

## SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 7 October 2013 at 7.30 pm  
at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

### **Present:**

#### **Councillors:**

Mrs E McCombe  
Ms B Moore  
Mrs L Prosser  
Mr I Moore (Chair)  
Mr K Morton  
Mr P Harris  
Mr T Hughes

### **Also in attendance:**

County Councillor G Down  
PC A Jones  
Mrs H Counsell (Clerk)  
Five members of the public.

The Chair welcomed all in attendance to the meeting.

- 1. Public participation -** The five members of the public present were interested in the planning applications being considered.
- 2. Apologies were received and accepted from:** Councillor P Moles.
- 3. To receive the police report.**

The police report had been distributed prior to the meeting and PC A Jones attended. There were a number of minor incidents reported and four misper calls from Brookacre during the month. PC Jones advised that one resident of Brookacre had since been relocated.

Following discussion of the meeting held with the management of Brookacre on 18.9.13, PC Jones acknowledged that following a police presence at Brookacre neighbouring residents could be better reassured by the police on action taken.

Other points raised at the meeting were:

- Brookacre has protocols in place that require staff to inform the police of any missing residents, also to call the fire brigade for any incidents of fire at the premises.
- Management is keen for young people to be involved in the community, ideally with part time work, although there is limited availability of work in the area.
- Management is trying to be positive and constructive.
- It was confirmed that residents have 'emotional and behavioural difficulties', not 'criminal'.
- It was also acknowledged that although anti-social behaviour was 'low level', it was still of concern to neighbouring residents.

PC Jones issued a warning to residents to be vigilant as this is the time of year that oil thieves are likely to be in the area.

**Minute 2990 - To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in any item of listed business.**

Cllr K Morton - Item 6 - Planning (2).

**Minute 2991 - Minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2013** were approved and duly signed by the Chair. It was noted that Mon CC had recommended refusal of Change of Use planning application for Shirenewton Village Shop (September 2013 Minute 2982 Planning (5)).

**Minute 2992 - To consider planning applications received.**

DC/2013/000690 'Long Last', Shirenewton

**This Council recommended approval.** It was noted that there had been no objections on the Mon CC website, or from neighbours.

Cllr Morton took no part in consideration of the following application.

DC/2013/00516 'Laurel Cottage, Earlswood

**This Council recommended approval.** The following points were noted:

- the annexe would increase the size of the property by more than 50%,
- right of Way 167 was not affected,
- there had been no objections on the Mon CC website, or from neighbours.

Voting = 8/9 members for approval, 1 abstention.

DC/2013/00700 Green Pool, Earlswood

**This Council recommended approval,** subject to the following points:

- that any future change of agricultural use should require a 'Change of Use' planning application,
- no apparent arrangements had been made for the disposal of effluent.

DC/2013/00089 8 Clearview, Shirenewton

**This Council recommended approval** of the amendment to the above application, subject to the original 'build over' agreement approval from Welsh Water.

**Minute 2993 - Finance - to consider items for payment**

Clerk's salary/allowances - September 2013

£441.06

Clerk's Pension (Council & Clerk's contribution) - September 2013 £109.39

**Items for payment**

Payee	Reason for expenditure	Amount	Cheque No.
Hereford CC	AONB Study Tour	£14.00	101125
Clerk	September expenses	£69.65	101126
SLHS	Annual subscription	£15.00	101127
Mazars LLP	External Audit to 31.3.13	£180.00	101128
Mon CC	Play area maintenance	£600.00	101129
Merlin Waste	Emptying of dog waste bins	£17.82	101130

The Council resolved to make all payments as listed.

**Minute 2994** - The half yearly budget figures and forecast to 31 March 2014 were received and noted.

**Minute 2995** - The conclusion of the external audit report and compliance with inspection rights for the public was noted.

**Minute 2996 - Best Kept Village competition 2013.**

The Council extended congratulations to all residents who helped to win the Best Kept Village Hall and Best Kept War Memorial in our category. Shirenewton village was Highly Commended with 96 points out of a possible 100. Particular thanks were given to Carole and Stan Jones - Cllr Jones will give publish of the competition in the Parish Newsletter.

**Minute 2997 - Traffic calming measures.**

A productive meeting had been held on 24.9.13 between this Community Council, Mon CC Highways Dept, CC G Down and local residents. The Village Plan produced in 2007 provided the basis for discussion and the following proposals were made:

- 20mph speed restriction for Shirenewton and Mynyddbach,
- Traffic survey/monitoring through Mynyddbach,
- Appropriate signage, plus speed restrictions painted on highway,
- 'Gateway' features to narrow carriageways and prioritise traffic,
- Removal of white lines through Shirenewton,
- Weight restrictions (although it was noted that this would be difficult to enforce),
- Police to be included in future consultation.

It was noted that there are 1800+ daily vehicle movements through Shirenewton. There will be a public consultation when final proposals are developed.

The Council agreed in principle to pursue further measures, eg., to visit Mon CC nominated villages that have effective speed reducing measures in place, also to discuss this issue with residents. Agenda for further discussion and progress at December meeting.

**Minute 2998 - To discuss local commemoration of World War 1.**

Cllr Jones reported that discussions have taken place and initial proposals are;

- Commemoration to take place on 8/9 November 2014 (Remembrance weekend),
- Incorporate WW1 specifically into church service,
- Involve other local organisations, including Earlswood and Newchurch,
- Possible exhibition of artefacts eg., SLHS documents/school log book.

