

SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 3 August 2015 at 7.30 pm
at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

Present:

Councillors:

Mr P Harris (Chair)	Ms B Moore	Mr K Morton
Mr M Lenza	Mrs L Prosser	Mr T Hughes

Also in attendance:

Mrs H Counsell (Clerk to the Council)
County Councillor G Down
Two members of the public

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

1. Public participation.

There was none.

2. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from:

Cllr I Moore.

3. The monthly police report had been circulated prior to the meeting, but no officers attended. There had only been minor incidents during the month and two calls to Brookacre.

There was an update on traffic issues on the B4235, with notification that white lines will be installed from the new houses on the site of the old forensic science lab, to the end of the council houses on Usk Road in order to slow down the traffic. (Date of white lining to be confirmed).

A police operation for safety education on the B4235 is being planned for the end of August.

The Clerk also read part of the recent Inspectors blog, which confirmed the above.

Minute 3259 - To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in any item of listed business.

Cllr B Moore Item 8 Earlswood Valley/Hope Churches

Minute 3260 – To consider applications for two co-opted vacancies on the Council.

One application had been received. Applicant to be invited to fill the Newchurch West vacancy and attend the September meeting when, if appropriate, he will be co-opted on to the Council. Second vacancy to continue to be advertised.

Minute 3261 - to consider planning applications received.

1. DC/2015/00727 Land at Buckwell Farm Agricultural notification (Information only) Building required for storage, implements and fodder. (Application received by SCC on 3.7.15 and determined by Planning on 8.7.15)

2. DC/2015/00707 The Oaks Farm, Red House Lane, Shirenewton
Erection of a barn/stable for the keeping of horses.

Council noted that there were no objections from neighbours, however it had been mentioned that green would be a more appropriate colour for the finish of the barn, rather than black. Recommendation: Approval.

For information - DC/2015/00688 Residential development of LDP allocation site SAH11 (xiv)(b) to provide 5 dwellings – is to be considered by Planning Committee on 1st September, County Cllr G Down agreed to attend on behalf of this Council. Clerk to send GD a copy of the Council's response to the application.

Minute 3262 – The minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2015 were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

Minute 3263 – Finance - to approve items listed for payment

Expenditure (by Standing Order)

Clerk's salary/allowances -	July 2015	£511.31
Clerk's Pension (Council & Clerk's contribution) -	July 2015	£150.80

Items for payment

Payee	Reason for expenditure	Amount £	Cheque No.
Shirenewton PCC	Annual donation	250.00	101255
Shirenewton PCC	Donation for Christmas Tree	50.00	101256
St Peter's Church	Annual donation	60.00	101257
SLHS	Annual donation	100.00	101258
Mon County CAB	Annual donation	60.00	101259
Earlswood Hall	Annual donation	300.00	101260
Earlswood Valley/ Hope Church	Annual donation	150.00	101261
Shirenewton Rec Association	Annual donation	300.00	101262
Shirenewton Playgroup	Annual donation	100.00	101263
Clerk	July expenses	59.15	101264
Clerk	McAfee pc virus protection (12 months)	29.99	101265
SLHS	Annual subscription	15.00	101266

Council resolved to make all payments as listed.

Minute 3264 – To receive and consider quotes for fencing roadside of Earlswood Recreation Field – Council resolved to accept the reduced quote of £1000 from Mr H Stone. Council recognised that this was not the lowest quote but Mr Stone is the current tenant of the field and, as such, has a vested interest in the quality of work. Cllr Hughes to meet with Mr Stone to ensure he is aware of the requirements of the Council.

Minute 3265 – To consider repairs to the Friends Burial Ground wall.
In order to obtain a second quote, the Clerk had contacted two building companies to no avail. The Chair has also attempted to meet up with one, without success. Therefore, in the interests of expediency, Council resolved to accept the quote from J Saysell of £600 + vat.

Minute 3266 – To consider road safety at junction Shirenewton village centre.
Meeting to be arranged with Highways to look at this and other traffic issues in Shirenewton.

Minute 3267 - Update on traffic calming proposals.

Traffic calming scheme to begin on 10 August for 4 weeks, alongside BT who will also be in the area at the same time laying broadband cables (this will include intermittent road closures). Meeting to be arranged with Highways regarding this and other traffic issues. C Cllr GD to inform Highways of a funeral in Shirenewton at 11am on 12 August.

Minute 3268 – To receive an update on traffic issues on the B4235.

See Police Report above.

Minute 3269 - To receive the Clerk's Report

Issues being pursued by the Clerk

- **Telephone kiosk** – After receiving similar quotes from Francis & Co and Evans & Ellis (Solicitors), Council resolved to use the services of Evans & Ellis, to draw up the documentation for the Land Registry.
- **Best Kept Village Competition** – results should be known in September.

Give Dog Fouling the Red Card - additional bin in position at the SAMFAL gate and Clerk has contacted Merlin Waste to arrange regular emptying.

- **Listing 'The Mill', Bully Hole Bottom** – Clerk contacted Louise Meese, Regional Inspector of Ancient Monuments, CADW on 17.7.15 to find out the process required for 'listing' a site. Requested information has been provided.

Issues being pursued by County Councillor Down

- **Traffic calming progress** - see Minute 3267 above.
- **Dumping of Waste at Ridge House Stables** – C Cllr Down advised that a further enforcement notice had been issued last week, there is a 28 day allowance for appeal then a further 28 days to complete the work - around the end of September.
- **Reported footpath obstruction** on 119/120 (Ridge House Stables) - we were advised on 14.10.14 that under Section 130(6) of the Highways Act 1980 a diversion order was being sought (the process may take up to 18 months). C Cllr Down advised that he had met with I Blomeley, Enforcement Office on site, IB to meet with neighbour concerned to try to reach an agreement.

Minute 3270 - Items of local concern (information only)

- It was noted that the litter bin at the Tan House has not been emptied for some time and is overflowing – Clerk to report to Mon CC.
- Compliments were paid on the wild flower planting in the community.
- It was reported that the owner of the Tan House pub has filled in the excavation around the gas tank in the car park. It appears that this project is low on his priority list. Clerk to monitor for concerns.
- It was reported that residents are concerned about proposed postcode and

address changes to properties in Pant-y-cosin which may result in problems with emergency services locating the properties.

Minute 3271 - To receive items of correspondence.

1. Leaflets received on Mon CC –Eco Open Doors Weekend 12 & 13 September 2015. Leaflets to be put on noticeboards.

Consultations received:

Monmouthshire CC – Static Advertising Policy (Circulated 17.7.15)

Welsh Government

Green Paper - Our Health, Our Service

Improving opportunities to access the outdoors for responsible recreation

Draft Public Health (minimum price for alcohol) Bill

Prevention of Pollution (Oil Storage) (Wales)

Minute 3272 - To present short reports from meetings attended.

Recreation Association – CCTV is in operation and training has been completed. A complaint following a recent hall booking has been dealt with and the Booking Form updated. The Village Market has been well supported and is proving to be a good community event.

The Clerk's annual appraisal has been completed by the Chair.

One Voice Wales Area Meeting – a presentation had been made by the Local Government Officer for Older People. There had been a lack of demand for training sessions. Charter meetings were not moving forward. Boundary changes are not likely to take place until 2020.

Minute 3273 - Date of next meeting:

Monday 7 September 2015 at 7.30pm at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.