

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Newent Town Council held on Monday 12 July 2021 at Newent Community School, Watery Lane, Newent at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Mrs C Howley, Mrs M Duffield, Mr R Beard, Mrs K Draper, Mrs J Gooch, Mrs S Marcovecchio, Mrs G Moseley, Mrs K Selwyn, Mrs W Odhiambo and Mrs R Wadley

Also present – District Cllr V Vesma, The Locum Clerks and 4 members of the public

Public Participation Session

A Member of the Public updated the Council on attempts to have actions required as detailed in the Highways Commissioned Atkins report compiled in 2009 / 10 implemented by GCC. The Mayor confirmed that a meeting with the various agencies involved is being arranged.

A Member of the Public voiced her, and the neighbours' concerns regarding Planning Application P1126/21/FUL 24 Knights Crescent Newent. The Mayor thanked the resident for her participation and advised that her concerns will be considered when the application is being considered.

46.1 To note apologies for absence – Cllrs Ms Birkan, Mr Heathfield and Mr Ralph.

46.2 Declarations and Interest on items on the agenda:

Cllrs Mrs Draper and Mr Beard declared an interest in planning application – P1126/21/FUL – 24 Knights Crescent. (Cllrs Draper and Beard departed the meeting room whilst this application was discussed).

Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio declared an interest in Planning Application - P0986/21/FUL – 9 Culver Street. (Cllr Marcovecchio departed the meeting room whilst this application was discussed).

Cllr Mrs J Gooch declared an interest in Agenda Item 9 – Application for a new premises licence – Newent Cricket Club. (Cllr Gooch departed the meeting room whilst Agenda Item 9 was discussed).

46.3 Members' interest forms update reminder

The Clerk reminded Members of the need to keep their interest forms up to date and to amend their details if necessary.

46.4 To sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th June 2021

Resolved: The minutes of the Council meeting of 14th June 2021 are approved.

Record of Voting: Proposed Cllr R Beard, 8 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention.

46.5 Clerk's update and matters arising from previous minutes

The Locum Clerks thanked the Members of the Council and it's Staff for such a warm and supportive welcome.

46.5 Finance

A RFO report was issued to the Members prior to the meeting.

The Council approved the payments listed.

46.7 To consider response required to correspondence/consultations received

46.7.1 Waiting Restrictions

The Council considered the revised proposed Waiting Restrictions and agreed to support the revisions and ask the Clerk to confirm such to County Highways and request an update on the implementation date.

46.7.2 Neighbourhood Watch Bike Marking Event.

The Council noted that the event is to take place in the Newent Community School on Saturday 31 July 2021 between 10 am and 1 pm.

46.7.3 Newent Angler Club – request to use the lake for club matches.

The Council approved the request subject to the normal terms and conditions.

46.7.4 To receive an update on the Strategic Plan 2019 – 2023

The Council agreed to further consider the Strategic Plan after the Locum Clerks have assimilated further knowledge of Newent and its environment.

46.8 Planning

49.8.1 Planning applications to be considered:

P1086/21/APP Land off, Bradfords Lane.

Approval of Reserved Matters (appearance, landscaping, layout, scale) of outline permission P1990/18/OUT for 50 dwellings.

The Council agreed to 'Object': -

- They still have concerns over the access into the development and the loss of the 3 Horse Chestnut Trees.
- The streets are too narrow.

- No pavement has been provided to allow safe access to the Town Centre
- Finally, NTC echo the concerns raised by the Conservation Officer.

P0674/21/FUL Yew Tree Cottage, Birches Lane.

Installation of Solar pv on agricultural building.

The Council agreed to 'support' this application.

P0986/21/FUL 9 Culver Street.

Erection of garages and first floor residential unit.

The Council agreed to 'Object': -

- Overdevelopment
- Additional traffic and dangerous entrance
- The Traffic Survey is out dated and a new Traffic Survey is required.
- Would cause harm to the curtilage of a Listed Building – No 5 Culver by the removal of the wall and outbuildings and loss of garden.
- Harm caused to the established Rookery.

P1115/21/FUL Recreation Ground, Watery Lane.

Proposed side extension to provide additional storage.

The Council agreed to 'No Comment' on this application.

P1173/21/PIP Land off Bradfords Lane.

Permission in principle for residential development of 4-6 houses.

The Council agreed to 'Strongly Object' and request that if the Officer is minded to approve then this application is considered by the Forest of Dean Planning Committee.

The Council objects:

- The site is outside the Settlement Area. NTC considers that the harm caused will outweigh the benefits of the few additional dwellings.
- The site is adjacent to a Key Wildlife site: - the site adjoins a large wild daffodil field with surrounding trees that supports owls, woodpeckers, buzzards, bats amongst other significant species.
- Will cause harm to the toads that cross the lane to their breeding grounds, at the proposed access to the site.
- A small woodland, on site, has already been destroyed without permission.
- The site is on a narrow lane without a pedestrian footpath and the access will cause additional safety concerns.

P1126/21/FUL 24 Knights Crescent.

Erection of a two storey side extension with dropped kerb and associated works.

The Council agreed to 'Strongly Object': -

- The proposals are not in keeping and the lack of consistency will cause harm to the surrounding area.
- Over development and will be detrimental to the neighbouring properties.

46.8.2 To note planning decisions

The following planning applications have been approved: -

P2069/20/FUL Great Bouldon Farm, Great Bouldon.
Change of use of redundant rural building to single dwelling house

P0905/21/Nonmat Sunnyview Cottage, Cliffords Mense.
Non-material amendment to planning permission P0783/20/FUL to allow for amendments to approved fenestration

P0747/21/FUL The Cottage, Tewkesbury Rd.
Alterations to existing porch and patio.

P0748/21/LBC The Cottage, Tewkesbury Rd.
Listed Building Consent for the alteration of existing porch and patio.

P0806/21/FUL 37 Lakeside.
Erection of a single storey porch extension

P0720/21/NONMAT Land adjacent to Southernns Barn, Southend Lane.
Non material amendment to planning permission P0241/20/FUL to allow for addition of a District Licence.

P0239/21/FUL Carswalls Farm, Tewkesbury Rd.
Erection of a shepherd's hut for the purpose of holiday accommodation with associated works.

P0816/21/FUL Land North of Southend Lane.
Variation of Condition 01 (approved plans) of reserved matters permission reference P0041/20/APP (as amended by P1548/20/FUL) to amend house type substitutions, partial levels changes and other minor material changes to the approved scheme

46.9 To ratify the comments on an application for New Premises Licence for the Newent Cricket Club

The Council agreed to Support this application.

46.10 To appoint Internal Financial Checkers

The Council agreed to appoint Cllrs Mrs Selwyn and E Heathfield as its Internal Financial Checkers.

46.11 To consider appointing a GAPTC Recruitment consultant to assist in the Clerk's recruitment process.

The Council agreed to appoint a GAPTC Recruitment consultant at a cost of £360.00.

46.12 To set up a Working Group to compile the Newsletter.

The Council agreed to set up Working Group consisting of Cllrs Mrs Howley, Mrs Selwyn and Mrs Wadley.

46.13 To consider and approve the costing for the lake fencing improvement.

The Council approved the scheme at a cost of £197.07, subject to the scheme meeting Health and Safety compliance.

46.14 To appoint Cllr Mary Duffield to be a Member of the Events Working Group

The Council agreed to appoint Cllr Mrs Duffield to serve on the Events Working Group.

46.15 To agree to a Town Councillors walkabout after the Planning Council Meeting on the 23 August 2021

The Council agreed to the walkabout.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 20.54 pm.