

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 11th November 2019 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm

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

Also present – The Clerk and 6 members of the public

Public Participation Session: A resident spoke regarding the cutting back of the Red Cedar Tree at the Lake and gave an overview of the letter submitted. The resident asked the Council to fell the tree or substantially cut it back and crown lift and remove all the dead wood.

District Councillor Gooch sent her apologies.

13.1 Apologies – Cllrs Mrs Howley and Jones.

13.2 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Mrs Davies declared an other interest in the request from the Joe Meek Society to have a meeting.

13.3 The Federation of Newent Schools general report

This item was deferred until the next meeting as Mr Lerner was unable to attend.

13.4 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th October 2019 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 5th November 2019

Cllr Ms Birkan referred to item 11.4 and stated she did not hear Cllr Jones say that he had spoken to her, only that Cllr Ms Birkan could produce her own risk assessment.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th October 2019 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Wadley, Seconded Cllr Mrs Duncan, 6 in favour, 1 against, 4 abstentions.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 5th November 2019 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Odhiambo, Seconded Cllr Mrs Duncan, 5 in favour, 6 abstentions.

Cllrs Mrs Wadley and Mrs Marcovecchio were thanked for taking the minutes at the meeting on 5th November.

13.5 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

From meeting on 28th October:

All correspondence has been sent.

From meeting on 5th November:

The Council's comments on the consultation have been submitted to the District Council.

Cllr Ms Birkan spoke regarding item 11.6.7 and apologised for not attending the meeting and requested that the meeting with Newent in Bloom is rescheduled. It was confirmed this wasn't possible.

Cllr Beard referred to item 11.4 stating that it was unwise for people to write their own risk assessments. Cllr Beard also requested that an item is added to the next agenda regarding purchasing a recording machine.

13.6 Finance

13.6.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Payments made since last meeting	Chq No	£
GCC	BACS	2800.37
HMRC	BACS	1933.10
Payments to be considered	Chq No.	£
Royal British Legion	15257	68.50
EE	15258	39.97
Peninsular	15259	173.42
SLCC	15260	7.50
Vision Office Technical Services Ltd	15261	79.78
Fields in Trust	15262	300.00
Ermin Plant	15263	167.19
G D Parker & Co	15264	82.63
Viking	15265	152.89
Ofcom	15266	300.00
Adzor Ltd	15267	468.00
Cardiac Science Holdings (UK) Ltd	15268	1824.00
GRRC	15269	150.00
GMT Solutions	15270	93.12
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	15271	346.80
Mainstream Digital	15272	52.29
Safpro	15273	111.19
National Test Services	15274	93.33
Chris Hyett	15275	105.00
National Test Services	15276	52.94
C Howley	15277	22.36
K Noble	15278	28.40

Resolved: The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £9,452.78. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour.

13.7 To consider response required to correspondence/consultations received

13.7.1 Gloucestershire County Council – Statement of Community Involvement – 2nd review consultation

Cllrs Mrs Moseley and Mrs Odhiambo will draft a response for consideration at the next meeting. County Councillor Windsor-Clive will be asked to attend a meeting with the two Councillors.

13.7.2 A resident – Request for a Western Red Cedar tree at the Lake to be cut back

Several Councillors stated they would not like to see the tree felled, but agreed some maintenance work may be required and advice should be sought from an expert. Some concerns were raised regarding the tree roots. **Resolved:** The Council seeks expert advice regarding works to the tree. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Draper, Seconded Cllr Beard, 10 in favour, 1 abstention.

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

13.7.3 Forest of Dean District Council – Licensing application variation consultation F/19/00347/STC

The applicant wishes to extend the trading hours.

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

13.7.4 Forest of Dean District Council – Invitation to a Solar Streets Project presentation on 27th November at 6 pm in Coleford

Cllr Mrs Wadley will confirm to the Clerk if she is available to attend.

13.7.5 Joe Meek Society – Requesting a meeting to discuss siting of a Joe Meek statue in the Market Square

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

(Cllr Beard chaired the meeting for this item)

A lengthy discussion took place. Several Councillors were in favour of a meeting and felt the whole Council should be in attendance. The design of the Market Square as a whole should be considered.

Resolved: The Joe Meek Society will be invited to give a presentation at the next Council meeting. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Wadley, Seconded Cllr Mrs Duncan, All in favour.

13.7.6 To consider advertising in the Welcome to Gloucestershire publication for 2020

A copy of the publication was circulated. Copies are distributed to hotels and B&Bs etc throughout Gloucestershire.

Several copies of the brochure were also delivered to local B&Bs etc by Cllr Mrs Howley. It is not possible to know if the advert has had an impact.

Resolved: A full page advert is approved at a cost of £725.00 + VAT. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Wadley, All in favour.

13.7.7 Newent Ghost Walks – Request permission for the Lake area to be included in the Ghost Walks held every Saturday evening

A long discussion took place and many concerns were raised including children participating in the walks. **Resolved:** The Council does not support the Ghost Walks. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, 9 in favour, 2 abstentions.

13.7.8 Forest of Dean District Council – To consider dates for free parking in Lewall Street Car Park

The Council can apply for 2 free parking days before the end of December. The Clerk suggested 7th December to support Small Business Saturday and maybe a Saturday near Christmas.

Resolved: The Council will request free parking in Lewall Street Car Park on 7th and 21st December. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Davies, Seconded Cllr Beard, All in favour.

