

## NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 8th October, 2015 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

1. **Present:** Cllrs. M. Cooper, N. Dodman, R. Harris (Vice-Chairman), J. Hodge.

**In Attendance:** Mrs T. Price, Clerk

2. **Apologies:** . Cllrs. S. Bennett (Chairman), E. Blackman, K. Williams.

#### 3. **Declarations of Interest:**

*Personal Only: Cllr. Dodman re Byway LM1268, part of route forms access to own property*  
*Personal and Prejudicial: None*

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Clerk reminded Members of the basic rules of the Code of Conduct. She advised that the ultimate decision on declarations and on the type of interest (personal or prejudicial) was that of each Member individually. She advised Cllr. Dodman that a personal interest should be declared when the byway was discussed due to part of the route forming access to his property and confirmed that she had informed Cllr. Bennett of the need to declare a personal interest, again during discussions on the byway, due to his membership of the Trail Riders Fellowship. Cllr. Bennett would also need to rely on the blanket dispensation for membership of voluntary organisations to prevent the interest being prejudicial.

The Clerk also explained the need to consider Council matters with an open mind and to not be 'pre-determined' when attending meetings.

In the absence of the Chairman it was agreed that Cllr. Harris would chair the meeting.

4. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th September, 2015 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Acting Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

#### 5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

5.1 LM1268 ByWay Water Break Its Neck to Dolau: The Clerk was asked to inform the County Council of the need to ensure the appropriate survey was carried out on the route section over Duff-Gordon, Powell and Lloyd land and the need to properly survey the land in question before proceeding with any work.

The reply from the County Council regarding signage was noted. The Clerk had tried to contact the Officer to get an update but he was unfortunately on leave.

5.2 Road Surface Presteigne to Walton Road: Cllrs. Harris and Hodge, together with the Clerk had met a representative from Balfour Beatty to view the road. It had been agreed that the road needed complete re-surfacing. The Clerk was awaiting details on whether the road was included in the list for capital works. In the meantime the current potholes would be plugged. The Clerk was asked to write to the local Herefordshire Member to ask that the road be given priority. She was also asked to write to the relevant parish councils to ask for their support. Cllr. Dodman agreed to supply photographs of the worst sections.

## **6. Correspondence/General:**

6.1 Council Website: The Clerk reported that Upper Bridge had been in touch to say that the Microsoft software the site used was being withdrawn in 2017. This would mean that a new site would need to be set up and the data transferred over. There would be a cost for this and Upper Bridge would supply more details in due course. The Council could of course go to another website provider.

## **7. Planning:**

7.1 Planning Application Decisions: The Clerk reported that there had been no change to the outstanding applications.

7.2 Planning Applications: The following applications were considered -

P/2015/0787, Demolition of existing coach house at The Coach House, Water Street, New Radnor. Resolved that the need for demolition to be queried feeling that sympathetic restoration was more appropriate in a conservation area. The Council would like to be assured that this is not possible before any demolition is permitted.

P/2015/0789, demolition of existing coach house and erection of new one bedroom dwelling with provision of one on site car parking space at The Coach House, Water Street, New Radnor. Resolved that the following comments be made - The Community Council wishes to object to the application on the grounds that the proposed appearance of the dwelling is not in keeping with the general appearance of property in the village and it is therefore inappropriate. It points out that the village is comprised of more traditional properties and is within a conservation area. Concerns regarding the demolition of the existing building are as described under 787 above.

P/2015/0799, section 73 application for variation of condition 3 of P/2008/1685 (erection of 14 dwellings and highway alterations including new access) to extend time period for submission of reserved matters at Water Street Farm, Water Street, New Radnor. Resolved no objections raised.

## **8. Village Matters:**

8.1 Radnor Ranges: It was reported that both red and yellow flags remained flying when no activities were taking place. The Clerk was asked to report this to the Ranges.

8.2 Defibrillator/Kiosk Adoption: The signing of the agreement was deferred to the November meeting

8.3 Complaint re spraying of farmland: The Clerk had supplied some further information. No further action required.

## **9. Finance:**

9.1 Payments: The following payment was agreed - Viking (stationery) £54.90

9.2 Appointment of New External Auditor: The appointment of the new external auditor was noted.

9.3 Request for donation from Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod: Resolved no donation be made.

9.4 East Radnorshire Day Centre: The Annual Report and Accounts were noted.

**10. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 12th November, 2015.  
The meeting closed at 8.45 pm