



Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee of Newent Town Council held on Monday 8th January 2024, Room G4, Newent Community School, Newent, 7.00 pm

Councillors Present:

Cllr Gill Moseley (Chairman)
Cllr Juli Escritt
Cllr Sara Hulbert
Cllr Trevor Beckwith
Cllr Samuel Letchford
Cllr Allan Hedley
Cllr Joshua Robertson

Also Present: Town Clerk and 20 members of the public

Public Participation.

Seven members of the public spoke against the Onion in the Wood Event planned for September 2024. Objections that were raised included safety, access, and the effect it may have on the wildlife,

1. To note apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Julia Gooch and Cllr Linda Morris

2. Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda.

There were none

3. To approve the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on Monday 11th December 2023

The Committee resolved that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.

4 Newent Neighbourhood Development Plan (NNDP) Steering Group.

4.1 To note the Minutes of the Newent Neighbourhood Development plan Steering Group meeting held on 15th November and 23rd November 2023

A brief update on the NNDP Steering group was read by the Chair and The minutes of the Newent Neighbourhood Development plan Steering Group held on the 15th and 23rd November 2023 were noted.

5 Planning Applications received from Forest of Dean District Council for consideration by Newent Town Council at its meeting on 11th December 2023

5.1 Matters Requiring a Decision

P1569/23/FU The Co-operative Food Market Square Newent GL18 1PS
Erection of a single storey extension to existing supermarket, modifications to existing car park and service areas.

<https://publicaccess.fdean.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=S4J73JHIGFY00>

The Committee agreed No Objection but noted the following concerns

Loss of trees with no re-planting schedule, the loss of parking spaces, and the lack of electrical vehicle charging points

P1233/23/FUL 17 The Scarr Newent GL18 1DQ
Change of use and conversion of existing piggery to dwelling.

<https://publicaccess.fdean.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=S0XB3MHIFLF00>

The Committee by unanimous decision agreed no Objection to this application

P1445/23/FUL Ferndene Strawberry Hill Newent GL18 1LH
Erection of steel structure. Demolition of existing workshop/ packhouse and safe removal of asbestos roofing sheets.

<https://publicaccess.fdean.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=S3C26GHIG5000>

The Committee by unanimous decision agreed no Objection to this application

[P1707/23/TPO Newent Lake and Park Area, Lakeside, Newent
Trees covered by G41 TPO 54 \(as indicated on the submitted sketch plan\). A mixture of species including, Oak, Ash, Sycamore, Alder, Thuja, Holly, and Birch. Crown lift trees to approximately 3 metres from ground level, to allow better access for grass cutting, and to allow members of the public to walk unhindered around the park area. Also to allow easier access for casting of fishing line to prevent hung up line endangering wildlife.](https://publicaccess.fdean.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S62I78HIGT900)
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The Committee by unanimous decision agreed no Objection to this application

[P1709/23/TPO Newent Lake and Park Area, Lakeside, Newent
Undertake works to trees at Newent Lake covered by Tree Preservation Order number G41 TPO 54, as specified in the accompanying tree report \(Treework Environmental Practice, 23/10/23\).](https://publicaccess.fdean.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S62L0KHIGTE00)
<https://publicaccess.fdean.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S62L0KHIGTE00>

The Committee by unanimous decision agreed no Objection to this application

5.2 To note Planning Decisions received from the Forest of Dean District Council

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P1491/23/TPO63 Drovers Way Newent Gloucestershire GL18 1ET
Ash tree covered by A1 of Tree Preservation Order number DFTPO 156. Large branch that is overhanging garden and roof of 63 Drovers Way to be cut back to main stem, due to concerns over potential property damage in high winds.

P1418/23/FUL Newent Town A F C (Also Known As Wildsmith Meadow) Malswick Newent GL18 1HE
Variation of Condition 02 (approved plans) of planning permission P1741/15/FUL to allow for a larger floor area, reordering of windows and doors throughout and the reorganisation of the internal layout.

The committee noted the planning decisions received from the Forest of Dean District Council

6. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 22nd 2024 at 7pm Room G4, Newent Community School, Newent.

The meeting closed at 7.41pm.

Signed:..... Dated