

MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th February 2012 at Marshfield Village Hall, Wellfield Road, Marshfield commencing at 7:35 p.m.

Present:

Mrs R Bashi (Chairperson)
Mr G Kemp-Philp
Mr K Bennett
Mrs S Burke
Mrs K Evans
Mr G Ham
Mr C Hemmings
Mrs S Hood

Apologies: None

In attendance: 5 Members of public, City Councillors R White & T Suller, G C Thomas (Clerk)

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on 9th January were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairperson subject to the following change: Min 162 (c) Newport City Council *has begun a consultation on proposals to turn off every other street light to save money.....*

➤ = Letter to be Written

188. Prayers

The Clerk advised the Council of the High Court ruling in R v Bideford Town Council ex parte (1) National Secular Society and (2) Clive Bone. The Council felt it had no option and removed prayers from the agenda.

➤ The Council unanimously agreed it would still like to have the power to include prayers as part of the agenda and decided to write to Newport City Council and One Voice Wales to take issue with this ruling and to ask what can be done to achieve this.

189. Co-option to Fill Council Vacancies

The Council met Mr Mat Sykes and Mr Wayne Smith who had expressed an interest in filling the two vacant seats on Marshfield Community Council. The Council questioned both candidates about their present circumstances and agreed by a majority to elect Mr Sykes and unanimously to elect Mr Smith to fill the vacant seats.

Mr Sykes and Mr Smith signed a Declaration of Acceptance and took part in the following meeting.

190. POLICE MATTERS

(a) Priority Setting

Superintendent David Johnson replied to the Council on 23rd January. Priorities are set using information received at PACT meetings, local beat surgeries, attendance at community events and receiving feedback on those issues that are causing the most local concern. Superintendent Johnson met with Neighbourhood Sergeants and asked local teams to develop a priority setting process that best suited their ward areas. This should involve attending Community Council meetings at least once per quarter to provide information and receive feedback from local representatives.

(b) PACT Meeting

The Clerk reported that PCSO Caroline Doidge had made contact suggesting that a PACT meeting should be held alongside the Community Council meeting at Marshfield Village Hall. The Clerk had responded to ask that the PACT meeting is held as a separate event on a different day to the Council meeting to allow Members and public to attend either meeting. Police officers are encouraged to attend a Council meeting or to make timely contact before a PACT meeting to hear the Council's feedback about local priorities.

(c) Use of Room in Village Hall

Councillor Sykes said he had not heard from the police about the offer of the Village Hall Management Committee to allow a room to be used by visiting officers. The Clerk agreed to provide details of who to contact to Councillor Sykes.

191. CITY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- a) There has been no planning application for a Gypsy & Traveller's site, as yet.
- b) Newport City Council has opened a new face-to-face centre at the old railway station building where every council service can be dealt with at one venue.
- c) Newport CC schools admission policy has now been published.
- d) The condition of the speed humps on Marshfield Road has been reported to Newport CC.
- e) A discharge of planning conditions application is being considered for The Paddocks, Coal Pit Lane, Castleton.
- f) Newport Local Development Plan has been extended to, possibly, March 2012.
- g) Further information has been requested in connection with planning application 11/0659 for a certificate of lawful development for existing stabling of horses and commercial garage at Church Farm, Church Lane, Marshfield.
- h) Councillor Bashi said she had accompanied officers of Newport City Council to show them the problems with flooding on Marshfield Road that had been brought up at the last Council meeting.
- i) A member of the public questioned why she had not been consulted about the recent planning application relating to Meakins Timber Yard on Ty Mawr Lane. Councillor White said that only residents living within 50 metres of the proposed development are consulted but anyone with concerns can send them to Newport City Council.
- j) Councillor White noted a complaint from Councillor Evans that the Wastesavers recycling collections often dropped waste which is not picked up. Councillor Bennett advised the meeting that it is helpful to speak to the Wastesavers office directly and that they can provide lids for recycling boxes which may help with this problem.
- k) Councillor Bashi reported potential dangers from water laying on the A48 near Castleton Garage. Councillor White agreed to take up this matter with the relevant authorities.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

192. Newport City Ward Councillor's Report (Min 162(g))

The Clerk reported that details of the frequency of gulley cleansing had not yet been provided by Newport CC.

