

SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 6 June 2016 at 7.30 pm
at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

Present:

Councillors:

Mr P Harris (Chair) Ms B Moore Mr M Lenza Mr I Moore
Mr R Kopp Mr I Martin Mr K Morton Mrs L Prosser

Also in attendance:

Mrs H Counsell (Clerk to the Council)
PCSO A Jones

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

1. Public participation.

There was none.

2. Apologies for absence.

County Councillor G Down.

3. The monthly police report.

There were no instances of crime in the police report and one call to Brookacre during the month. There had been two road traffic accidents and patrols continued to be conducted along the B4235, but there were no calls received regarding anti-social driving/riding there on Sunday 5th June.

4. To consider any applications to fill co-opted vacancies

There were none. Vacancies continue to be advertised in the monthly Parish Magazine and on the website.

Minute 3382 - To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in any item of listed business.

There were none.

Minute 3383 - Minutes of the last meeting – minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9 May 2016 were confirmed for accuracy, and minutes of the ordinary meeting that followed were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

Minute 3384 - to consider planning applications received.

1. DC/2016/00421 Great Barn, former Great House Farm, Old Road, Earlswood
Existing timber store with felt roof 6m x 3m replaced with single block store with slate roof 7m x 5m. Council noted that due to Mon CC, Planning Department time constraints, recommendation of approval was submitted on 18.5.16.

The Chair made members aware that on occasions, when consultation time is limited, decisions may have to be taken outside of ordinary meetings with the decision being made by e-mail and noted at the next available meeting.

2. DC/2016/00398 Penderry Farm, School Lane, Earlswood
Agricultural Notification – proposed steel frame portal building for storage of machinery and fodder. Council recommended approval.

Minute 3385 – Finance - to approve items listed for payment

Expenditure (by Standing Order)

Clerk's salary/allowances - May 2016 £520.34
 Clerk's Pension (Council & Clerk's contribution) - May 2016 £157.91

Items for payment

Payee	Reason for expenditure	Amount £	Cheque No.
Zurich Insurance	Annual Insurance 2016/17	747.67	101303
Clerk	May expenses	84.35	101304
Clerk	Best Kept Village purchases	81.95	101305
Information Commissioner	Data Protection 2016/17	35.00	101306
Merlin Waste	Specialist bin emptying (May)	27.12	101307
Cllr M Lenza	Two months website hosting at £5.99 pm	11.98	101308

Council resolved to make all payments as listed

Minute 3386: Earlswood Recreation field – Council noted a concern about one side of the boundary fencing and following discussion resolved not to re-fence at this time.

Minute 3387 –Asset maintenance. The Clerk distributed a list of assets and the members responsible for checking them. Following discussion it was agreed that members would report back to the next meeting and the Clerk would continue to try to contact Probation to check on the availability of community working groups. A meeting is to be arranged between Cllrs B Moore and I Moore, the Clerk and the PCC to establish the ownership of the church walls.

Minute 3388 – To receive a website update.

Cllr Lenza advised that the website problems still continue. Shared Resource Services (SRS) has discontinued providing a service as no contract was in place. Mon CC has offered a service at £5 per month but this relies on the co-operation of SRS, which is not forthcoming. Hosting of the Council website is currently up and running with GoDaddy at £5.99 per month. As Cllr Lenza has paid two months hosting costs, Council authorised refunding him £11.98.

Clerk to investigate setting up a Paypal account to make future payments to GoDaddy and Council authorised loading the account with 10 payments of £5.99 per month. Total of £59.90.

Minute 3389 - To receive the Clerk's Report

- **Telephone kiosk** – lease received from Star Legal on 29.4.16 for signature by the Clerk and Chair – duly returned, copy also sent by Solicitor to the kiosk owner. One amendment by the owner was agreed by Council.
- **Best Kept Village Competition 2016** – judging to take place between 1st – 30th June. Competition results will be announced in September.

- **VAS signage** – reported to Mon CC that the 20 mph sign at Crick Road is not operational and the one at the school is on 24 hours a day. Response received 4.4.16 that they will be checked out. Reminders sent 22.4.16, 4.5 and 31.5.16. E-mail received to say that Mon CC is pursuing with contractors.
- **Change of bus provider and timetabling** – notices have been put up in noticeboards and on website.
- **Assets (part church wall)** – meeting to be arranged with PCC to establish ownership.
- **Annual insurance** – following further examination of three quotes received, competitive quote from Zurich Insurance accepted at £747.67 per annum for a three year agreement to 2019. (Last year £1088, with Aon). The Clerk was thanked for negotiating a reduction in the insurance premium.
- **Solar park, community benefit** – queried with Kate Bingham, Planning Officer whether the Council is entitled to community benefit from the Buckwell and Rhewl Farms developments and we may be, but do not know if there are any consequences as yet. Council asked the Clerk to pursue further with the developers, also Mon CC, Planning Department to find out whether a principle has been established.
- **Discharge of water at Budgens** – two discharges on to the Usk Road reported, Reference Number: 021591 given.
- **Steel containers in the countryside** – Planning Department response received on 2 April whether planning permission is required or not. Clerk to report instance of unsightly containers.

Dumping of Waste at Ridge House Stables and footpath obstruction on F/paths 119/120.

Monthly progress report received from Planning Officer on 31.5.16 as follows - an Enforcement Notice was served earlier this month and Planning has now received the appeal from Mr Harris against the enforcement notice. The LPA has to respond to the appeal by the 9th June 2016 and including with this neighbour letter/ consultations will also be sent out to interested parties and at this stage SCC will be able to make comment on the appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

It was noted that meetings had been held with owners of neighbouring properties, to which Cllr Morton had expected to be invited. Clerk to pursue with Head of Planning, advising of Council's serious disappointment and concern at costs possibly coming out of the public purse.

Enforcement Reports this month –

Closed – E16/075 'Oslo', Alleged not built as approved – No Breach.

Minute 3390 - To receive items of local concern (information only)

- The Recreation Association will be holding a Fun Day – Shirenewton Super Saturday on 27th August from 1.30pm. Profits to go towards purchase of a defibrillator.
- Lack of grass cutting of verges and junctions in the community – Clerk to contact Highways.

Minute 3391 - To receive items of correspondence.

1. Open Spaces Society – reminder of 10 years left to record public footpaths and request for financial support to fund this work.
2. South Wales Automobile Club – notification a car rally to be held at Caerwent Training Area on 12 June 2016 from 6.30am – 5pm.
3. Invitation from Paul Matthews, CEO, Mon CC to Information Sharing Session at Usk on Monday 20 June 2016 from 6.30 – 8pm. Cllr B Moore and Clerk to attend.
4. Information from J Karn, Asst. Principal Librarian, Mon CC regarding the Summer Reading Challenge and requesting financial support towards prizes (Abergavenny and Chepstow).
5. Letter from Shelter Cymru advising of the work it undertakes and requesting financial support.

Consultations received: None.

Minute 3392 - To present short reports from meetings attended.

- Cllr Morton attended an Open Spaces Society meeting – a reminder that any Rights of Way not recorded by 2026 will be lost. The Oss has been proactive in proving the existence of hundreds of footpaths that would have otherwise been lost.
- Training on responses to planning applications 16.5.16 attended by Cllr I Martin and the Clerk. Update and list of model conditions circulated to Councillors.

Minute 3393 - Date of next meeting: Monday 4 July 2016 at 7.30pm at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.