

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 12th August 2019 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

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

Also present – District Councillor Gooch, the Clerk and 7 members of the public

Public Participation Session: One member of the public, who is on the committee who submitted the planning application, spoke in favour of planning application P0991/19/FUL and gave background information regarding Valegro and how the statue in the Market Square would benefit the town.

(Cllrs Mrs Odhiambo and Ms Birkan arrived during the public participation session)

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

07.1 Apologies – Cllr Heathfield.

07.2 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Mrs Moseley had declared an other interest in planning application P0991/19/FUL and had received a dispensation to speak and vote on the item from the Proper Officer.

Cllr Mrs Wadley had declared an other interest in planning application P0991/19/FUL and had received a dispensation to speak on the item from the Proper Officer.

Cllr Mrs Howley declared a pecuniary interest in planning application P0085/19/Discon.

07.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd July 2019

P626 - Cllr Mrs Moseley requested that when being referred to as a District Councillor, her title is not used.

P629 - Cllr Ms Birkan queried whether the Dr's Surgery had complained about the smell from the fish and chip van in the Library Car Park and it was confirmed that an email had been received from the Practice Manager.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd July 2019 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, 11 in favour, 1 abstention.

07.4 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

All correspondence had been sent.

Cllr Beard asked for an update on 6.12 and if funding had been secured towards the defibrillator. Two organisations had been contacted.

07.5 Finance

07.5.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Payments made since last meeting	Payment method	£
Wages		7717.43
HMRC	BACS	1915.75
GCC	BACS	2780.96
Barclaycard transactions		
Fasthost Internet		6.00
Fasthost Internet		13.19
Door Furniture Direct		25.72
Direct Debit/Standing Order/ payments in July		
Lex Autolease	DD	603.44
Lloyds Bank	DD	5.00
British Gas	DD	4.69
British Gas	DD	57.38
British Gas	DD	34.24
Payments to be considered	Chq No.	£
Clegg Associates	15159	2376.00
Archer Signs	15160	86.22
Ermin Plant	15161	164.46
Viking	15162	148.77
EE	15163	34.92
Peninsula	15164	173.42
Chris Hyett	15165	105.00
Arnold Bartosch	15166	2040.00
Vision Office Technical	15167	69.97
GD Parker	15168	41.56
Highleadon Filling Station	15169	286.35
GMT Solutions	15170	93.12
Water Plus	15171	334.68
Upton Consultants	15172	461.52
Grundon Waste Management	15173	156.70
Mainstream Digital	15174	55.32
XSR Computers	15175	52.91
Chamberlain Nurseries	15176	87.71

Resolved: The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £19,932.43. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Howley
Seconded Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, All in favour.

07.6 Planning

07.6.1 Planning applications to be considered

P0084/19/Discon – The Red Lion, 2 Broad Street, Newent

Discharge of condition 04 (authority inspection) relating to listed building consent P0335/19/LBC. Application withdrawn

P0991/19/FUL – Market House, Market Square, Newent

Erection of a half life size bronze statue of Olympic dressage horse, mounted on a plinth.

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

Many comments were made in favour of the proposal and some concerns were also raised. The Council had been informed that ownership by a local authority would be required. Cllr Mrs Duncan proposed that the application is not supported, this was not seconded. **Resolved:** The Council supports the project, but would ask the applicant to withdraw the planning application until the Town Council has developed a holistic design for the market square and in sympathy with the proposed project. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Odhiambo, 8 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstentions.

(District Councillor Gooch left the meeting at this juncture)

(Cllr Mrs Howley left the meeting whilst the following application was discussed)

P0085/19/Discon – Glebe Chapel, Glebe Close, Newent

Discharge of conditions 06 (Biodiversity enhancement Scheme) and 07 (Hard and Soft Landscaping) of planning permission P1746/17/FUL. Cllr Mrs Duncan proposed no objection, which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Draper. Cllr Jones requested an amendment to the proposal. **Resolved:** No objection, providing wildlife enhancements such as bat and bird boxes, hedgehog habitats are included as well as solar panels, air source heat pumps and water harvesting systems. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Jones, Seconded Cllr Mrs Wadley, 7 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstentions

P1153/19/FUL – 14 Glebe Road, Newent

Erection of a 2 bed (attached) dwelling with associated works. (Demolition/removal of existing chalet and ancillary outbuildings). (Revised Scheme). **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Beard, All in favour.