**Minute 2999 - Update on telephone kiosk**

No further progress. Cllr Jones is currently pursuing the lease and grant funding. CC G Down offered to find the name of the MoD Community Covenant Partnership Officer.

**Minute 3000 - Update on maintenance of war memorial**

It was noted that the maintenance was currently under way and would be completed by the end of October, before Remembrance Sunday on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

## Items of local concern from previous meetings plus new issues

- Earlswood Hall directions signs - CC Down reported that Mon CC will not pursue due to cost, although they recognised that signage to Earlswood needed improving.
- New road sign should read 'Ditch House Lane' - Clerk to contact Highways.
- Registration of Blethyn Close by Green Spaces - no further progress. (Clerk)
- Chevrons outside school - CC Down reported that if the current quote is accepted, the chevrons should be replaced with wooden posts by end of October.
- Noise/Speed monitoring equipment - the equipment provided to specific residents by Mon CC to monitor traffic speed and noise was inappropriate and impractical for outside use - County Councillor G Down to take this issue back to A Lawton, Mon CC.
- Road repairs on Mynyddbach Road - CC GD to e-mail notes to the Clerk for distribution.
- Reported footpath obstructions on 119/120 (Ridge House Stables) and 51 (Yew Tree Cottage) - members complained that these reports had either not been followed up by Mon CC, or were incorrect. CC GD continuing to pursue with Enforcement Officer.
- Change of bus provider - need to check bus timetabling on-line or at One Stop Shops.
- Alterations to two footpath signs now make them difficult to negotiate (KM to provide Clerk with footpath numbers).
- Confirmation that previously reported works at Gaerllwyd had not required permission.
- Planning conditions at Ridge House Stables to be monitored to ensure they are met.

Cllr L Prosser left the meeting at this point.

## Minute 3001 - To receive the Clerk's Report

1. **Poor Land field** - Clerk and Cllr Hughes have supplied Mark Hoare (Solicitor) with relevant information for registration of the field and Mr Hoare has visited the location. Clerk has advised him that Council would like this registration in place before the end of the year. No response from Land Registry at 4.10.13
2. **Play area** - Mon CC has undertaken and completed remedial work on four major items of equipment, as agreed. Cllr Moles to contact Clerk with possible contacts for remainder of work to be completed.
3. **Dog waste bins** - Merlin Waste emptied bins on 17.9.13 - all were full and well used. Fortnightly emptying to take place from now on. Costs to be invoiced to the Clerk on a monthly basis.
4. **Communal Web Portal** - no progress as yet.
5. **Remembrance Sunday** will be held on Sunday 10 November 2013. Clerk to order wreath for Earlswood and ensure war memorial path is cleaned by Mon CC prior to the Service. In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Morton will lay the wreath at Shirenewton.
6. **MoD supper to be held in Shirenewton on 28 Nov 2013 at 6.00pm** - Invitations have been sent out to other local organisations.

7. **Replacement hedge at Mynders Farm** - Clerk has contacted Karen Bury, Enforcement Officer who has confirmed that she has logged a new Enforcement enquiry and will make a site visit.

#### **Minute 3002 - To receive items of correspondence.**

1. E-mail from Lorraine Bermingham, Mon CC (circulated 20.9.13) to distribute guidance details and application form for the MoD Community Covenant Grant Scheme. Grant applications to be received by 18 October 2013.
2. E-mail from Mark Youngman, Mon CC (circ 25.9.13) to distribute the SEWTA consultative document on a Regional Bus Network Strategy across Wales. On-line consultation on priorities for transport provision and general travel habits ends on 18.10.13.
3. E-mail from Alan Browne, Area Services Officer, Mon CC (circ 1.10.13) giving details of 'Monmouthshire's Future' community events being held around the County during October. Notices have been posted on community notice boards.
4. E-mail from Scrutiny Democracy and Participation Team, Welsh Government, (circ 1.10.13) informing of representations invited on the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Annual Report - responses by 26.11.13.
5. Notification from One Voice Wales of the next meeting of the Area Committee for Monmouthshire and Newport on Thursday 17 October 2013 at 7.00 pm in Langstone Village Hall. Cllrs L McCombe and P Harris to attend.
6. E-mail from Joanne Clarke, Development Control Services, Mon CC (circ 6.10.13) requesting responses to a Planning Review. Cllr I Moore to arrange response.
7. Monmouthshire Countryside Service Community Engagement Strategy - workshop to be held at the Shire Hall, Monmouth on 15.10.13 from 2 - 4.00pm (Court Room 2).

#### **Minute 3003 - To present short reports from meetings attended.**

- OVW/Mon CC Charter Liaison Committee meeting held on 5.9.13 - Cllr McCombe attended and reported that the meeting was used mainly to advise of Mon CC's future cuts in funding.
- Assistant Police Commissioner's Community Workshop held on 24.9.13, attended by Cllr I Moore who reported that this was a useful session looking at how improvements can be made in community engagement.
- AONB Study Tour held on 27.9.13, attended by Cllr Morton who reported back on the interesting and varied events that took place.

#### **Date of next meeting:**

Monday 4 November 2013 at 7.30pm at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.40 pm.