

OLD RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held Tuesday, 15th February, 2022 at 8.00 p.m. via video conferencing.

PRESENT: Councillors H. Jones (Chairman), R. Burden E. Jones, M. Jones, K. Morgan, Mrs. R. Jones, J. Stokes (part).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs T. Price, Clerk. Mr. R. Simmons, Wales Regional Manager, Broadway Partners.

MIN 76/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. K. Powell (Vice Chairman), A. Yates.

MIN 77/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal only:

Cllr. R. Burden re planning applications 21/2370/FUL & 21/2371/LBC for Old Radnor PCC: Member of PCC.

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. E. Jones, applicant re. planning application 22/0152/FUL.

Cllr. R. Jones, related to applicant re. planning application 22/0152/FUL.

MIN 78/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 18TH JANUARY 2022

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

MIN 79/21 COMMUNITY BROADBAND PROJECT

Members received a presentation from Reece Simmons, Wales Regional Manager, Broadway Partners on the opportunities for community broadband at ultra-fast speeds for the Council area. He confirmed that if the project was able to go ahead Broadway would commit to connecting every property in the area that was eligible for a connection voucher. Properties not connecting as part of the project would be unlikely to be able access the funding at a later date and would therefore be asked to pay all or part of any connection costs should they then wish to connect. Mr. Simmons also answered Member's questions on how the scheme would work, time scales, benefits over 4g connections (speeds, not affected by weather, benefit to property values) costs etc. Mr. Simmons clarified that even for properties currently with fibre from the cabinet the speeds provided would be better and provide future proofing as demands for internet usage increased. Cllr. H. Jones thanked Mr. Simmons for attending.

Members then considered their choice of partner for the scheme and agreed to work with Broadway Partners. It was further agreed that the Clerk represent the Council on project meetings but that Members would assist with publicity, encouraging registrations etc. The Clerk would draft a letter for posting to all residents as soon as possible. She was also asked to obtain clarification on the eligibility of premises that had already received grant funding for 4g connections.

MIN 80/21 INFORMATION FROM MINUTES

Nothing to report this month.

MIN 81/21 FINANCE

(1) Payments: The following payments were approved –

HSBC (Bank charges)	£6.60
Mrs T. Price (refund ink toner)	£83.90
Upper Bridge Enterprises (website hosting etc)	£200.50

MIN 82/21 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Broadband Project: See Minute 79/21 above.

(2) Traffic Monitoring at Dolyhir Quarry: Cllr. M. Jones updated Members on the situation which was as follows –

- 85% speed from previous traffic monitoring was 29.08mph. Maximum speed recorded was 40.5 mph. This meant the County Council would not be looking to install any measures to control speeds.
- Quarry Management considering whether to purchase the speed indicator signs and County Council likely to be sympathetic to a request to do this providing the Quarry met the full costs.

He suggested that possibilities could be discussed further at the next Liaison Meeting when the quarry decision on funding might have been made.

Cllr. Morgan suggested that it would help improve safety if the white lines were re-done by the old weighbridge as this would remind road users of the priority at this point and also for signs to be installed indicating heavy plant crossing. The Clerk would submit a request to the County Council. He also raised the issue of some plant vehicles having no identifying marks and it was agreed that this should be raised at the next Liaison meeting.

The traffic speeds matter would be reviewed again once the Quarry had made a decision on funding speed indicator signs and the options could be considered.

(3) Plant a Tree for the Jubilee Email from Royal British Legion: Members noted the letter and the cost of plaques ordered from the organisation.

(4) Safety on A44: Cllr. E. Jones raised traffic safety on the A44 near Stanner following a further accident in recent weeks. He pointed out that although there were warning chevrons going down the bank there were none in the opposite direction. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to request these be installed.

Cllr. M. Jones left the meeting at this point due to his position on the County Council Planning Committee.

MIN 83/21 PLANNING

(1) Planning Decisions: No decisions were reported this month.

(2) Email of Objection to Planning Applications 21/2157FUL and 21/1081/FUL: Members noted the objections made. The Clerk had responded with details of the comments made by the Council.

(3) Riverine SACs and Phosphorous Update Feb 2022 for Community and Town Councils Update – County Council: Noted.

(4) Planning Applications: The following applications were considered –

21/2371/LBC Grid Reference: E:324987 N: 259094 Proposal: Construction of a lean-to structure attached to Church to create an accessible WC accessed from the Porch Site Address: St Stephens Church, Old Radnor. Resolved to support the application provided the access door was not through the Church porch but the toilet was accessed from outside the building.

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Cllrs. E. Jones and R. Jones left the meeting at this point having declared an interest in the following item. Cllr. Stokes joined the meeting.

22/0152/FUL Grid Reference: E:325748 N: 259685 Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building (for housing livestock) Site Address: Walton Farm, Walton, Presteigne, LD8 2PH. Resolved no objections be raised.

MIN 84/21 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

15th March, 2022. Via Video Conferencing.
The meeting closed at 9.29 p.m.