P1107/19/TCA – Ourome, Graces Pitch, Newent

Remove and replace 1 x Silver Birch Tree at Ourome. **Resolved:** Object – would wish to see the tree coppiced and not felled. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Ms Birkan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, 8 in favour, 2 against, 2 abstentions.

P1146/19/FUL – Holly Tree Cottage, The Row, Cliffords Mesne
Change of use of paddock land to residential curtilage including the erection of a two storey annexe ancillary to main dwelling with associated works. Demolition of existing garage. **Resolved:** No objection, but would draw attention to:- DC8 states that the property is on an unclassified road leading to a Class 3 road. It is, in fact, on a Restricted Byway, Newent No. 144. The exit, on to the principal road through the village, is blind to the one side. A similar application at the western end of the 144 on to a very minor road was not supported by Highways. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Wadley, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, 10 in favour, 2 abstentions.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

An Appeal has been made to the Secretary of State (to be dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate) against an enforcement notice issued by the Forest of Dean District Council for the following reason – without planning permission, the construction of 11 residential dwellings. 9 Culver Street, Newent. APP/P1615/C/18/3216444. **Resolved:** The Council writes in full support of the District Council's enforcement action. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

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

An Appeal has been made to the Secretary of State (to be dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate) against an enforcement notice issued by the Forest of Dean District Council for the following reason – without planning permission, the erection of a dwelling and the change of use of the land for the siting of a static caravan for residential use. Land at Mantley Chase Workshop, Ross Road, Newent. APP/P1615/C/18/3215508. **Resolved:** The Council writes in full support of the District Council's enforcement action. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, All in favour.

07.6.2 To note planning decisions

PERMITTED/CONSENT

P0830/19/FUL – Newent Recreation Ground, Watery Lane, Newent
Erection of a community building with associated parking and works.
Removal of temporary cafeteria building and shipping containers

P0756/19/FUL – 66 Lakeside, Newent
Single storey rear extension and new window on side elevation

P0073/19/Discon – Glebe Chapel, Glebe Close, Newent
Discharge of condition 11 (roofing and external facing materials)
relating to planning permission P1746/17/FUL

P0859/19/LBC – The Poplars and The Fledgelings, High Street, Newent
Listed Building Consent for the installation of steps and railings to the entrance of Fledgelings Unit 1 and installation of gates to the yard serving Units 1 and 4 of Poplars Cottage including the installation of x 2 fireplaces in Unit 3 of The Poplars

P1040/19/TCA – Coach House, Graces Pitch, Newent
Fell and remove 1 x Eucalyptus tree

P0971/19/TCA – Land at Court Road, Newent
Works to x 8 trees on land adjacent to Court Road in accordance with submitted details

REFUSAL

P0836/19/FUL – 35 Ford House Road, The Scarr, Newent
Conversion of agricultural storage building to form single dwelling

5 DAY NOTICE – Development off Foley Road, Newent

A 5 Day Notice to remove one Hawthorn tree and two Ash Trees has been approved by Forest of Dean District Council. The trees are considered dangerous making them exempt from Tree Preservation Order and Trees in Conservation Areas regulations/procedures. Information on the replacement of the trees has been requested.

07.7 Estate Management

07.7.1 To agree expenditure for storage container

Three quotations had been received for the purchase of a 20 ft container for siting at the Cemetery. **Resolved:** Quotation A is accepted at a cost of £2085.00 plus VAT. Expenditure of £798.80 is approved for installation costs. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Beard, All in favour.

07.7.2 To consider selling the Cemetery Lodge following consultation

185 valid consultation responses had been received. 77 were in favour of selling the Cemetery Lodge, 105 were against, 3 were unsure. All comments were circulated.

A lengthy discussion took place. A proposal was made by Cllr Beard to put the Cemetery Lodge on the market and sell by auction with a reserved price to be agreed by Council, which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Odhiambo.

At this juncture the meeting was adjourned due to a councillor being taken unwell.

This item would be deferred to the next meeting.

The Mayor then declared the meeting closed 9.06 pm.