

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY 30 OCTOBER 2006 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

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

**APOLOGIES:** A Cooke **IN ATTENDANCE:** C Martin (Clerk), PC A Mason, Mr D Maddocks

**1) OPEN SESSION**

Mr Maddocks stated that he wanted to talk about planning application DC/2006/00912 that was discussed at last meeting. He stated that the application was for a certificate of lawfulness as Mrs Jean Maddocks who has lived there for 21 years and not the people who were named on the planning application who are solicitors. He said there has been an agricultural tie on the house and Jean who is in now not in the best of health wants to move to a more appropriate property. The agricultural occupancy clause dates from 1963 and says that the occupier must work in agriculture or forestry. Mrs Maddocks has lived there in breach of this since the death of her husband in 1991. Mr Maddocks requested that the community council write to MCC planning department giving their view on the application in light of this new information. Cllr Williams thanked Mr Maddocks and stated that DCC would consider his statement later in the meeting when plans are discussed. Mr Maddocks left the meeting.

PC Mason presented the crime report which is attached. JW informed PC Mason that she had been informed that there had been trouble at Devauden Village Hall involving illicit drinking. JW will contact Pete Gardiner advising him to contact PC Mason.

**2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from meeting of 25 Sep 2006 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

**3) MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 MCC – letter from Roger Hoggins to confirm that DCC comments on Itton road safety petition have been received and will receive attention as part of the annual review of road safety schemes. File and pass copy to MP.
- 3.2 CM wrote to Fire and Rescue Service to report that plates missing from fire hydrant posts on R82 from Devauden Court to Newchurch. CM emailed correspondence to CC Greenland and NK confirmed that he has now been contacted by Chepstow fire station who will ensure the work is done by the end of the year.
- 3.3 Highways form dated 2.10.06 – response received. File
- 3.4 Allotments - JW will secure payment from Mr and Mrs Massie by the next meeting.
- 3.5 Discussed the implications of the Clerk's status as an employee or self employed. CM confirmed that she had taken advice from One Voice Wales and that it would not be possible for the Clerk to be paid through her company. OVW's advice was that the clerk should write to the council to confirm she is responsible for her own tax and NI or DCC should register as a paye employee and pay the clerk's tax and NI. The council agreed that the situation would remain as it currently is and CM will write to the council to confirm that she is responsible for her own tax and NI on an annual basis.

**4) FINANCE**

*Balances 30/10/06 Current; £295.34 No Notice: £5543.69*

- 4.1 Agreed for payment: All agreed and signed by JW and EH  
Clerks salary and expenses £241.95 no101066.  
Hood Memorial Hall – donation for fireworks agreed at last meeting £200 cheque no. 101065  
Hood Memorial Hall hire – £64 cheque no. 101067

- 4.2 Bank reconciliation at 25 September was presented and approved by CM and JW. File

- 4.3 Budget updated at 25 September was presented and approved by CM and JW. File

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## 5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 MCC Tree preservation order land adjacent to Llanvihangel Court Llansoy, Usk. File
- 5.2 MCC – Cabinet agenda. 4 October and 1 November. File 2 months
- 5.3 GPA – appointment of independent members of police authority. - closing date 7 November. Passed to MP
- 5.4 Roger Edwards Charity – bungalow to let at Llangview. Put on notice board.
- 5.5 Monmouthshire Local Health Board – clinical futures public consultation – closes 8 December. JW to review and respond.
- 5.6 Monmouthshire Older People's Strategic Partnership – intergenerational seminar 15 November. No action.
- 5.7 GAVO newsletter. Passed to JW.
- 5.8 WAG – consultation on draft guidance on clean neighbourhoods and environment act 2005 – response by 29 December. MP to review and respond.
- 5.9 MCC – Footpath diversion No. 170 Well Cottage Devauden. File
- 5.10 Monmouthshire UDP – questionnaire and request for confirmation that wish to remain on consultation register. Completed at the meeting requesting CM remains on the register. CM to post.
- 5.11 National Eisteddfod 2007 – request for contribution. No action.

## 6) PLANNING

- 6.1 DC/2006/00912 – Councillors discussed Mr Maddocks' request and concluded that that the Clerk should write to David Wong at MCC planning, stating that DCC - is now aware that the applicant is Mrs Jean Maddocks who has lived at the property for 20 years, 15 as a widow. As the application did not make this clear DCC require another application to be made with the correct details for their consideration.
- 6.2 Lists of planning applications - from 26/3 to 4/8/06. File 2 months.
- 6.3 Planning committee agenda 3 and 17 October. File 2 months.
- 6.4 Planning applications – delegated decisions and enforcement cases - none received.
- 6.5 Approval of Planning permission –  
DC/2006/00542 - Single storey bedroom extension and conservatory – Dorland Cottage, Kilgwrrwg, Chepstow.
- 6.6 DC/2006/00854 – Three 2 storey houses, Kenmore, Devauden. Recommend refusal as this is high density development in a small area, inappropriate for the location. Also access onto B4293 is dangerous.
- 6.7 DC/2006/01065 – Erection of purpose built timber stables for horses for private use of applicants, Filed land registry ref CYM 199949 between Glendale and Ewing's, Kilgwrrwg. No objections, recommend approval.
- 6.8 DC/2006/01120 Internal alteration and external fenestration changes to previous approval M/12626 – change of use of former barn to business use, Ty Fedw, Devauden, Chepstow. No objections, recommend approval.

## 7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Nothing to report

## 8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

- 8.1 Newport and Monmouthshire Area bulletin and Agenda for area AGM. Passed to JW.
- 8.2 OVW – The Voice newsletter. Distributed.

## 9) WARD REPORTS

AD – reported that the lighting and seating has been improved at the OAP bungalows  
NK – reported that countryside wardens tried to put a fence up at Howell's Green, but could not because of concrete placed there by Mr Digby. MCC are dealing with this.  
B4293 – the chevrons at Howick corner (south of Itton) need repairing and one is missing.  
MP – reported that he had contacted MCC about reports by Mr Wiggly at Ewe Tree Cottage at The Glyn of a diesel spillage and HGVs damaging the verges and drains.  
EH – B4293 between Howick and Devauden, the road is falling away into the ditches on both sides. Also road falling away at Ty-du Farm route 57.3.

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## Uncontrolled Copy

Dates for next meetings; 27 Nov, 18 Dec.

**Meeting closed 9.30pm**

**Next Meeting: Monday 27 November at Devauden Village Hall 7.30pm.**

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