

SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 5th August 2019 at 7.00 pm
at the Recreation Hall, Shirenewton.

This meeting had been advertised as not a public meeting on the Council website and on community noticeboards and was held to analyse the survey results, plus consideration of planning applications and any other necessary business.

Present:

Councillors: Mr P Butterworth (Chair), Mr K Morton, Mrs J Smith-Haddon,
Mr I Martin, Mrs B Price.

Also in attendance:

Mrs H Counsell (Clerk to the Council)

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

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from:

Councillors J McKenna and L Brown.

Minute 3860 - To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in listed business.

There was none.

Minute 3861 - To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2019.

The minutes were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

Minute 3862 - To consider planning matters.

a) DM/2019/01158 Gaerllwyd Farm, Newchurch West

Change of use of existing agricultural building to B1, B2 & B8 use.

Firstly Council noted that that was no public notice of this planning application on site.

Members further noted the following - that the building lay at the head of the Mounon valley and was prominent in its position, also that no discernible farming activities had been carried out at the farm in recent years. The application was to make internal alterations to form three units each with a small office and toilet, the intention appearing to be to leave the external appearance in its existing form. The application was very sparse on detail and purported that there were no protected species nor important habitats. No proposals were included for foul drainage despite the provision of three toilets. No proposals were included for the parking of vehicles, external lighting or landscaping.

The application was for change of use from agricultural to use classes B1, B2 and B8. The application stated it did not include areas to store waste, nor was there a need to dispose of trade effluents or waste, nor did it require the employment of staff and that hours of opening were not relevant.

Councillors made note of the following:

- No bat or other protected species survey was included with the application,
- A single unit may not be sufficient for an industrial process but the three combined could be,

- There was no indication of the nature of the intended use by future occupiers and no business case in support showing a need for the proposed units,

Council questioned whether any industrial use is appropriate in an area of open rural landscape and considered that, if approved, restrictions should be imposed limiting opening times for example to 8am to 7pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank and public holidays)., also that restrictions on noise should be imposed and, if necessary, soundproofing installed.

The lack of detail on parking arrangements, external lighting and foul water disposal should be rectified before approval is given.

That the proposed siting of industrial units with the inherent increase in commercial and private vehicle movements runs counter to the encouragement of the Welsh Government for the use of public transport

Council felt that -

a) the application was invalid through lack of detail, and

b) Class B1 use was acceptable as rural enterprise, but an industrial process operation would be out of keeping with the rural landscape. Council recommended refusal. (Voting: Unanimous).

b) Pre-application consultation on EE Emergency Services Network (ESN) proposed base station installation at Buckwell Farm, Penywaemawr.

The community council received information from Mr Garry Smith of Savills Projects Ltd regarding the above pre-consultation and requested being invited to join any meetings that are arranged with Mon CC and the applicants, also being kept up to date with developments as they arise.

Minute 3863 – Finance. To approve items listed for payment –

Expenditure (by Standing Order)

Clerk's salary/allowances -	July 2019	£654.20
Clerk's Pension (Council & Clerk's contribution) -	July 2019	£177.95

Items for payment

Payee	Reason for expenditure	Amount £	Vat £	Total	Cheque No.
Mon CC	Play area annual inspection			75.90	101515
Shirenewton PCC	Annual grant – 2019/20	550.00		550.00	101516
Recreation Assoc	“ “	300.00		300.00	101517
Local History Society	“ “	100.00		100.00	101518
Earlswood Hall	“ “	350.00		350.00	101519
Earlswood Chapels	“ “	120.00		120.00	101520
St Peters Church	“ “	60.00		60.00	101521

Shirenewton Playgroup	“ “	200.00		200.00	101522
Mon County CAB	“ “	100.00		100.00	101523
Shirenewton Toddlers	“ “	95.00		95.00	101524
ShAMBLE Light Project	“ “	130.00		130.00	101525
Mrs H Counsell	Expenses – July 2019	48.10		48.10	101526
Recreation Assoc	Annual room hire	220.00		220.00	101527
Merlin Waste	Bin emptying (July)	37.50		37.50	101528
Local History Society	Annual subscription 1019/20	15.00		15.00	101529

Council resolved to make all payments as listed.

Minute: 3864: To analyse the results of the community survey.

Councillor Butterworth circulated draft information which was closely examined and some minor amendments made. A summary of information is to be developed by Cllr Martin, also a list of the changes needed for the next survey in 5 years time by Cllr Butterworth.

Members discussed how the results could be fed back to residents, Cllr Smith-Haddon to check whether paper copies (approximately 300) could be delivered with the Parish Magazine in October. The results will also be available electronically on the Council website. It was also suggested that links could be made with the church and school websites.

Following analysis, the following points were put forward for a 5 year plan:

1. Continue with updating of play equipment,
2. Research costs of a hard path around the recreation field,
3. Budget for picnic tables and benches,
4. Revisit with Mon CC compulsory 20mph speed limits, and alteration of contradictory signage.

Minute: 3865 - Response to consultation on revisions to Mon CC's LDP 2018 - 2033

Council noted its detailed response made on 5.8.19.

Minute: 3866 – Matters of local concern

Clerk to report the following:

Footpath ??, Mynyddbach - barbed wire strand on public footpath fence,
Footpath 89, Earlswood – impassable, needs clearing,
Footpath 114, Hope Chapel to Latimer Farm, Earlswood – needs signage at Farm.

Date of next meeting Monday 2nd September 2019 at 7.00pm at the Recreation Hall, Shirenewton.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.