

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd April 2019 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs J Davies (Mayor), E Wood, E Heathfield, Mrs C Howley, Mrs S Marcovecchio, Mrs K Draper, R Beard, Mrs M Duncan, A Jones, V Vesma, Mrs R Wadley, D Blick, Mrs G Moseley

Also present – The Clerk and 2 members of the public

Public Participation Session: No items raised.

95.0 Apologies – None.

95.1 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Mrs Howley declared an interest in planning application P0039/19/DISCON.

Cllr Mrs Davies declared an interest in the correspondence from the Joe Meek Society.

95.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th April 2019

Resolved: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th April 2019 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Beard, All in favour.

95.3 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

Deed of Variation Grants – Letters have been sent to applicants. GCC has responded today confirming the Council's recommendations are approved and funding will be released in due course.

Street lighting and walls in alley between the Market Square and Co-op – Letters have been sent to the Co-op and property owners.

Lease agreement at Newent Community Centre – A commercial lease specialist at Davies & Partners has been appointed to review the lease and suggest amendments at a cost of £550 + VAT. Further charges could be incurred if negotiations are required.

95.4 Finance

95.4.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Payments made since last meeting	£
Wages	7742.53

Barclaycard Transactions:		£
Fasthost Internet		6.00
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G A Baker & Son		200.00
Me Learning		24.00
Wessex Garage		15.00
Payments to be considered	Chq No.	£
Ermin Plant	15058	33.48
Screwfix	15059	59.98
Chamberlain Nurseries	15060	30.00
Viking	15061	245.60
SLCC Enterprises	15062	144.00
Kingfisher Media	15063	870.00
Cancelled	15064	
GAPTC	15065	1362.49
Calfordseaden	15066	3600.00
Information Commissioner	15067	40.00
Water Plus	15068	21.99
K Noble	15069	54.02
Cancelled	15070	
Legal & General	15071	2116.38

Resolved: The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £14,462.28. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

95.4.2 To consider quotation for VAT consultancy

The Clerk requested that this item be deferred to a future meeting, as a second quotation is awaited. Following further advice, there is no need for the Council to register for VAT at the current time.

95.5 To consider response required to correspondence/consultations received

95.5.1 Forest of Dean District Council – To consider street trading licence application for Made Without Gluten Ltd

The District Council have confirmed that they do not allow any commercial businesses to operate from council owned car parks.

Resolved: No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Draper, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, 12 in favour, 1 abstention.

95.5.2 Young Anglers Project – To consider waiving charges for the Young Anglers monthly training sessions at the lake and to remove fishing permit charges for under 16s

A very lengthy discussion took place. Several comments in favour of the request were made including; parents of the children already pay council tax, the Council should not make charges for use of amenities, numbers of people who fish at the lake have reduced since charges were implemented and the Council should help community groups. A number of concerns were also raised including; the budget and precept have already been set and the Council need to be mindful of the tight budgets and lack of income, it is not a fishing lake, other community groups pay charges, YAP had the opportunity to apply for S137 funding and missed an opportunity for more deed of variation grant funding.

Resolved: The decision is deferred until a full review of all lake charges is undertaken at a Council meeting in May. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, 9 in favour, 4 abstentions.

95.5.3 Joe Meek Society – Request support for a Joe Meek statue to be installed outside No 1 Market Square

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

Several Councillors spoke in support of the statue; however, the Council are aware that this location is also being considered for the Valegro statue and a replacement tree by the seat. Some concerns were raised that the space is not sufficient for both statues and Councillors were reminded that the Christmas Tree is also erected in the Market Square. **Resolved:** The Council is in support of both the Joe Meek and Valegro statues and the Council will obtain some advice regarding the layout for siting them both in the Market Square. The Joe Meek Society will also be asked to consider the statue being seated. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Jones, 10 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention.

95.6 Planning

95.6.1 Planning applications to be considered

P0442/19/LD1 – Roses Country Fayre, 52 Ledbury Road, Newent

Application under Section 191 to establish whether use of caravan on site is lawful. **Resolved:** No comment. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Jones, 12 in favour, 1 abstention.

