

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 8th July 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, Mrs G Moseley, Ms C Birkan, Mrs W Odhiambo, R Beard, Mrs R Wadley, A Ralph

Also present – The Clerk and 8 members of the public

Public Participation Session: Three residents spoke in favour of the Council adopting a climate emergency policy. It needs to be addressed locally as well as nationally, although the Council needs to take a considered approach so it is not just a token gesture.

A member of the public spoke in favour of the Council signing up to the Tree Charter and suggested fruit trees could be planted around the town, as many of the orchards have now been cut down.

05.1 Apologies – Cllr Jones.

05.2 Declaration of Interests

None.

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

05.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th June 2019

Resolved: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 24th June 2019 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, 11 in favour, 1 abstention.

05.4 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

Newent History Society's Book – The book has been purchased and is now on display in the Market House.

Cemetery Lodge Consultation – Due to the online questionnaire being unavailable over the weekend, the online consultation will be extended until Sunday evening.

05.5 Finance

05.5.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Payments made since last meeting	Payment method	£
HMRC		1938.57
GCC		2795.55

Payments to be considered	Chq No.	£
MKM	15136	22.67
Ambrose Ltd	15137	2090.75
Suttons	15138	32.46
EE	15139	31.50
GAPTC	15140	195.00
GDR Solutions	15141	84.00
Water plus	15142	14.16
Glebe Chapel	15143	468.00
GD Parker	15144	58.40

Resolved: The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £8,308.26. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, All in favour.

05.6 To consider response required to correspondence/consultations received

05.6.1 Forest of Dean District Council – Proposed diversion of public footpath GNE 82 (part)

This item was deferred until the next meeting due to lack of detail regarding location.

05.6.2 A resident – Requesting Newent Town Council considers adopting a Climate Emergency Policy and Strategy

Several Councillors spoke in favour of this item. The NDP will contain a large section relating to the environment.

Resolved: A Climate Emergency Policy and Strategy will be considered as part of the Councils four year strategic plan. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Davies, Seconded Cllrs Mrs Howley, All in favour.

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

05.7 Planning

05.7.1 Planning applications to be considered

P0879/19/FUL – Woodland View Farm, Great Bouldson, Newent
Erection of a replacement storage building (part-retrospective).

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

P0971/19/TCA – Land at Court Road, Newent

Works to x 8 trees on land adjacent to Court Road in accordance with submitted details. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Beard, All in favour.

05.7.2 To note planning decisions

PERMITTED/CONSENT

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

P0288/19/FUL – Commonfields Farm, Bouldson, Newent

Erection of a steel portal framed agricultural storage building with associated works. Demolition of existing barn

P0627/19/LBC – Oldbury House, Court Lane, Newent

Listed Building Consent for alterations to repair interior kitchen ceiling and replacement of part existing roof

P0777/19/TCA – Porch House, 35 Church Street, Newent

20% reduction of x 1 Willow

P0656/19/LD2 – 20 Knights Crescent, Newent

Application under Section 192 to establish whether a dropped kerb with associated works requires planning permission – Lawful Development Certificate issued

05.8 To consider signing up to the Tree Charter and participating in the Tree Charter Day on 30th September 2019

There are 10 principles of the Charter. The Council is already undertaking a lot of work which relates to the Charter. **Resolved:** The Council signs the Tree Charter and participates in the Tree Charter Day on 30th September. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, 10 in favour, 2 abstentions.

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

05.9 To consider priorities for Gloucestershire County Council's footpath maintenance schedule

Following meetings with the Highways Manager where the condition of several footpaths had been raised, the Council has been asked to prioritise the footpaths, as works will be undertaken when funding becomes available. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the updated list for Councillors to prioritise and then collate the information to be submitted to Gloucestershire County Council.

05.10 To approve newsletter

Cllr Mrs Moseley noted some amendments and the Newsletter was agreed.

05.11 To receive committee and representative reports

Cllr Heathfield	Newent Onion Fayre Committee
Cllrs Mrs Marcovecchio, Mrs Howley and Mrs Moseley	Newent Initiative Trust AGM
Cllr Mrs Wadley	Forest Health Forum

05.12 Notices and information

Cllr Mrs Davies reminded the Council that the Allotment Association are holding a BBQ on 13th July at 12.30 pm and all councillors are welcome to attend.

Cllr Mrs Howley confirmed the town leaflets had been printed and were being distributed.

Cllr Heathfield enjoyed attending the Taurus Crafts event.

The litter critters will be placed around the Lake again this summer to promote removal of litter.

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 following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

05.13 To consider office accommodation feasibility study

The Mayor declared the meeting closed 8.23 pm.