193. Erection of Posts at Groes Corner to Prevent Parking on Land Owned by the Community Council (Min 164)

Councillor Evans had placed No Parking' signs on trees in the Groes Corner area that had initially brought some improvement to the unauthorised parking. However, the Council noted that the problem has since developed to an extent where further action is necessary.

The Council agreed to continue with the plan to erect posts around the land.

- The Clerk was asked to check with the Council's insurer about cover relating to the posts.

194. Church Farm Track Ways (Min 180)

Councillor Bashi told Members that Newport CC had agreed to a meeting at the Civic Centre when the Community Council's questions and concerns about the proposed development at Church Farm can be expressed. Members were asked to consider the points to be taken to the meeting.

Councillors Bennett, Burke and Bashi agreed to attend.

195. Report of Village Hall Management Committee Representative (Min 182)

Councillor Sykes explained that the location of the VHMC meeting had been changed to the local pub but it was still the formal meeting. Councillor Hemmings had misunderstood these changed details and assumed the formal meeting was postponed.

196. Notice Board (Min 187)

The Council discussed changes to the notice board located opposite Marshfield Road post office and saw quotes for a new board obtained by Councillor Hemmings.

The Council agreed to purchase a new metal board from Grippit UK Ltd at a cost of £815+VAT. The board should be fixed with anti-theft bolts and coloured green with a top board showing 'Marshfield Community Council' in New Times Roman font in a contrasting colour.

CORRESPONDENCE

197. Countryside Council for Wales – Open Access

The Countryside Council for Wales wrote on 7th February concerning their ten year review of maps of open access to mountains, moor, heath, down land and registered common land in Wales. They want to raise awareness of the process to encourage public involvement and encourage contact if there are any queries. The review begins on 16th July 2012 and lasts about four months.

The Council noted that the web links included in the letter don't work. Councillor Hemmings agreed to contact CCW.

198. Ty Golau Farm

The Clerk read an e-mail from a resident of Ty Golau Farm outlined concerns relating to action being taken to approve the existence of a public highway that would have the effect of linking Church Farm, Ty Mawr Lane and going through Ty Golau Farm to Greenacre Farm. The e-mail also referred to concerns about filling in lakes in the area concerned.

Members of public who were present were given permission to address the Council and elaborated on the details of the matter. Mrs Perrott, who resides at Ty Golau Farm told the Council that the Adjudicator to H M Land Registry is due to rule by 29th February on claims that land at Ty Golau Farm has been incorporated into the Farm by adverse possession and whether it is public highway.

She said that retrospective planning permission had been granted to fill in some lakes and an adjoining ree. Mrs Perrott said Council Members were able to visit the Farm at any convenient time to view the situation.

➤ The Council agreed to:

- Write to the Adjudicator to H M Land Registry to ask for an extension of time before a decision is made.
- Write to Newport City Council stating that Members are totally taken aback about the concerns brought to their attention and that the Council is aggrieved at not being made aware of planning applications to fill in nearby drainage lakes.
- Arrange a site meeting before 29th February.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

199. To consider a request for financial assistance from the Village Hall Management Committee towards grounds maintenance costs.

This matter was deferred until to the next Council meeting.

200. To consider a request for financial assistance from the football club for white lining costs.

This matter was deferred until to the next Council meeting.

201. Printer

The Clerk reported that the Council's printer had become faulty and was deemed to be beyond economic repair. Councillor Hemmings had assisted in the purchase of a new all-in-one printer at a cost of £40+VAT. The Council agreed to pay the invoice from Penguin Internet Ltd for £48.00

202. Bank Signatories

The Clerk collected personal details forms and the Chairperson and Clerk signed the Appointment of Bankers form to return to Barclays Mandate Change Team to allow Councillors Bashi, Ham, Burke, Hemmings and Hood to be authorised signatories.

203. Savings Deposits

The Clerk provided further information about savings accounts provided by Yorkshire Bank, Barclays Bank and NatWest Bank together with the summary of business accounts provided earlier by Councillor Evans.

The Council agreed to defer any decision to move savings to a new account although Councillor Evans objected to the deferment due to the loss of interest arising from delaying the move to a higher interest account. Councillor Bennett noted that the delay occurred because the information available was not adequate for a decision and also the new Members would have an opportunity to consider the facts.

