

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the online Newent Town Council Meeting held on 28th September 2020 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Mrs C Howley (Mayor), Mrs M Duffield (Deputy Mayor), E Heathfield, Mrs K Draper, Mrs R Wadley, Mrs S Marcovecchio, Mrs J Gooch, R Beard, Ms C Birkan

Also present – County Cllr W Windsor-Clive, District Cllr V Vesma, Town Clerk, Assistant to the Clerk and 2 members of the public

Public Participation Session: None

30.1 Apologies – Cllrs Mrs G Moseley, Mrs W Odhiambo, A Ralph

30.2 Declaration of Interests

Declarations of interests were received from:

Cllrs Mrs Howley and Ms Birkan – to consider fees and charges proposal 2021/22 relating to the Allotments

Cllrs Mrs Draper and Heathfield – Newent Initiative Trust – request support in kind to remove circular seat, flower tub and tree stump

Cllr Mrs Gooch – whilst not declaring an interest, wished it recorded that she would not take part and would refrain from voting in agenda items – Forest of Dean District Council – Draft Housing Strategy 2020-2024 consultation and Forest of Dean District Council – Council Tax Support Scheme consultation

30.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 September 2020

Resolved: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 September 2020 were approved after the following amendments:-

Page 810 First para – remove title - *Mrs Beard*

Page 813 P1290/20/FUL 33 Ford House Rd, The Scarr, Newent

Record of Voting to be included.

Record of Voting: Proposed by Cllr Mrs Draper, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Wadley, 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

30.4 Clerk's update and matters arising from previous Minutes

All items have been actioned and correspondence sent. Cllr Mrs Gooch requested a copy of the letter that had been sent with reference to the Confidential minutes.

30.5 Finance

30.5.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Wages £9,450.56

Barclaycard Transactions: Total £

Fasthost Internet	6.00
Fasthost Internet	13.85
Zoom	14.39
Fasthost Internet	73.20

Direct Debit/Standing Order/BACS payments August:

	Payment type	Total £
Lex Autolease	DD	605.41
Lloyds Bank	DD	5.00
Allstar	DD	79.24
Allstar	DD	81.22
Allstar	DD	11.70
Newent Association for the Disabled	BACS	35.00
GCC	BACS	3205.45
HMRC	BACS	2414.15

Payments made since last meeting Total £

Glasdon UK	BACS	145.02
Itseeze	BACS	540.00

Payments to be considered Payment type/
Chq No. Total £

Country Corner	BACS	364.56
HB Digital	BACS	468.72
Oakey & Son Ltd	BACS	192.48
Glebe Chapel	BACS	450.00
A Twigg-Flesner	15512	139.99
Ladder and Fencing Industries	15513	202.80
Severn Area Rescue Association	15514	200.00
Newent Initiative Trust	15515	9000.00

Resolved: The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £27,698.74. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Draper, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio. All in favour.

30.5.2 To receive budget update (August)

Members considered the budget update for August. **Resolved:** The budget update be approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Beard, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Draper. All in favour

30.5.3 To consider fees and charges proposal for 2021/2022

Members considered the Hire & Event charges and the Cemetery Fees.

A discussion took place with regard to whether the Lake event charges should be considered on a case by case basis.

Resolved: The charges be accepted as proposed. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Beard, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Duffield, 5 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention.

Cllrs Mrs Howley and Ms Birkan left the meeting at this juncture.

Members went on to consider the Allotment charges.

Resolved: The fees be approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Wadley, Seconded by Cllr Beard, 7 in favour

Cllrs Mrs Howley and Ms Birkan returned to the meeting.

30.6 To consider response required to correspondence/consultations received

30.6.1 Cheltenham Motor Club – Hills Ford Three Shires Stages – Sunday 5 September 2021

The Event organiser, in preparation for an official consultation at a later date, had set out extensive details of the proposed Rally next year in September 2021 and had invited contact from the Council with any questions that might be raised.

A point was raised by a Member that whilst consultation would take place with those affected by the event along the route, the date of the event co-incided with many local farmers harvesting at this time in the area and last year they had not been aware of the event taking place. It would be very helpful to them to be made aware of the event and the route it was taking.

The Event organisers be asked to notify local farmers accordingly.

30.6.2 Forest of Dean District Council – Draft Housing Strategy 2020-2024 consultation

Members considered the consultation document to which favourable comments were made. Cllr Ms Birkan was thanked for her written input on the document to the meeting.

30.6.3 Forest of Dean District Council – Council Tax Support Scheme consultation

Members considered the consultation and noted that there did not appear to be an appeal facility to the process. Members were referred to the survey at the back of the document and were encouraged to complete it. One member stated that each category recognised people of working age but what about those who were not of working age? It was agreed to feed this comment back as part of the consultation.

30.6.4 Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Councils – Invitation to consider submitting a resolution for debate at the virtual AGM on 9 December 2020

Resolved: A resolution be submitted that the Policing organisations be approached to get clarity of policing policy for Newent. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Beard, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Wadley, All in favour. Cllr Beard advised he would be at the AGM in another capacity and would be available to present the resolution for debate.

