

## **NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of Newent Town Council held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Newent Community School, Watery Lane, Newent at 7.00 pm

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

Also present – The Clerk and 4 Members of the public

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### **Public Participation Session**

There was 1 public speaker

#### Speaker 1

The speaker spoke against P0318/22/FUL Erection of a single storey extension and garage with associated works. Springbank Farm Birches Lane Newent Gloucestershire GL18 1DN

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

There were no apologies for absence.

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

Councillor Mrs C Howley declared an interest in item 6. P0542/21/OUT Outline application for the erection of one dwelling (associated works to include vehicular access). The Willows Horsefair Lane Newent Gloucestershire GL18 1RG – Appeal Lodged

Councillor Mrs M Duffield declared an interest in item 6. P0542/21/OUT Outline application for the erection of one dwelling (associated works to include vehicular access). The Willows Horsefair Lane Newent Gloucestershire GL18 1RG – Appeal Lodged

#### **3. To sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

The Council agreed that the Minutes were a true and accurate summary of the meeting 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's Report was noted.



**6. Relocation of recycling containers**

6.1 To agree to the Forest of Dean District Council moving the recycling containers from the lakeside boundary to a nearby alternative position.

The Proposer decided to withdraw the proposal.

**7. North & West Gloucester Citizens Advice Funding Request**

7.1 To agree to grant fund £1500.00 to North & West Gloucester Citizens Advice for face-to-face appointments and telephone appointments for 2022/23 from Community Grants.

The Council by majority decision agreed to grant fund £1500.00 to North & West Gloucester Citizens Advice for face-to-face appointments and telephone appointments for 2022/23 from Community Grants.

**8. To agree the following policies**

8.1 Earmarked Reserves Policy

The Council by majority decision agreed the Earmarked Reserves Policy.

8.2 Lone Working Policy

The Council by majority decision agreed the Lone Working Policy.

8.3 Disciplinary Policy

The Council by majority decision agreed the Disciplinary Policy.

8.4 Capability Policy

The Council by majority decision agreed the Capability Policy.

8.5 Estate Management Plan

The Council by unanimous decision agreed the Estate Management Plan.

**9. Newent Town Council Youth Action Group Report**

9.1 To approve to spend up to £144.00 on new shelving for the Phone Box, to be spent from the Youth Action Group budget.

9.2 To approve to spend up to £56.00 on the Jubilee Projects, to be spent from the Youth Action Group budget.

Concerns were raised and a discussion took place regarding the lack of financial procedure and as such the Council by majority decision agreed not to spend up to £56.00 on the Jubilee Projects, to be spent from the Youth Action Group budget and agreed not to spend up to £144.00 on new shelving for the Phone Box, to be spent from the Youth Action Group budget.

**10. Tree Sculpture at Newent Lake**

10.1 To agree the quote for the tree sculpturer to enable the work to commence on the Tree Sculpture at Newent Lake, with £2,000.00 taken from Earmarked Reserve funds, plus this year's budget £500.00 and the new financial year budget £6,000.00.

The Council by majority decision agreed the quote (number 3) for the tree sculpturer to enable the work to commence on the Tree Sculpture at Newent Lake, with £2,000.00 taken from Earmarked Reserve funds, plus this year's budget £500.00 and the new financial year budget £6,000.00.

## 11. Staffing Committee

### 11.1 To note Staffing Committee Decisions

The Staffing Committee Decisions were noted.

## 12. Planning

### 12.1 Planning applications to be considered.

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Planning applications received from the Forest of Dean District Council for consideration by Newent Town Council at its meeting on Monday 28 March 2022.

1. P0265/22/FUL Land Nr Highleadon, Highleadon  
Installation and operation of a renewable energy generating station comprising ground mounted photovoltaic fixed tilt solar arrays and battery based electricity storage containers together with switchgear container, inverter/transformer units, DNO Substation, site access, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements

Council 'Deferred Comment' from 14.03.22 meeting as Council sought additional information from Rudford & Highleadon Parish, Taynton Parish and Tibberton Parish regarding the planning application.

The Council by majority decision agreed to make the following comment to the FoDDC Planners that "Newent Town Council is unable to comment until a comprehensive landscape impact assessment, with respect to the potential extensive coverage of three solar farms, two proposed, one existing, is undertaken".

2. P0333/22/LD2  
Newent Converters, Midwinter Transport Limited Strawberry Hill Newent Gloucestershire GL18 1LH  
Application under section 192 to establish whether the recladding the exterior of an industrial building requires planning permission.

The Council by majority decision agreed to make "No Objection" to this application.

3. P0267/22/TPO Land Adjacent 8 Meek Road Newent Gloucestershire T20 - Oak - Crown reduce height and spread by up to 2m (20%)

The Council by majority decision agreed to "Object" to this application.

On the grounds that an arborist report is needed in relation to Tree Preservation.

4. P0355/22/FUL | Erection of an infill industrial unit for B1 (c) & B8 use with associated works. | Bellstone Redmarley Road Newent Gloucestershire GL18 1DR

The Council by unanimous decision agreed to make “No Objection” to this application.

5. P0006/22/NOT | Notification of works to site a fibre optics cabinet | Land At Corner Junction With Lakeside Newent Gloucestershire

The Council noted the application.

Councillors Mrs C Howley & Mrs M Duffield left the meeting.

6. P0542/21/OUT | Outline application for the erection of one dwelling (associated works to include vehicular access). | The Willows Horsefair Lane Newent Gloucestershire GL18 1RG – Appeal Lodged

The Council by majority decision agreed to make “No Representation” relating to this application.

Councillors Mrs C Howley and Mrs M Duffield returned to the meeting.

7. P0318/22/FUL | Erection of a single storey extension and garage with associated works. | Springbank Farm Birches Lane Newent Gloucestershire GL18 1DN

The Council by majority decision agreed to “Strongly Object” to this application, on the following grounds.

- Size, scale and geography (nature) of Birches Lane
- Commercial use on open countryside
- Over development of the site
- Impact of build on neighbouring properties
- It is too close to neighbouring properties
- Highways and safety issues relating to traffic flow
- Loss of privacy
- Concerns regarding trees and root zones
- Concerns on potential future use away from a garage into office use

## 12.2 To note planning decisions.

The Planning decisions were noted.

## **DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **CONSENT**

1. P0166/22/NONMAT | Non-material amendment to planning application P1548/20/FUL to allow for change of materials to plot numbers 121, 124, 128, 132, 146, 156, and 158 currently shown as having render fronted elevations to be proposed as full render and all affordable units plots 13, 14, 79, 86, 108, 109, 167, 174, 175 and 200-207 are also proposed to have full render facades. | Land North Of Southend Lane Newent GL18 1JD

2. P0064/22/FUL | Erection of a two storey rear extension and alterations and replacement of part of roof with the installation of rooflights with associated works. | 1 Barton Court Gloucester Street Newent Gloucestershire GL18 1AW

### **DECIDED**

1. P0092/22/LD1 Annexe 28 Strawberry Hill Newent Gloucestershire GL18 1LH Application under section 191 to establish whether the use of annexe as a separate dwelling is lawful.

**The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.47pm**