CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning applications considered in December

Councillor Evans took the Chair in dealing with the following planning application as the Chairman had declared an interest.

2014/01384 Myrtle Cottage, The Cross, Caerwent

Variation of Condition 3: 'The foundations of the building shall be constructed in accordance with the submitted foundation drawings, received 8th March 2013, which indicate there will be no ground disturbance beyond 150mm' from planning permission DC/2013/01039, in order to change foundations detail as approved and excavate the ground deeper than 150mm.

This Council recommends Refusal

A full investigative survey of the land would be required to determine if there are any archaeological remains.

2014/01403 25 Ash Tree Road, **Caerwent**

Non-Material Amendment from previous application 2009/00725, Relocation of Parking Area for Plot 94 as shown on planning layout.

This Council recommends Refusal

Original plan not adhered to. Spaces taken had already been allocated to existing residents.

Other points of interest

The Chairman wished to publicly thank the MoD for the supper they put on recently for Caerwent and Shirenewton Councils and community groups. He felt that this was a very useful and enjoyable event which forges positive links between all organisations.

Monthly Police Report

The Chairman welcomed the new Inspector, David Morgan, to the meeting. The Inspector outlined his role and emphasised that he is very keen to engage positively with all of the community councils in south Monmouthshire. He will aim to visit us once a quarter, PCSOs will still attend council meetings but will not do so every month. We will still receive monthly reports but the format will change to cover dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries, criminal

damage, theft of and from motor vehicles, anti social behaviour and any proactive work undertaken by his Officers.

The Inspector will issue a blog every two weeks. He was pleased to confirm that two people had been arrested in relation to the recent numerous car thefts in our area, three vehicles had been recovered and he is hoping that they will be charged very soon.

The Chairman queried, that when he reports that lamping is taking place in fields at Five Lanes at 10.00/11.00 p.m. whether the police will attend. The Inspector stated that there should be a response but obviously calls have to be prioritised and it could be that the lampers do have permission.

The Inspector confirmed that his force are looking into the parking problems at Merton Green.

Regarding alleged drug abuse the Inspector stated that they have a very close working relationship with the registered social landlords and have monthly meetings with them to build intelligence bases. The landlord has a statutory obligation to investigate any anti-social behaviour which could then lead to warnings, sanctions or eviction.

School Lane, 18 Month Trial Period

Review Statement from Highways: "the experimental order has been in place for greater than 18 months and given that the proposals were supported at the public exhibition and that the post monitoring data shows no adverse impact on road users or the community then a Cabinet report has been presented confirming the permanent order. This process allows any objections to be considered before a decision on the permanent order is made".

Brian Counsell Chair

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