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MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2006 AT ITTON VILLAGE HALL

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

APOLOGIES: PC A Mason, CC Greenland

IN ATTENDANCE: C Martin (Clerk), Public – see attached list (master copy only)

1) OPEN SESSION

Mrs Octon said the public were there to raise the issue of road safety in Itton. She referred to the petition recently sent to MCC and asked that DCC support the residents in calling for the items listed as b) c) and e) on the petition. CC Greenland stated that he had no doubts that this is worthwhile and said that he would do his best to make sure that it is given a high priority when annual review of highways requests commences early in 2007. Cllr Powell asked how residents felt about gateway features. There were no objections to this type of traffic calming. There was also a request to have double white lines between the village hall and village centre to prevent overtaking. Cllr Williams proposed that Clerk writes to MCC in support of petition points c), d) and e) and requesting double white lines, reiterating that schoolchildren wait for buses in the village and at Croes Bleddyn. Members of the public left.

PC Mason presented a summary of recent crime – see attached list.

PC Mason left the meeting.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 21 Aug 2006 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 CM wrote to Fire and Rescue Service to report that plates missing from fire hydrant posts on R82 from Devauden Court to Newchurch. Response received to state that they are investigating. CM to email correspondence to CC Greenland so that he can pursue this. Highways form dated – 12.8.06 response received. File
- 3.2 Allotments - JW will secure payment from Mr and Mrs Massie by the next meeting.
- 3.3 Discussed the implications of the Clerk's status as an employee or self employed. JW requested a copy of the clerk's contract and CM will investigate if it will be possible to employ Carleen's company to undertake the clerk's administrative duties thus ensuring that DCC will have no PAYE and NI obligations.
- 3.4 Highways Enquiry sent 12.8.06 – response received. File

4) FINANCE

Balances 24/9/06 Current; £ 613.07 No Notice: £ 5543.69

4.1 Agreed for payment:

Clerks salary and expenses £210.22 cheque no101061, signed by JW and .
Internal Audit Fee – Lydia Warner £75.51 cheque no. 101062
Itton Village Hall hire Jul and Aug – £32 cheque no. 101063
Wolevesnewton church, donation for grass cutting - £25 cheque no. 101064

4.2 Wales audit office have not received cheque no 101044, for £141. CM has not stopped the cheque as informed by HSBC that it is now out of time and cannot be cashed. Cheque number 101060 approved at last meeting for £141 has been sent.

4.3 Clerk informed the meeting that elector's were able to exercise their right to view the accounts commencing 25 September – 20 October. Annual return was reviewed and statement of assurances was completed. CM and JW signed the documentation to be sent to Wales Audit Office by 20 October.

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5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 MCC – Cabinet agenda 6 and 20 September. File 2 months
- 5.2 Lower Wye Area Committee 20 September. File 2 months
- 5.3 Greenweb newsletter. Distributed.
- 5.4 Health Challenge Wales newsletter. Distributed.
- 5.5 Monmouth Town Council – invitation for 2 councillors to planning training session at Shire Hall Monmouth at 7pm Mon 16 October 2006. CM to respond with 2 attendees.
- 5.6 Gwent Police authority – Consultation on the 2007 Local Policing plan, 3, 4, 5 October. EH attending
- 5.7 Wolvesnewton PCC – request for £25 towards grass cutting – agreed see accounts above.
- 5.8 Wye Valley AONB – picturesque. Distributed.
- 5.9 Sports Council Wales – Active Lifestyles community capital programme – requests for projects. JW to pass to Devauden Village Hall.
- 5.10 Local Health Board – annual report. JW to review.
- 5.11 MCC – vacancy on MCC admission forum. No action
- 5.12 Monmouthshire disablement association – invitation to AGM 3 October 2pm. No action
- 5.13 WAG – Local Government partnership scheme annual report 2005/6. EH to review
- 5.14 WAG – Review of Local Service Delivery. File

6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Lists of planning applications - 14 from 26/3 to 4/8/06.
- 6.2 Planning committee agenda 5 and 19 September. File 2 months.
- 6.3 Planning applications – delegated decisions and enforcement cases - none received.
- 6.4 Approval of Planning permission –

MM12214 5 caravan hard standing and stone access, Field adjacent Cledd y tan Farm

MM12215 Erection of tractor shed Cledd y tan farm Newchurch

MM12492 Erect 20m length of fence to the road boundary, 1 Churchfields Devauden

MM12573 Extension to stable block Pyotts Cottage Itton

MM12749 Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings into dwelling, The Ewings, Kilgwrrwg

DC/2006/00191 Erection of new playground within grounds of Hood Memorial Hall, Devauden

DC/2006/00240 Erection of a single storey extension to form porch and guest room, Garden Cottage, Itton.

- 6.5 Notification of withdrawal of plan - DC/2006/00183 – Extension to provide 3rd bedroom over lounge and ground floor wc & store, Brynglas cottage, Quarry road, Devauden.
- 6.6 DC/2006/00912 Occupation as a private residence for more than 10 years by an individual who was not employed or last employed locally in agriculture (certificate of lawfulness), lower House Farm, Wolvesnewton. Recommend refusal as local knowledge does not recognise these occupants as living at the property now or in the past.
- 6.7 DC/2006/00934 Office accommodation to allow working from home, Park View Cottage, Devauden. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.8 Alleged breach of planning control – Cottage at Star Hill Devauden – contacted by enforcement to say that had visited the site and the owner is now aware of the need for permission for the entrances and will be putting in a planning application. File.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Greenland requested that a log of ‘deer near misses’ and accidents be kept by Clerk so that it can be used to request MCC erects signs. CM to log reports of deer on road between Trellech and The Gockett on B4293. Reported that Grass Routes bus should be operating in this area shortly.

CC Greenland reported that MCC pays a contractor to cut verges twice per year and asked if DCC would be interested in having more input in how this is done. Councillors agreed they would like to be involved especially in deciding when it is done.

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8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

AGM – 14 October 2006 – Motions for debate. File

National Training Advisory Group – National Training Strategy for Community and Town Councils in Wales's views required by 25 October. CM to complete.

Questionnaire about how community councils work in partnership with other local councils. Response required by 23 October.

9) WARD REPORTS

JW - The play equipment is now installed at Devauden Hall and there will be an official opening on Saturday 7 October to which all councillors are invited. Requested that CM write to Pete Gardiner to thank him for all his work in getting the funding and equipment.

Reported that Hood Memorial Hall committee have requested that a donation be made towards the annual fireworks display in Devauden. Agreed that a donation of £200 be made and CM will bring cheque to October meeting.

AD – lighting at Wesley Way OAP bungalows is poor and needs improvement. CM to contact OSS.

KR – Flooding on B4293 at junction by the R82 after rainfall. Run off from Chepstow park woods. CM report to highways.

Dates for next meetings; 30 Oct, 27 Nov, 18 Dec.

Meeting closed 9.10pm

Next Meeting: Monday 30 October at Devauden Village Hall 7.30pm.

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