

SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 6 January 2020 at 7.00 pm
at the Recreation Hall, Shirenewton.

Present:

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

Also in attendance:

Mrs H Counsell (Clerk to the Council)

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He noted that with only three Councillors present the meeting was not quorate, however any three Councillors are able to make responses to planning applications.

1. Public Participation

There was none.

2. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from:

Councillors B Price, L Brown, J McKenna, J Grose, K Morton.

3. To consider applications for two co-opted vacancies in the Shirenewton ward.

No applications had been received.

4. To receive the monthly police report.

04/12/19 – Earlswood – Male arrested at property for cruelty to an animal – Male has since been sentenced to 17 weeks in prison.

23/12/19 – Earlswood – Damage to house linked with above incident – No further action.

27/12/19 – 1 Vehicle RTC – Caused by weather conditions and muddy road.

There have been several reports during this period for off road bikes in the Wentwood and Earlswood areas.

There were no reports for Brookacre during this time.

Councillors were pleased to note the additional feedback on reported incidents.

Minute 3923 - To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in listed business.

There was none.

Minute 3924- To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2019.

The minutes were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

Minute 3925 - To consider planning matters.

1. DM/2019/02000 The Grondra, Shirenewton

Adjustment of windows, re-location of bat box, amended glazing to conservatory extension.

Council noted this application for non-material amendments in order to

a) comply with building regulations and the bat licence and,

b) bring the kitchen windows in line with approved floor levels, simplify the glazing to the extension and to increase light to inner room.

Council's recommendation was for approval.

2. DM/2019/01940 Land South of Bluebell Lane Cottage, Earlswood Road.

Extension to barn and creation of an equine menage. Change of use from agricultural to equestrian.

Council noted that the existing barn is an agricultural building rectangular in shape and measuring some 14x6m. The proposal is to enlarge this to the front and side, almost doubling the size to some 9.6x23m. There is no alteration to the height of the building and the walls and roof will continue with the like steel cladding and steel roof. Internally there are to be 3 stables a tack room and hay storage. The menage is some 40x20m and enclosed by timber post and rail fencing 1.35m high and served by a new field gate. There is no suggestion in the application of a commercial use – the proposal will not provide employment. There are no proposals for waste disposal nor is any protected wildlife either plant or animal said to be affected.

Members considered that the following conditions should apply:-

- a) Lighting should not be prominent and should be time limited at night;
- b) detailed information be provided on the storage and disposal of equine waste;
- c) production of an ecological report regarding the pond on site containing newts, and the presence of tawny owls on site.

Council recommended approval subject to conditions.

3. DM/2019/ 01880 Mo I Rana, Weyloed Lane, Mynyddbach

Proposed first floor extension and front car parking alterations.

Council noted that the property is of a modern 2 storey 4/5 bedroom design with a long sloping roof on both sides of the central ridge which runs down and over the single garage to the left and over the lounge and 2 ground floor bedrooms to the right. It is situated along Weyloed Lane overlooking the B road. The roofline is to be raised so that there is a first floor above the single storey which currently comprises a lounge and 2 bedrooms. The existing ridge height is to increase by approximately 0.5-1m (no measurements provided).

The elevations shown in the current application would seem to imply that the 2016 approval is not being proceeded with but substitutes a scaled down version lifting the roofline to the right hand side to provide first floor accommodation. Councillors were aware however that the bat roost building which was proposed in the earlier application has not been shown on the current application.

This council would recommend the following conditions:-

- a) that the previous condition regarding the provision of a bat roost building still apply,
- b) also that no lighting or lighting fixtures shall be attached to or be positioned in the curtilage so as to illuminate the western curtilage of the building.

The recommendation was for approval subject to conditions.

4. DM/2019/01480 Change of use of land to accommodate two park homes and up to 4 touring caravans. (at Crick)

Council noted the objection on road safety issues made on 9.12.19.

Minute 3926 – Finance. To approve items listed for payment –

Expenditure (by Standing Order)

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

Items for payment

Payee	Reason for expenditure	Amount £	Vat £	Total	Cheque No.
Mrs H Counsell	Expenses - December	78.37		78.37	101550
Planning Aid Wales	Planning training (Cllr Butterworth)	40.00		40.00	101551
Merlin Waste Invoices 3918, 3919	Bin emptying (Nov/Dec)	37.50 x 2		75.00	101552
Gillett & Johnson	Annual church clock maintenance	150.00	30.00	180.00	101553

Council resolved to make all payments as listed.

The Chair deferred agenda items 9 and 10 to the agenda of the next quorate meeting for decision.

Minute 3927 - Items of local concern (information only)

- Cllr Smith-Haddon reported that Ms E Ford had received 105 saplings from the Woodland Trust (rowan and oak, amongst others) and that she and Ms Ford would consider locations around the community for planting trees, to also discuss with the Recreation Association and local land owners. Cllr Smith-Haddon to report findings back to next meeting.
- Clerk to report three potholes in the Earlswood area.

Minute 3928 - To receive correspondence as per attached schedule.

Council noted receipt of the following correspondence:

Monmouthshire County Council

- **Presentation on the Electoral Arrangements for Monmouthshire**

Letter received on 21.12.19 from the Boundary Commission to advise of a presentation on the review process at County Hall, Usk on 16 January 2020 at 6.30pm. Chair or a representative invited to attend. Chair not available, Clerk to attend as representative.

- **Monmouthshire Replacement Local Development Plan 2018-2033, Preferred Strategy and Second Call for Candidate Sites Update.**

Consultation on the strategy commencing on Monday 9th March 2020 for a 6 week period. Comments will be invited on the Preferred Strategy during this period. An updated Delivery Agreement timetable will also be reported to Council at the 5th March meeting.

The second call for candidate sites will be undertaken alongside the consultation on the Preferred Strategy. The second call for sites will commence on Monday 9th March 2020 and will run for 12 weeks to Monday 1st June 2020. (Circ 23.12.19)

- **Licensing Act Policy consultation** – closing date 28.2.2020 (circulated 11.12.19)

Welsh Government Consultations

- Proposed Changes to Planning Fees – closing date 15.3.2020 (circ. 18.12.19)
- Increasing recycling by businesses.

- Clean Air Plan for Wales.
- Amendment of additions to vitamins, minerals and other substances regulations.
- Circular Economy Strategy.

It was agreed to discuss preliminary proposals for provision of a hard path around the recreation field at an informal meeting in February. Date to be decided at the February Council meeting.

Minute 3929 - Date of next meeting Monday 3rd February 2020 at 7.00pm at the Recreation Hall, Shirenewton.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.