30.6.5 Newent Initiative Trust – Request support in kind to remove circular seat, flower tub and tree stump

Cllrs Mrs Draper and Heathfield left the meeting at this juncture.

Considerable discussion ensued with regard to the storage/use of the circular seat once removed and the stability of the ground once the tree stump had also been removed. One Member considered that no doubt the people involved will be taking care of the foundations, the tree was dead and did not have significant roots and would be taken account of in the foundation design.

Resolved: The Estates Supervisor remove the seat and tub at the earliest opportunity and to advise Newent Initiative Trust that the Town Council is unable to remove the tree stump. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Gooch, Seconded by Cllr Beard, 6 in favour, 1 against.

Cllrs Mrs Draper and Heathfield returned to the meeting.

30.6.6 Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government – Transparency & Competition – A call for evidence on data and land control consultation

It was suggested that a small working party study the document for discussion at a future meeting prior to the closing date of 30 October 2020.

Resolved: A working group be set up consisting of Cllrs Mrs Wadley, Mrs Howley and Ms Birkan. **Record of voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Wadley, All in favour.

30.6.7 Staunton Parish Council – to consider sending letter of support regarding flood issues on A417 between Maisemore and Over

Members gave their full support to sending a letter of support to County Cllr Windsor-Clive regarding the flooding issues on the A417 between Maisemore and Over and the impact the resultant closure has on communities and infrastructure in terms of financial cost and inconvenience.

Resolved: A letter of support be sent supporting Staunton Parish Council. **Record of voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Wadley, All in favour.

30.7 Planning

30.7.1 Planning applications to be considered:

P0074/20/DISCON - Southend Nurseries Southend Lane Newent

Discharge of conditions 03 (Drainage details), 07 (PROW), 09 (CMP), 13 (cycle storage), 14 (site waste management), 15 (waste management), 19 (CEMP), 21 (external lighting), 22 (bio diversity enhancement), 29 (boundary treatments) and 30 (landscaping) of planning permission P0981/19/FUL. – Additional information

Resolved: No Objection subject to approval of a sustainable urban drainage maintenance plan. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Gooch, Seconded by Cllr Ms Birkan (Cllr Mrs Duffield temporarily left the meeting at this point) 8 in favour.

P1405/20/TCA – Bower Barn, 31 Culver Street, Newent
Crown reduction x 2 Honey Locust trees by 30% at 31 Bower Barn

Resolved: No Objection **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Beard, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Gooch, All in favour

P1514/20/AG Agricultural and Forestry Development. Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for further details.

Barn at Redmarley Road, Newent. Prior notification for the erection of an extension to the existing general purpose agricultural building.

Resolved: No Objection **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Duffield, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Gooch, All in favour

P1472/20/FUL 40 Three Ashes Lane, Newent Glos

Erection of a two storey extension and single storey extension with associated works.

Resolved: No Objection **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Beard, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, All in favour

30.7.2 To note planning decisions

Consent

P1127/20/TCA Redford Place, 31A Culver Street, Newent

Removal of x 1 Sweetgum Tree at Redford Place

P0857/20/FUL 1 Glebe Road, Newent

Erection of a single storey side/rear extension with associated works

P0241/20/FUL Land adjacent Southernns Barn, Southend Lane, Newent

Erection of 6 dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and works. Creation of a new vehicular access.

P1093/20/FUL 142 Watery Lane, Newent

Erection of a two storey side extension. Demolition of existing garage.

P1082/20/FUL Town Farm, Gloucester Street, Newent

Variation of condition 02 (approved plans) to planning permission P1906/15/FUL to allow for reduction in height and floor plan.

P1098/20/FUL 31 Reevers Road, Newent

Erection of a rear/side single storey extension to provide ground floor bedroom and en-suite bathroom for the benefit of a disabled person.

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

P1081/20/FUL Springbank Farm, Birches Lane, Newent

Proposed change of use to be used as an occasional wedding venue including the erection of a gazebo timber structure

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Appeal by: Watin Limited. Site: 9 Culver Street, Newent

Development: Appeal against enforcement notice. Planning Inspectorate ref: APP/P1615/C/18/3216444

The Hearing to take place on 29 September 2020 at 10 am. The Hearing will be held as a virtual event run by an Inspector in the normal way but with parties invited to join via Microsoft Teams or telephone.

The Inspector has powers enabling him to determine the appeal, and a copy of the decision when made, will be published online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

30.8 Estate Management

29.8.1 To give consideration to turning the Market House lighting to red for Remembrance day and erecting poppies in the town centre

Members were in support of this particularly as due to Covid-19 the usual Parade through the town would not take place this year, and commented that the erection of the poppies in the town centre the previous year had been very favourably received. One Member suggested that the businesses be asked if they would dress their windows for Remembrance Day which Members considered would enhance the suggestions already put forward.

Resolved: The proposals to mark Remembrance Day be agreed and a letter to the businesses in the town be undertaken asking if they would like to take part in dressing their windows to mark the occasion. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio. All in favour.

30.9 To receive Committee and Representative reports

There were no Committee and Representative reports.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 20.08 pm.