204. Cheques

101191	Penguin Internet Ltd – Printer	£ 48.00
101192	G C Thomas – Clerk's Salary, January	£ 331.44
101193	G C Thomas – Internet Reimbursement, January	£ 18.00
101194	B Covington – Allotment 47 - Gate key deposit refund	£ 10.00

PLANNING MATTERS

205. Planning Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 31 January were approved and adopted by the Council.

206. Planning Applications

The Council made the following observations to recent planning applications.

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF OAK FRAMED GARDEN ROOM EXTENSION TO REAR
SITE: CHARNWOOD HOUSE, 4 SPRINGFIELDS, CASTLETON, CARDIFF, CF3 2LG

Conex: 12/0053/Full

MCC Ref: 675

Observations: *No objections.*

PROPOSAL: CONSTRUCTION OF 4NO. BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE WITH
ATTACHED GARAGE.

SITE: LAND TO REAR OF 1-3 THE HOLLIES, MARSHFIELD CARDIFF CF3 2UG.

Conex: 11/1210/AMENDED PLANS RECEIVED

Observations:

- 1 *This application needs to fall in line with the Design Guide for Infill and Back-land Development (supplementary planning guidance).*
- 2 *We feel strongly that the removal of any trees, bushes or hedges in the areas mentioned would greatly reduced privacy to the neighbouring property, and potentially impact on the wildlife and biodiversity in this area. Shona Carle to be advised.*
- 3 *We have concerns about the proximity of the proposed building to the trees, bushes and hedgerows. Guidelines set out in the 'Newport Unitary Development Plan 1996 – 2011' (Trees and Hedgerows on Development Sites – sections 2.65 – 2.67).*
- 4 *This is an area of archaeological interest, and we support the need for an archaeological field evaluation to be carried out before any decision on the planning application is taken.*
- 5 *The public sewerage system is historically overloaded, and needs to be brought into the 21st century. Every planning application strains the infrastructure that includes the water pressure, the sewerage system, the gullies, and the water table. Every time we pour concrete into the ground the water table rises. We live in a flood risk area and every new development impounds on the very great concern of its potential holistic impact to Marshfield.*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ADDITION TO OUR INITIAL RESPONSE of the 09.01.12
WE ADD THE FOLLOWING FOR YOUR ATTENTION:**

- 1 *Mitigation strategy re: wildlife/birds to be attached to any planning consent granted.*
- 2 *Mitigation strategy requiring an archaeological watching brief during ground works to be attached to any planning consent granted.*

207. Amended Plans and Retrospective Planning Applications

- The Council agreed to write to Newport City Council about amended plans to ask them to include asking a description of the amendment as this can be unclear and requires detailed studying of plans to judge what the changes are.

- The Council also wished to ask if applicants are penalised if they are required to apply for planning permission retrospectively and how the charge for a retrospective application compares with one made in the proper way, before a development is completed. The Council was concerned that there is no incentive for people proposing to carry out work to follow the planning rules if those who fail to do this are not sanctioned in any way.

208. REPORT OF VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

- (a) The minutes of Village Hall Management Committee meetings have been posted on the Village Hall website.
- (b) The Youth Club will be starting at the Hall on 9th March 2012

209. LEISURE COMMITTEE REPORT

- (a) The minutes of the last meeting held on 1st December are due to be compiled by Councillor Hemmings and Councillor Hood and will be published shortly.
- (b) The next Committee meeting will be arranged after the first public consultation period at the end of February.
- (c) A member of public living adjacent to the Village Hall playing field was allowed to address the meeting. He had not heard from the Council about events and plans for leisure facilities in the Village Hall area and said he would welcome an opportunity to be consulted. He was particularly concerned that anti-social issues involving youths should be taken into account when new facilities are planned.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

210. Painting Railings

Councillor Evans said that quotes ranging between £635 and £355 had been received by the Village Hall Management Committee for painting railings. Councillor Sykes said the VHMC is looking for sponsorship from Lloyds Bank.

211. Village Hall Solar Panels

Councillor Sykes referred to a Village Hall Management Committee project involving Freetricity that could provide solar panels to serve the Village Hall, but applications for grants are required by the end of March. The grant provider requires details of the Village Hall lease and the VHMC has contacted Land Registry to check a document that shows no restrictions for erections that are less than 2 meters above the roof. Councillor Sykes agreed to ask the Land Registry to send a copy of the document to the Community Council.

The meeting ended at 23:35