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MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MONDAY 19 JUNE 2006 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT C Knight, J Williams (Chair), M Powell, K Reece, A Duffield, E Hall, CC Greenland, A Cooke, N Knowland

APOLOGIES

IN ATTENDANCE: C Martin (Clerk) Elaine Clelland, John Clelland

1) OPEN SESSION

Mr and Mrs Clelland stated that they were here to discuss plan DC/2006/00144 Change of use at The Dorlands Kilgwrrwg from residential to care home for adults with learning difficulties. They stated that they were concerned about the many inaccuracies in the agent's letter accompanying the planning application. The plan claims that it is only 2 properties affected but is actually more. It is not clear what degree of disability the residents will have and the land is not protected by a fence and it is steep. There is a concern that residents may wander from the property and some will have challenging behaviour. It is on a single track road which will mean an increase in traffic on a road that is already inadequate. Cllr Cooke stated that in principle she had no objections to such homes but there were many inaccuracies in the submission. The staff resident ratio is not clear.

Cllr Williams proposed that this plan is deferred until next meeting on 31 July at Itton. CM to contact planning department to defer decision. JW to organise site meeting for 7.30pm on 22 June. Members of the public left the meeting.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 22 May 2006 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 The rubbish bin ordered for the Devauden Village Hall has not been received. JW will contact hall committee
- 3.2 NK requested that CM sends reminder to Dwr Cymru about the incomplete fire hydrants at Kilgwrrwg. Response received to confirm that subcontractors have done the work. CM contacted Dwr Cymru and copied NK. NK reported that Dwr Cymru informed him that it was responsibility of Fire Service. CM to write to SW Fire and Rescue Service to report that plates missing from fire hydrant posts on R82 from Devauden Court to Newchurch.
- 3.3 Highways forms 39524 and 39966 reported. File.
- 3.4 Devauden Newsletter – CM does not have the required software to transfer the approved minutes to PDF format for display on the Devauden website so has not been able to send any. Cllrs agreed that CM should send them in current format with a note stating that it is an uncontrolled copy. John Davies at the Devauden website will be asked to transfer them to PDF.
- 3.5 Allotments – JW confirmed that she would get Mr and Mrs Massie to complete the allotment agreement and make their £5 payment. The agreement was returned to CM and JW will secure payment from Mr and Mrs Massie.
- 3.6 Hood memorial Hall – no dog sign, Chepstow OSS advised that MCC do not fix signs on private ground but gave details of Streetwise signs of Pontypool who can supply for about £50, contact 01495 752980.
- 3.7 Wye Valley AONB – undergrounding of overhead wires in the area. No suitable wires reported by the councillors.

4) FINANCE

Balances 19/6/06 Current; £ 620.61

No Notice: £ 5819.25

4.1 Authorisation of increase to Clerk's mileage allowance as advised by National Joint Council for Local Government Services. New rate of 54.4p per mile agreed by JW and NK.

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4.2 Agreed for payment:

Clerks salary and expenses £211.88 cheque no. 101054, signed by JW and NK.

Earth anchors – supply of 2 benches invoices 107474/1 and 107474/2 – £1006.98. Cheque no.101055 signed by JW and NK.

St Deniol's Church Itton – £25 donation agreed for grass cutting, cheque no 101056 signed by NK and JW, passed to MP.

4.3 Accounts for 2005/6 signed off by CM and JW.

4.4 Agreed to appoint Mrs Lydia Warner as internal auditor at an hourly rate equivalent to Clerk's current hourly rate of £9.019.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 MCC – Cabinet agenda 7 June. File 2 months
- 5.2 NAW – changes to electoral arrangements in Wales – consultation closing date 4 September. JW to review.
- 5.3 AONB – outstanding magazine. Distributed
- 5.4 MCC Countryside newsletter. Distributed
- 5.5 Charter 88 – community decline campaign. No action.
- 5.6 MCC instructions on filling casual vacancies. File
- 5.7 MCC – review of Principal Local Government Authority Areas – community boundary wards and electoral arrangements – consultation closes 28 July. Discussed and agreed that CM should respond via email to confirm that DCC is happy with the overall community boundary but believes there is under representation in the Llanvihangel/ Wolvesnewton ward. DCC proposes that Community Councillors should be increased from 1 to 2 in this ward.
- 5.8 Public services ombudsman for Wales – annual report 2005/6.
- 5.9 Correspondence from Mr G Buckland showing a series of letters to MCC regarding the removal of hedgerow at cottage at Cobblers Plain. Comments noted and filed.
- 5.10 MCC – UDP statement of decisions. Passed to JW.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Lists of planning applications - none received
- 6.2 Planning committee agenda –30 May and 13 June. File 2 months.
- 6.3 Planning applications – delegated decisions and enforcement cases - none received.
- 6.4 DC/2006/00183 – Extension to provide third bedroom with ensuite over lounge and ground floor w/c and store. Bryn Glas Cottage, Devauden. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.5 DC/2006/00191 Erection of a new playground within the grounds of the hall, Hood Memorial Hall, Devauden. Previously approved (see minutes 22 May). Recommend approval.
- 6.6 DC/2006/00199 Transfer of agricultural occupancy condition on Pen y Bryn Farm to new dwelling formed by conversion and extension of cowshed, Pen y Bryn Farm, Devauden. JW proposed that the application be refused, seconded by EH. MP counter proposed that is accepted, seconded by KR. 5 voted for and 3 against. Recommend application is approved.
- 6.7 DC/2006/00144 Change of use from residential to care home (C2), The Dorlands, Kilgwrrwg. Also letter of objection from JP Sandiford. See open session above – deferred to 31 July.
- 6.8 DC/2006/00240 – erection of single storey extension to form porch and guest room, Garden cottage, Itton. No objections. Recommend approval.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Greenland informed the meeting that if there were no objections, the play equipment at the Hood Memorial Hall would go through shortly, on delegated powers.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

The Voice newsletter and Notification of OVW stand at Eisteddfod. No action.

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9) WARD REPORTS

AC – reported that there are now gates on the unauthorised opening at Winslow barn. As the enforcement notice is due shortly this will be monitored at this stage.

KR – There are bad pot holes on the B4293 by Tredean lodge just north of Devauden.

EH – Studied the documentation on the merger of magistrate's service. CM instructed by councillors to reply stating that is no objections.

MP – Itton common – the white lines on the junction need reviewing and possibly priorities re defining as there have been several near misses at this location.

Dates for next meetings; 31 Jul (Itton), 21 Aug (Itton), 25 Sep, 30 Oct, 27 Nov, 18 Dec.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Next Meeting: Monday 31 July Itton Village Hall 7.30pm.

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