

## CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Regretfully, just before Christmas the sewage pumping station in Caerwent failed and, indeed there have been other problems of late regarding this facility. MCC staff worked tirelessly throughout the night to prevent properties being flooded. We are now awaiting the Engineers report from Welsh Water and are therefore unable to comment further. However, we will continue to press for any remedial action to be taken as soon as possible. Whilst drainage matters are now completely in the province of Welsh Water we will use the pressure that MCC can put on them as often as required.

We have been informed that MCC Highways had delayed permission for BT to carry out road works in connection with a fault that meant that several properties were without telephone connection for some time. Investigations showed that it was in fact BT who had not requested permission until 4<sup>th</sup> January and that MCC had given immediate authorisation for the work at the time of application. We hope that this clears up any confusion.

We were delighted to hear that the playing fields at Caerwent have been granted QE II status. They will now be known as the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields and the status will protect them for always. In the unlikely event that they are needed for other purposes they will have to be replaced.

The Caerwent village enhancement scheme has had to be put back slightly but is still scheduled to be done in March.

Residents in the Ash Tree Road area were subjected to a strong sewage smell recently, which was traced back to the MoD base. This has now been rectified – hopefully resulting in no repeat of the problem.

Can we remind dog walkers that waste bins are now in place throughout the village of Caerwent and we would encourage their use. We hope shortly to get two more bins fixed in the Merton Green/Ash Tree Road area which should then complete the allotted provision in the area.

Now, a plea to residents when cutting hedges and borders. We have been asked to request that when such work is carried out and footpaths or highways are affected, could debris be swept up please. We have had cases of thorns in tyres and people with disabilities being unable to get along properly.

Philip Murphy  
CHAIRMAN

**The following planning applications have been considered by the Community Council:**

**2012/01057 Walnut Tree Barn, Five Lanes, Caerwent**  
**Erection of a detached 3-bay garage/carport with domestic workshop/store**

*This Council recommends **Approval***

**2012/00948 Land Adjacent to Brockwells Farm, Caerwent**  
**Change of Use of Land to Allow Provision of Three Mobile Unit Holiday Lodges**

*This Council recommends **Refusal***

Inaccurate location detail (correct locality is that it is part of the old Caerwent Quarry, adjacent to Woodland View.)

Unsuitable site due to the proximity of the possibly dangerous quarry face.

Too prominent on the landscape.

Unsuitable access on the brow of the hill with poor vehicular vision.

Insufficient detail of the type of structure proposed.

**2012/01093 19 Trewen**  
**Porch & Home Office Single Storey Extension at Front of Property**

*This Council recommends **Approval***

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