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MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MONDAY 24 APRIL 2006 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL

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

APOLOGIES A Cooke

IN ATTENDANCE: C Martin (Clerk), PC A Mason, Jane Lucas

1) OPEN SESSION

Mrs Lucas stated that she had come because of her concerns about the proposed stud farm at Llanvihangel Tor y Myndd. She asked for the minutes of the last meeting as she was unable to attend, so JW read out the 'Open Sessions' part of the minutes from the meeting of 27 March. Following this Mrs Lucas stated that she has concerns about the driveway to the proposed property which she had been told by the applicant would go down the middle of the field – the application does not make it clear what the surface of the drive will be bit it does state that it will be lit, which will impact on her property. JW restated the decision that DCC had made at the last meeting and said that this was now with MCC planning department. JW informed Mrs Lucas that CK would provide her with a copy of the minutes of 27 March, following today's meeting. CC Greenland informed the meeting that he had learnt that a new planning application would have to be submitted for Ty Mawr to be used as a visitor centre. So far no such plans have been received by MCC. Mrs Lucas thanked the Community Councillors for their time, stating that she would pursue her objections with MCC, and left the meeting.

PC Mason stated that there had been 3 minor road accidents recently and 1 suspicious vehicle. One of the accidents was at Cobblers Plain which is well known as a dangerous spot. CC Greenland asked PC Mason to supply him with a list of accidents at this point. He also said that it was likely that in the future Community Councillors would be recording incidents at certain spots which have not involved the police.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 27 March 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; CM to retain cheque.
- 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. No contact has been made with NK and the hydrants have not been marked. CM to contact Dwr Cymru again.
- 3.3 Howell's Green. Cllr Cooke has sent an email to CM from Matthew Lewis at MCC stating that MCC would be seeking permission from NAW to reinstate the green. Copy passed to NK.

4) FINANCE

Balances 23/4/06 Current; £ 472.42 No Notice: £5289.72

4.1 The insurance renewal from Allianz Cornhill was presented. The Clerk stated the coverage included and the Councillors agreed to continue with this insurance. See below for approval of payment

4.2 Agreed for payment:

Clerks salary and expenses £212.16 cheque no. 101051, signed by JW and NK

Allianz Cornhill insurance renewal - £413.98 cheque no 101052, signed by JW and NK

4.3 Receipts cheque for £5 from Fred Richards in payment of allotment rental. CM stated that Mr Richards had already paid the rental so would return the cheque to Mr Richards. JW will discuss the vacant allotment which it is understood has been taken over by Mr and Mrs Massey. CM will request payment from Mr Maggs and prepare a new allotment agreement.

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5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 MCC – Cabinet agenda. 5 April. File 2 months.
- 5.2 Updates to electoral register for JW and MP, distributed.
- 5.3 Woodland Trust – notification of Wentwood celebration day May 14. Passed to JW
- 5.4 Gwent best kept village applications for Devauden, Kilgwrrwg and Itton. CM to find maps for the villages from MCC and submit the applications. CK will submit application for Llanvihangel Tor Y Myndd.
- 5.5 Wye Valley AONB picturesque magazine. Distributed.
- 5.6 MCC – Community and Economic Development Scheme Projects. Taken by MR, JW and CK to give to community groups who may have eligible projects.
- 5.7 WAG – Fire and rescue authority risk reduction plan File
- 5.8 MCC – Grass roots community transport scheme – CM to put up notice.
- 5.9 GAVO – newsletter No action
- 5.10 MCC Annual accounts 2004/5. File
- 5.11 Mons Local Health Board – changes to NHS dental services. File

6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Lists of planning applications - none received
- 6.2 Planning committee agenda for 4 April.
- 6.3 Planning applications – delegated decisions and enforcement cases - none received.
- 6.4 M12622 Proposed new stud farm and associated house site at Llanvihangel Court, Devauden. Letters of objections received from Mr M Thomas of Totnes, Devon. File
- 6.5 M12749 Conversion of redundant agricultural building into a dwelling house, The Old Barn, The Ewings, Kilgwrrwg, Chepstow, Mon. AC did not have plans with her so requested an extension. CM requested extension but informed by planning department that was going to a delegated panel on 30/3/06, so could not be extended.
- 6.6 Former Fox and Hounds, Wolvesnewton – notification of public inquiry at County Hall Cwmbran on 13 June 2006.
- 6.7 JW reported that Hood Memorial Hall in Devauden had received a grant for play equipment in the grounds. They have sent in a planning application and would like DCC to write to MCC to state they have no objections. Meeting unanimously agreed that there were no objections to the plans and CM should write to MCC planning. No planning reference number is available yet.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Greenland had nothing further to report.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Agenda for local area meeting on 19 April – no actions

9) WARD REPORTS

MP – Flooding outside Pond Cottage, Itton has worsened – CM to use highways form to stress that problem has not been solved.

CK – wants to defer discussion re benches to next meeting when AC is available. He informed meeting that the proposed stud farm had prompted local residents to set up meetings and CK will inform councillors when these public meetings will take place.

The road from Star Hill to Church turning is very potholed and becoming dangerous. CM to inform MCC.

JW – The phone box at Itton has a broken pane of glass. CM to contact BT. Requested that a general request for road sign cleaning and cutting down of obscuring foliage be made to MCC. CM to use highways form.

Dates for next meetings; 22 May, 19 Jun, 31 Jul (Itton), 21 Aug (Itton), 25 Sep, 30 Oct, 27 Nov, 18 Dec.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Next Meeting: Monday 22 May at Devauden Village Hall 7.30pm.

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