

OLD RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held Tuesday, 16th February, 2016 held in Walton Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors E. Jones (Chairman), Mrs A. Goodwin, Mrs B. Gwatkin, K. Morgan, M. Jones., H. Jones, R. Jones.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs T. Price, Clerk; one member of the public.

MIN 91/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. R. Burden, T. Bell (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. R. Jones, J. Stokes.

MIN 92/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal Only:

Cllr. E. Jones re. Item 7.1 Quarry Liaison Meeting (business connection)

NB Personal Dispensation dated 25th November 2015 Applies

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. M. Jones re. Planning Item 6.1, P/2016/0020 (business connection, rents land from applicant, family connection, relative works for company)

Cllr. M. Jones re. Planning Item 6.1, P/2016/1255 (family connection)

Cllr. E. Jones re. Planning Item 6.1, P/2016/0020 (business connection)

MIN 93/15 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19TH JANUARY 2016

Resolved that the Minutes (as previously circulated) represented a true record of events. The Chairman then duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 94/15 INFORMATION FROM MINUTES

(1) Budget/Precept 2016/17: The Clerk circulated the final copies of the budget sheet for the coming financial year.

(2) New Council Website: The Clerk confirmed that work had begun on the new site.

MIN 95/15 FINANCE

(1) Payments: It was resolved that membership should continue and the following payment was approved -

One Voice Wales (annual membership)	£101.00
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(2) Welsh Government Notification of S.137 limit for 2016/17: The new limit was noted. The Clerk explained the uses of S.137 as a power for general payments made for the benefit of the community area.

(3) Letter of thanks Walton Hall Committee: The letter was read to the meeting and duly noted.

(4) Receipts: The following receipts were noted -

SLCC (Cilca Training Bursary)	£125.00
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MIN 96/15 PLANNING

(1) Planning Applications:

Note: Cllr. M. Jones took no part in the planning application decisions due to his position on the County Council planning committee.

VAR/2016/0003, application to modify section 106 legal agreement attached to planning permission PR616900 (occupancy restriction) at Meadow View, Evenjobb, Presteigne. *Resolved that the Council has no objection provided that this applies to only the one dwelling and that the lifting of this restriction would not be a precursor to further additional development on the site. Members noted that the site plan indicated a large site, despite there being only one dwelling.*

Cllr. M. Jones left the room for the duration of the following item.

P/2015/1255, demolition of existing single storey rear and side extensions and erection of two storey rear and single storey side extensions at 2 Watery Lane, Walton. *Resolved the Council has no objections to this application.*

Cllr. E. Jones and Cllr. M. Jones left the room for the duration of the following item and Cllr. H. Jones assumed the Chair.

P/2016/0020, outline application for erection of 4 dwellings to include formation of 2 new vehicular accesses and installation of foul treatment plant and associated soakaways at Land opposite Fold Court, Old Radnor. Two emails of objection had been received but one had since been withdrawn.

*Resolved the Council objects to the application on the following grounds -
the proposed access does not provide sufficient visibility and opens onto a narrow road which will impact on highway safety
there is concern that the properties will impact on the visual landscape to the detriment of a beautiful area and that there is no indication of their proposed height
the site is in close proximity to existing archaeological features and the medieval small village.*

In addition it was noted that no site notices appear to be on the site and the Council asks that these are immediately posted and that the public be given the full 21 days from the date of posting to comment.

(2) Planning Application Decisions: Five applications were outstanding. There were no new decisions to report.

(3) Withdrawal of Paper Planning Applications: Despite being very concerned at the withdrawal of paper plans it was agreed that no further action be taken. The Clerk was asked to print future planning applications to A4 size initially and the situation would be reviewed if necessary.

(4) Public Exhibition by Tarmac re extension of Dolyhir Quarry: The date and time of the forthcoming exhibition were noted. The Clerk had circulated copies of the notices to be displayed on the various notice boards.

MIN 97/15 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Quarry Liaison Committee Meeting Report (*Information Only*): Cllr. M. Jones made a full report on the meeting on 28th January. Minutes of the meeting had been taken by the Quarry and would be circulated as soon as available. The Company had responded to the concerns raised through the Community Council by residents and had replied as follows -

Lighting at Dolyhir and Gore Quarry: It was explained that the lights at Gore Quarry needed to be on whenever staff were present on site, both in the evening and early

morning for safety reasons, however the lights did not need to be on all night. It was also explained that the lights at Dolyhir from the office building to the asphalt plant area are always on at night when the asphalt plant is operating. Both sites would look to review the lighting to make sure that lights were only on when necessary.

Dust: It was reported that the quarry had not received any direct complaints about dust and a discussion took place about whether and how dust from the quarry would impact Old Radnor because as the quarry develops in a westerly direction it would effectively take the operational parts of the quarry further away from Old Radnor.

Footpath on Old Radnor Hill: Following a complaint about rocks on the footpath and how the path needed to be maintained throughout the Spring and Summer months, it was explained that all rocks would be removed from the path and that any holes in the fence would be repaired. It was also explained that a gardening company would be contracted to strip and look after the footpath once a month from February.

Following a complaint regarding a tree that was on the fence on the boundary on the Old Radnor side of Gore, it was confirmed that this would be removed and the fence repaired.

Lorries through Old Radnor Village: It had been raised that quarry vehicles were using Old Radnor village as a rat run to go to and from the quarry. It was felt this was not HGV's although some hauliers who live locally may go through the village. It was also stated that because it is a public road, it would not be appropriate to stop people from driving through the village.

Road Condition: The condition of the road outside Dolyhir quarry was mentioned. Efforts would be made to liaise with Tarmac's contracting business to try and get pot-holes filled but it was explained that it is a public road and the Quarry could not just fix it.

Blasting Issues: The impacts from blasting at both quarries were discussed. The limits on the planning permission were set in accordance with Welsh Government guidance and the levels were designed to prevent damage to property. It was also explained that all blasts were monitored in accordance with the planning permissions and the results were available to the Council to survey.

Tree Planting: It was asked whether the quarry could plant more trees. The Quarry explained about the process for restoration and that more trees would be planted over time.

The Company had also indicated support for grants to local projects.

A list of contact numbers for the Quarry had been supplied and would be circulated to all Members, placed on the website and on notice-boards.

Full Minutes of the meeting would be put on the Community Council website and would also be placed on a website being set up by the Quarry.

(2) One Voice Wales Area Meeting 5th February and Minutes 9th October: Noted. Cllr. Bell had been unable to attend.

(3) Village Hall Revenue Grant Scheme 2016/17, letter from PCC: This had been completed and returned by the Clerk.

(4) Replies from Gladestry and New Radnor Community Councils re. letter to Microsoft: Both Councils had agreed to be party to a joint letter to Microsoft. The Clerk would now send the letter.

(5) Community Health Council Meeting Notification: The date of the forthcoming meeting at 10.30am 5th April 2016, New Radnor Community Centre was noted.

MIN 98/15 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

15th March at Evenjobb Parish Hall

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.