13.8 Planning

13.8.1 Planning applications to be considered

P1675/19/FUL – 2 Market Square, Newent

Removal of condition 04 (parking) of planning permission P0942/19/18/FUL. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Wadley, All in favour.

P1608/19/FUL – Bridge Street Depot, Bridge Street, Newent

Erection of a single storey extension including recladding of external elevations and partial re-roofing with associated works.

(Retrospective). **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Beard, All in favour.

P1666/19/FUL – 35 Ford House Road, The Scarr, Newent

Conversion of agricultural storage building to form single dwelling. (revised scheme). **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Ms Birkan, All in favour.

P1465/19/FUL – Newtown Farm, Tewkesbury Road, Newent

Erection of a cold fruit and/or plant store with associated works and

P1669/19/FUL – Newtown Farm Cottage, Tewkesbury Road, Newent, Erection of cold store extension off existing agricultural building. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, 10 in favour, 1 abstention.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

P1990/18/OUT Appeal by Kodiak Land – Site: Land Off, Bradfords Lane, Newent Development: Outline planning permission for up to 50 dwellings, new planting and landscaping, informal open space, car parking, vehicular access point from Bradfords Lane and associated ancillary works. All matters to be reserved with the exception of the main vehicular site access. (resubmission).

Cllr Mrs Moseley gave some background information regarding this appeal.

13.8.2 To note planning decisions

PERMITTED/CONSENT

P1219/19/FUL – Newent Community Centre, Ross Road, Newent
Erection of a single storey extension, a three storey staircase extension and creation of a third floor mezzanine level including external and internal alterations and replacement roof together with the removal of existing railing and associated works.

P0884/19/FUL – Rosella, Cliffords Mesne

Erection of a two storey extension and first floor extension with associated works

P1394/19/TPO – Land off Foley Road, Newent

Works to trees covered by TPO156 in accordance with the submitted details (Trees T2, T5, G7, T8, T10, T11, T12 of the submitted Tree Survey)

P1354/19/FUL – Tom Roberts Adventure Centre, Yates Farm, Malswick

Erection of an agricultural style barn for the storage of machinery

REFUSED

P1568/19/Nonmat – Land at Rymes Farm, Malswick
 Non-material amendment to P1976/14/FUL to omit the installation of
 scrapes and swales

13.9 Estate Management

13.9.1 To consider planting of trees around the Lake as markers for the
 benefit of walkers and joggers, as requested by Newent in Bloom

Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio had met with the Estate Supervisor and a
 representative from Newent in Bloom and marked out where the
 trees could be sited. There would be 11 trees spaced at more or
 less 100 metre intervals. Silver Birches are the preferred tree and
 some may be used from the tree crèche. The trees could be planted
 as part of the Tree Charter Day.

It was agreed that arrangements are discussed at the meeting with
 Newent in Bloom and reported back to the next meeting.

13.9.2 To receive the Market House visitors report

The report was noted. The Clerk was asked to convey the Council's
 thanks to the Market House Stewards.

13.10 To agree amendment to Standing Orders

The Clerk requested that future dispensations be approved at Council or
 relevant Committees instead of the Proper Officer making the decision.
 Some Councillors would prefer the Proper Officer to continue. **Resolved:**
 Item 12e of the Standing Orders are amended to read as follows 'A
 decision as to whether to grant a dispensation shall be made by a meeting
 of the Council, or Committee or Sub-Committee for which the dispensation
 is required and that decision is final'. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr
 Beard, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, 9 in favour, 2 against.

13.11 To agree arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk asked if the Council would be happy to continue with last year's
 format and confirmed the dates the Memorial Hall would be available.
 It was agreed to continue with the format and for it to take place on 2nd or
 9th April 2020.

13.12 To appoint an Events Working Group

Cllrs Mrs Howley, Mrs Odhiambo and Mrs Draper volunteered.

13.13 To approve newsletter

The circulated draft newsletter will be amended to add an item regarding the poppies and to remove the item on the NDP display. **Record of**

Voting: The newsletter is approved with the agreed amendments. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Draper, Seconded Cllr Mrs Wadley, All in favour.

13.14 To consider rearranging/cancelling meeting on 23rd December

Resolved: The meeting scheduled for 23rd December is cancelled.

Record of Voting: Proposed Cllr Mrs Draper, Seconded Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, All in favour.

13.15 To receive committee and representative reports

Cllr Mrs Howley	Youth meeting
Cllr Mrs Wadley	Youth meeting
Cllr Mrs Draper	Christmas Lights event
Cllr Heathfield	Newent Onion Fayre Cttee meeting

13.16 Notices and information

Cllrs Mrs Draper, Beard, Heathfield and Mrs Davies represented the Council at the Remembrance Service on Sunday.

Cllrs Mrs Davies, Mrs Wadley and Heathfield represented the Council at the Remembrance Service at the Community School earlier today. The children were impeccably behaved and a letter of thanks will be sent.

Cllr Mrs Draper asked for donations for the Christmas hamper to be brought to the next meeting.

Cobalt had sent a letter of thanks for the grant received and they would be happy to arrange a tour of the facilities for Councillors.

Cllr Mrs Duncan confirmed the defibrillator has been purchased and the Clerk is liaising with the Library regarding installation.

Cllr Mrs Moseley stated that an NDP Steering Group meeting would be taking place on Thursday.

Cllr Beard informed the Council the new Police Inspector was in the town recently.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed 9.09 pm.