P0415/19/FUL – 1 The Stables, Southend Lane, Newent

Erection of a detached bungalow with associated parking, landscaping and works.

Resolved: Object. This is a site for the stationing and siting of caravans, not for permanent properties. As stated in a previous application for this site P1844/17/FUL as Plot 1 was considered as being a large plot, “there is room to create another plot to the rear of the new build.” If this is the case, this area could be considered for a further caravan in preference to a permanent build. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

P0428/19/FUL – 28 Vauxhall, Newent

Erection of a single storey front extension with associated works. Demolition of conservatory. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Vesma, All in favour.

P0172/19/FUL – 11 Bradfords Lane, Newent

Erection of a two storey semi-detached dwelling with associated parking and landscaping – REVISED PLANS. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

(Cllrs Mrs Howley left the room whilst the next item was discussed)

P0039/19/Discon – Glebe Chapel, Glebe Close, Newent

Discharge of Condition 12 (Construction Management Statement) relating to planning permission P1746/17/FUL. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Beard, All in favour.

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

P0497/19/FUL – 1 Knights Crescent, Newent

Erection of a single storey extension for the benefit of a disabled person. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, All in favour.

95.6.2 To note planning decisions

PERMITTED/CONSENT

P0369/19/PO3PA – Unit 2B, Bellstone, Redmarley Road, Newent
Prior approval for conversion of B1(c) light industrial to C3 residential. Prior Approval not required.

P1374/18/FUL – Conigree Court, Conigree Road, Newent
Erection of general purpose farm building, portal frame building to house free standing horse stables and replacement smaller/lower portal frame building to replace existing unsafe farm building to provide storage and horse shower. Construction of riding manege and lunge ring.

REFUSED

P0058/19/FUL – 14 Glebe Rd, Newent
Erection of a semi-detached dwelling with associated works.
Demolition of existing pigeon loft

P1990/18/OUT – Land off Bradfords Lane, Newent
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).

95.7 Estate Management

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

The report was noted.

Two quotations had been received for spiking, rolling and harrowing of the recreation ground pitches. **Resolved:** Company B's quotation is accepted at a cost of £463.50 + VAT. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

95.7.2 To consider proposal to reposition bus shelter in the High Street

The Clerk explained there had been some issues with the company appointed by the bus company's insurance company. Gloucestershire County Council has agreed to cover any additional costs if the Council agree to move the bus shelter. **Resolved:** The bus shelter is re-sited, as shown on the circulated plan, and the bench is relocated to the current bus shelter location. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Wood, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

95.8 To review the Strategic Plan

The plan was reviewed and some further updates given;

1c – YAG is nearly up to full membership and there are interesting items on the next agenda.

1d – A date for the Facebook page is not yet agreed.

7c – The NDP funding application has been delayed.

4b – A meeting with Newent in Bloom is taking place the following evening.

95.9 To receive committee and representative reports

Cllr Mrs Howley

A CCTV meeting is arranged for Friday. Phase 1 of the upgrade will hopefully be completed in September.

Cllrs Mrs Marcovecchio & Wood

Allotment inspection. It was requested that the wildlife area is added to the next agenda.

Cllr Mrs Moseley

NDP Steering Group minutes will be circulated to Council once approved.

95.10 Notices and information

Cllr Mrs Wadley wished everyone who is standing for election good luck.

Cllr Beard thanked Cllr Blick for his service to the Council and Newent and this was reiterated by all those present.

Cllr Blick informed the Council that there is a concert in the Kings Arms on Friday at 8 pm in aid of the Air Ambulance.

Cllr Mrs Duncan stated that District Councillor Gooch had approached her to complain regarding the cleanliness of the Market Square.

Cllr Mrs Davies thanked all the Councillors for their service over the past 4 years and wished everyone who was standing good luck. Cllrs Vesma and Blick were also thanked and wished good luck for the future. The residents who attend the meetings were also thanked.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.54 pm.