

Minutes of the meeting held on the 20 June 2017

**PRESENT** Clrs Rippin, R Morgan, Keates, Davies, Woodier, James , Bentley and Cty Clr D Jones.

**APOLOGIES** Clr T Morgan and Evans (the latter attending the NMLC meeting on behalf of CCC)

### **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Councillors were addressed by a member of the public re 2 planning issues, one at Perrott's Farm (16/14047/OUT) and the other at Llwyn-On, Llanthony (17/14464/FUL).

Re the former at Perrott's Farm, this was relating to a proposed Rural Enterprise Dwelling for a farming family. The member of the public was of the opinion that a consultant engaged by the National Parks had given the site a cursory look and was in the process of recommending refusal for the application. He asked the Community Council to request a site meeting with National Park representatives before any decision was taken. Councillors agreed to this request.

Re the second issue, it was brought to the attention of the Council that the planning application for Llwyn-On seemed partly retrospective (two sites) and partly new (one site). Furthermore, the sites in question were spread out over a large area and not near any farm buildings. The member of the public was of the opinion that permission would be granted for this application. Community councillors again agreed to request a site meeting with National Park representatives before any decision was taken..

It was reported that the two planning applications seemed to reflect a current trend in developments in the Llanthony Valley which seemed to favour applications connected with tourism against those connected with farming enterprises, the latter of which especially encouraged young farming families to settle and work in the valley.

It was also noted that the rules re 'permitted development for agricultural purposes' seemed to vary considerably in that many applications did not require full planning permission (with its high fees) whilst others , like the Perrott's Farm application did require full planning permission and the aforesaid high costs involved.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

C/A : £400                      Reserve A/C : £6879.49

Cheques had been signed to Blackwood Fire Ltd. (£200) and M Tucker for repairs to notice board at Bettws (£70).

Re the possibility of further equipment for the children's play area, the Clerk and Chairman had picked out a low climbing frame, a wobbly bridge and an above-ground tunnel which could all be linked together to form a mini adventure trail. An estimated cost for the equipment was in the region of £3,900. No estimates were available at the moment for installation.

It was suggested that further ideas for small projects could be sought from the community. After some debate, it was agreed that a newsletter should go out on the Council's website and What's on

Crucorney plus notices in the village. All interested parties would be invited to the next council meeting to put forward their suggestions.

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting were signed as a true and accurate record.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

1. The authorities had promised to take more care with wild flowers when cutting grass verges in the future.
2. Play area project. As above.
3. Renewal of leases. A sub-committee consisting of Clr R Morgan, J Davies , A James and the Clerk would investigate issues before the next meeting.
4. The Bettws phone box project was nearly finished.
5. Shoe re-cycling unit. No progress.
6. Roads in the Oldcastle area. Some had been repaired.
7. Re-siting and repair of notice boards. Ongoing.
8. Clr Woodier agreed to liaise with the local primary school in compiling a list of potential pupils.

### **REPORTS**

1. Cwmyoy Hall. It was reported that The Queen's had received the CAMRA award for Gwent Country Pub of the Year. Film shows had progressed quietly since last month with average attendance for each.
2. Pandy HMC. Clr Rippin reported that the HMC would also have a section on the Community website.
3. Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary School. It was reported that a more sensible policy for pupil intake was needed from the County Council.
4. CEG. The group had offered its advice re carving the tree stumps at the top end of the play area. An estimate of £450 for animal carvings had been obtained with an estimate of £200 for seats. Councillors felt that both estimates were too high at this stage.

Re recent news, it was reported that finances were in good order, litter picking had had a quiet month, the Bettws phone box had been reported in the Times, the What's On Crucorney site was now up and running on the Community website and there were allotment plots available.

The group's new name would be Crucorney Environmental Group.

5. Report from the New Councillors' Induction Course.

(a) After some discussion relating to advice given at this meeting , it was decided that *Matters Arising* on future agendas would be renamed as *Matters Arising From the Last Meeting*.

(b) Similarly, after some discussion and in the name of common sense *Any Other Business* would also be retained on future agendas.

(c) *Personal and Prejudicial Interests* were also discussed and councillors acknowledged the difference in terms. In the past, it was noted that CCC had considered all declarations of interest as prejudicial to avoid any confusion and councillors had been asked to leave the room whilst matters were discussed . Any different approach in this regard would be carefully monitored.

A full copy of Clr Rippin's report is available on request.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. BBNP 17/14863/ FUL Neuadd View.Clr Keates declared a non-prejudicial interest. With the provisos that the garage height should be reduced and the new building should be aesthetically in keeping with its surrounding environment, councillors supported the application.
2. BBNP 17/14464/FUL Llwyn-On. because of the seemingly sporadic development of the sites, a site meeting with National Park representatives would be sought.
3. BBNP 17/14869/TPO The Old Vicarage. No objections.
4. BBNP 17/14909/FUL Sychtree. No objections.
5. BBNP 17/14906/FUL Strawberry Wood Barn. No objections.

### **PLANNING DECISIONS/UPDATES**

1. BBNP 17/1481/GUL The Old Smithy. Withdrawn.
2. BBNP . Oldcastle Court Farm. permission granted by BBNP.

**OBITUARIES** Mr Norman Hood and Mr Cyril Jones.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. MCC Development Plan Consultation. Taken by Clr Bentley.
2. Permitted Development details for householders from BBNP . To be distributed to all councillors.
3. OVW. Code of Conduct training course at £40. Noted.
4. Reply re grass verge cutting . Noted.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Complaints had been received re the celebrations on the 3 June 2017 at Strawberry Wood Barn and adjoining land. The firework display had spooked stock and farmers had reported that their animals had injured themselves on fences etc. Some farm animals were still unsettled at the present time. Further complaints referred to the loud music played until 5 a.m the following morning. It was noted that no advance warning/advertising had been given by the event organisers. It was agreed that a letter voicing the Council's concerns should be sent to the organisers of the event.
2. It was noted that notices/signs etc. on some notice boards, e.g., relating to church/chapel service were out of date.
3. It was reported that the Sun Pitch path was impassable.
4. The road from Llanvihangel Crucorney Village out onto the A465 still needed repair. Referred to Clr Keates.
5. The fence around the play area needed some attention. Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m. Date of next meeting : 18 July 2017