

## **NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL**

### **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of **Planning & Environment Committee** held on **Monday 13<sup>TH</sup> June 2022** at Newent Community School, Watery Lane, Newent at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Mrs G Moseley (Chairman), Mrs K Selwyn, Mrs K Draper, Mrs S Marcovecchio and Mrs W Odhiambo

Also present – The Clerk and 6 members of the public

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#### **Public Participation Session**

##### Speaker 1

The speaker spoke in favour of the Climate Change Action Plan biodiversity and lowering the carbon footprint.

##### Speaker 2

The speaker spoke in favour of the Climate Change Action Plan and enquired whether the group can be used to start up biodiversity within the town.

##### Speaker 3

The speaker commented that numerical baselines are needed as these could be set to reduce carbon footprints.

#### **1. To note apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence, all councillors present.

#### **2. Declarations and Interest on items on the agenda**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **3. To approve the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022**

The Minutes were approved by majority decision and were duly signed by the Chairman.

#### **4. Clerk's update and matters arising from previous Minutes.**

##### **4.1 To note the Clerk's Report**

The Clerk provided additional information from correspondence received from the previous meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 regarding the Proposed Diversion of Newent footpath GNE217 Part (at Southend Lane): S257 Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

In response to queries raised by the committee to the developer, through the lawyer working for Cotswold, Forest of Dean and West Oxfordshire District Councils the following information was received:

1. Query regarding lighting on yellow marked footpaths - Proposed Public Right of Way route
  - No street lighting and/or pedestrian lighting, as the route is via the Public Open Space where no lighting exists at present.
2. Query regarding lighting on pink marked footpaths - Proposed Secondary Pedestrian Link route
  - Street lighting and/or pedestrian lighting will be provided, as the route is via the new estate roads which are lit.
3. Who would deal with the removal of any fly tipping on the footpath/ managed grassland POS in future?
  - The underlying landowner – this Public Open Space will be transferred to an estate management company.
4. Who (will) owns and maintains the boundary fence?
  - The ownership of the boundary fence is not clear and was in place prior to the developer purchasing the site.

The Clerks report was noted.

## **5. Gloucestershire County Council's Local Parish Council Replanting-Ash Dieback Project**

5.1 To consider submitting areas for replanting on highways land by the Ash Dieback Team.

The committee identified that they would like to identify suitable land, as part of the feedback to the planting scheme.

The committee by unanimous decision agreed to submit the application for replanting on highways land by the Ash Dieback Team, subject to suitable identification of land.

5.2 To consider submitting a request for whips / trees to be donated to the parish council, to plant themselves within the community.

The committee by unanimous decision agreed to submitting a request for whips / trees to be donated to the parish council, to plant themselves within the community.

The Clerk to approach a local housing organisation to ascertain if they would be interested in receiving trees to plant on their land.

## **6. Climate Change**

6.1 To approve the Climate Change Plan

The committee by unanimous decision approved the Climate Change Plan.

The committee to ask for members of the public to be co-opted onto the committee, linked to climate change.

## 6.2 To agree areas for action

The committee identified that all areas of the Action Plan are important including the second phase work for the following:

<b>Objective 6 – Community Engagement</b>		
<b>6.2</b>	Website page for news and information	Create a page for the environment within the NTC website.
<b>6.3</b>	Establish better lines of communication through the NTC newsletter,	Create an opt-in email list such as Clifford's Mesne and Oxenhall parish support for all information not simply climate change matters.
<b>6.6</b>	Liaise with schools and other youth organisations for comprehensive coverage in the parish and beyond.	Children and young people can often get the climate change message across more effectively to their families. Promote their involvement.

The committee unanimously agreed the following areas for action.

