies – Cllr Beard.

03.2 Declaration of Interests

None.

03.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Heathfield, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, 11 in favour, 1 abstention.

03.4 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

All items have been actioned.

03.5 Finance

03.5.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Payments made since last meeting	Payment method	£
HMRC	BACS	1915.35
Gloucestershire County Council	BACS	2780.96
Newent Initiative Trust	15111	10000.00
Payments to be considered	Chq No.	£
GAPTC	15112	100.00
Glebe Chapel	15113	468.00
Rialtas	15114	451.20
Loop Scorpio	15115	135.00
Peninsula	15116	173.42
Treework Services Ltd	15117	842.40
Evershed Products	15118	78.00
EE	15119	31.50
G D Parker	15120	43.51
Chris Hyett	15121	105.00
Abbey Business Group	15122	57.59

Direct Autos	15123	21.00
Highleadon Filling Station	15124	150.87
Gooch Group Ltd	15125	1440.00
GMT Solutions	15126	93.12

**Resolved:** The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £18,886.92. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Mrs Marcovechio, All in favour.

### 03.6 To consider response required to correspondence/consultations received

#### 03.6.1 To consider request from Police to reposition mobile CCTV camera

The Police have requested the camera be moved to help with an investigation. There would be a cost of approximately £300.00 to relocate the camera. Councillors who attended a recent meeting with the Police were told the cost would be covered by Two Rivers Housing. **Resolved:** The request is approved, providing there is no cost to the Council. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllrs Mrs Wadley, All in favour.

### 03.7 Planning

#### 03.7.1 Planning applications to be considered

P0788/19/FUL – Meadland, Orchard Road, The Scarr, Newent

Conversion of agricultural storage building to form single dwelling and associated works. Erection of a single storey front porch.

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

P0756/19/FUL – 66 Lakeside, Newent

Single storey rear extension and new window on side extension.

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

P0053/19/Discon – AMENDED DESCRIPTION Black Dog Inn, Church Street, Newent

Discharge of conditions 05 (Cycle facilities), 07 (Construction Method Statement), 08 (Sound Insulation), 09 (Lighting), 12 (Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme), 13 (Root Protection Areas), 14 (Foul and surface water drainage), 19 (Materials), 20 (Boundary treatment) and 21 (Landscaping) of planning permission

P0831/18/FUL. **Resolved:** There was insufficient information supplied for the Council to be able to comment. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Jones, 11 in favour, 1 abstention.

### 03.7.2 To note planning decisions

#### PERMITTED/CONSENT

P0335/19/LBC – The Red Lion, 2 Broad Street, Newent

Listed Building Consent for the re-opening of previous entrance to rear garden, removal of fire escape, laying of decking, construction of retaining wall and associated works

P0334/19/FUL – The Red Lion, 2 Broad Street, Newent

Re-opening of previous entrance to rear garden, removal of fire escape, laying of decking, construction of retaining wall and associated works

P0497/19/FUL – 1 Knights Crescent, Newent

Erection of a single storey extension for the benefit of a disabled person

#### REFUSED

P0546/19/FUL Strawberry Hill Vineyard, 47 Orchard Road, The Scarr, Newent

Erection of a reception building incorporating wine storage, dispatch and office facilities with associated parking and landscaping

Gloucestershire County Council - Planning and Development Unit

Severn Trent Water Ltd, Agent: Wardell Armstrong LLP, Sir Henry Doulton House, Forge Lane, Etruria, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 5BD

Application 19/0021/FDMAJW (District Reference P0420/19/CPC) – Installation of area motor control centre kiosk, Newent Sewage Works, Cleeve Mill Lane, Newent – permission granted

### 03.8 Estate Management

#### 03.8.1 To consider process for consultation on selling The Lodge

The Council had agreed to consult the public on selling the Lodge. The Lodge was valued in February 2018 by the District Valuer.

A long discussion took place regarding the information that should be provided and the questions to be asked. Concerns were raised that questions would be raised regarding selling costs and about the office build. The Council had previously agreed to separate the consultation on the office accommodation; therefore, the information will be available at a later date.

**Resolved:** A public consultation takes place regarding the proposal to sell The Lodge at market value. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Draper, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, 8 in favour, 4 abstentions.

A discussion took place on the methods for consulting with the public. It was agreed that an event will take place in the Library one evening and under the Market House on a Saturday, questionnaires will be available in some shops and a poll available on the website. The consultation will be undertaken at the end of June/early July.

#### 03.8.2 Concerns regarding water fowl numbers at the Lake

Cllr Ms Birkan spoke regarding the reduced number of ducks and ducklings this year and would like to look into the causes. There are far more drakes, but the numbers do change over the years.

**Resolved:** The habitat including increasing reeds in certain areas is reviewed. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Jones, 11 in favour 1 abstention.

#### 03.8.3 To consider a proposal to install a second duck platform

Cllr Heathfield had circulated a report which stated that the residents who built and donated the first duck platform would be willing to provide a second one. Several Councillors spoke in favour of the proposal although some concerns were raised that the Council were not paying for the platform and that this should be looked at as part of a larger plan. **Resolved:** The Council accepts the offer for another duck platform, in keeping with the current duck platform, to be donated for installation at the Lake. Cllrs Mrs Howley, Heathfield and the Estate Supervisor to liaise with the residents and to look into improving the natural island, as well as incorporating the decision from item 03.8.2. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, 11 in favour, 1 against.

### 03.9 To review the following Council Policies

#### 03.9.1 Media Policy

**Resolved:** The Media Policy is re-adopted unchanged. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Draper, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

(1 member of the public left the meeting at this juncture)

#### 03.9.2 Grant Award Policy

**Resolved:** The Grant Award Policy is re-adopted unchanged. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Draper, Seconded Cllr Jones, All in favour.

### 03.9.3 Freedom of Information Policy Statement

**Resolved:** The Freedom of Information Policy Statement is amended and adopted. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Draper, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour.

### 03.9.4 Model Publication Scheme

**Resolved:** The updated Model Publication Scheme is adopted. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Draper, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

### 03.10 To receive committee and representative reports

Cllr Mrs Howley	Attendance at a Newent Orchestra concert
Cllr Mrs Howley	Several councillors planted up the town pots
Cllr Mrs Wadley	Forest Health Forum meeting
Cllrs Mrs Odhiambo & Mrs Moseley	Community Led Housing event
Cllr Heathfield	YAG meeting
Cllr Ms Birkan	CPRE meeting
Cllr Ms Birkan	Councillors meeting with Police

### 03.10 Notices and information

Cllr Mrs Davies was proud to announce that Cllr Beard had been awarded the British Empire Medal and all Councillors conveyed their congratulations. District Councillor Jane Horne had also received an MBE and a letter of congratulations would be sent on behalf of the Council.

Cllr Mrs Howley has organised for the Dolphin Club to have a walk around the Lake on 25<sup>th</sup> June and refreshments will then be served at the Black Dog. All Councillors were welcome to attend.

Cllr Jones reported that sadly Mr Blick had been taken ill and was currently in hospital. The Council would send a Get Well Soon card.

Cllr Ralph said posters had been put up in the town regarding the waste incinerator on the M5.

Cllr Heathfield has been invited to a Taurus Craft Open Day.

The Clerk reported that the Veg Out Zone's AGM would be taking place on 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7 pm at Mayfair, Watery Lane and all are welcome to attend.

Cllr Mrs Howley had a copy of final draft of the town leaflet for Councillors to view before it was printed.

Cllr Mrs Howley had purchased a book called 'Free Country' which she would be donating to the Council, as the authors had written about Newent and the Onion Fayre.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed 8.54 pm.