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Notes/Timescale</b>
	<b>Objective 1 – Reduce the Town Council's carbon footprint to net zero by 2030</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	Investigate current fuel usage in daily operations and calculate carbon footprint	Calculate yearly footprint for Scope 1 emissions by mid-2022.
	<b>Objective 4 – Reduce energy demand and waste in the parish</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	Hold energy events to share information about carbon reduction, insulation and the cost benefits for individuals and organisations.	Work with community groups to promote events such as a Climate Market/Action Fayre. By mid-2022
<b>4.3</b>	Encourage non-collected recycling with notice of collection points for harder to recycle materials.	Soft plastics are now recycled locally at the large Co-op. Signpost to household waste recycling centres.
	<b>Objective 5 – Increase carbon capture through tree planting and land management</b>	
<b>5.3</b>	Hedgerow and verge management – plan for biodiversity	Connect to local biodiversity projects.
	<b>Objective 6 – Community Engagement</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	Work with Newent Climate Forum in new committee structure	Plan for representation on appropriate committee.

## **7. Planning applications received from the Forest of Dean District Council for consideration**

### **NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL**

Planning applications received from the Forest of Dean District Council for consideration by the Planning & Environment Committee at its meeting on Monday 13 June 2022.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

1. P0048/22/DISCON Land On The North West Side Of Watery Lane Newent Glos  
Discharge of conditions 03 (materials), 14 (external lighting) and 16 (landscaping) relating to planning permission P1338/20/FUL  
  
The council by unanimous decision agreed to 'No Comment' however the developer should consider the correspondence from the Principal Planning Officer dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
2. P0618/22/FUL 3-5, Broad Street, Newent, Glos.  
Conversion and change of use of offices and residential unit to form 4 flats with associated works.  
P0619/22/LBC 3-5, Broad Street, Newent, Glos.  
Listed building consent for the conversion and change of use of offices and residential unit to form 4 flats with associated works.  
  
The council by unanimous decision agreed to 'No Objection'.
3. P0244/22/FUL 11 Bradfords Close Newent Glos  
Erection of a two storey semi-detached dwelling with associated parking, landscaping and works (resubmission)  
  
The council by unanimous decision agreed to 'No Comment'.  
  
P0689/22/FUL Nicholson House, Court Lane, Newent  
Change the use of the building to two dwelling houses with associated works (amendment to previously approved P0221/05/FUL)  
  
The council by majority/unanimous decision agreed to 'No Objection'

## **8. To note Planning Decisions made by the Forest of Dean District Council**

The planning decisions were noted

DECISIONS on planning applications received from the Forest of Dean District Council to date.

#### **CONSENT**

- P0395/22/FUL Annexe 28 Strawberry Hill Newent GL18 1LH  
Erection of a single storey extension with associated works (resubmission)

P1960/21/FUL 17 The Scarr Newent Gloucestershire GL18 1DQ  
Proposed erection of a steel framed agricultural building for the housing of livestock.

P1888/21/FUL 1 Anchor House Station Road Newent GL18 1BB  
Erection of garage block with overspill accommodation above

P0588/22/TPO Atlantic House Cliffords Mesne Newent GL18 1JL  
Holly Tree; T2 of DFTPO204 – Reduction by 3 m as part of a “hedge” reduction as they are very close to the house <2m. This is also to facilitate home working as the “hedge” is blocking mobile broadband to the nearest mast in Newent. The “hedge” is higher than the apex of the roof and makes it green and if damaged in winds would fall into the house causing damage.

P0355/22/FUL Bellstone, Redmarley Rd, Newent GL18 1DR  
Erection of an infill industrial unit for E(g) & B8 uses with associated works.

P1667/21/COU 33 Ford House Road, The Scarr, Newent GL18 1LQ  
Variation of conditions (02), (in accordance with approved plans), (06), (car parking) and (07), (vehicular access) and discharge of conditions (08) refuse and (12) biodiversity relating to planning permission P0243/18/COU

LDC issued

P0308/22/LD2 21 Manor Road, Newent GL18 1TH  
Application under Section 192 to establish whether the erection of a single storey rear extension requires planning permission

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.08pm**