

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY 25 JUNE 2007 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

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

**APOLOGIES:** CC Greenland

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

**1) OPEN SESSION**

PC Mason gave the crime report. He also reported that Police.co.uk has been suspended and are reverting back to RingMaster.

**2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from meeting of 21 May 2007 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

**3) MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 Deer Larder, Chepstow Park Woods. Some of the councillors attended a site visit but the equipment was not operating. JW confirmed that the councillors still want to see it when it is operational – the forestry commission are aware of this.
- 3.2 Notice board insurance claim – revised total cost of £575.37, including lettering was approved. CM to place order.
- 3.3 MCC – letter from MCC acknowledging receipt of DCC letter about the speed limit at Itton. File.
- 3.4 MCC – reply from MCC stating that the DCC should nominate a representative for the Governing body of Shirenewton School. Passed to JW to contact MCC.
- 3.5 MCC response to highway notice sent 11 May. File.
- 3.6 JW reported that Hood Memorial Hall committee were very pleased with the new outdoor bin.
- 3.7 JW reported that the PACT meeting went well and that the priorities raised for Devauden are; speed on the B4293, HGV's in Fedw Lane and the condition of B4293 especially between Itton and Howick. File PACT agenda.

**4) FINANCE**

*Balances 25/6/07 Current; £372.68                      No Notice: £5442.93*

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and KR.

Clerks salary and expenses £211.32, cheque no 101086

4.2 Notification from HM Revenue and Customs of VAT reclaim of 158.73. File.

4.3 Letter from Carleen Martin to DCC to confirm that she accepts responsibility for paying her own tax and NI. Retained by JW.

**5) CORRESPONDENCE**

- 5.1 MCC – Cabinet agenda 6 June. File 2 months
- 5.2 MCC – South Monmouthshire Area Committee meeting, 11 July. File 2 months
- 5.3 MCC – Citizen centred community leadership conference 5 July. File 2 months.
- 5.4 Local Health Board – public consultation; draft gender equality scheme. JW to review and respond.
- 5.5 MCC – Agenda 21 grants application JW to pass to Hood Memorial Hall.
- 5.6 Chepstow OSS – Collaboration Agreement with Community and Town Councils; Connections, connecting the spheres of local government. CM to respond as follows; Community Council's should not be viewed in the same way as Town Councils as have very different budgets, populations, resources and the clerks only work a few hours per week. Community Council is concerned about any additional costs and increases in public liability costs if there are increases in duties and responsibilities for community council's. There should be no increase in duties and responsibilities of Community Council's. File papers.
- 5.7 MCC – notification that cutting of grass at Devauden Green; Junction Area, Itton and Rhyd-y-Fedw Green will now only be available at a charge of £530 per annum. CM to obtain additional quote from Morris's of

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- Usk – to cut Devauden Green 10 times per year, Itton common 8 times and the 2 smaller greens 3 times per year. EH will co-ordinate any site visits to the greens.
- 5.8** MCC – outline regional transportation plan. File.
- 5.9** Gwent police questionnaire completed and CM to return.
- 5.10** Standards board for England – letter of apology stating that previous letter about code of conduct only applied to English parish councils, not those Community Council's in Wales. File.
- 5.11** MCC adopted UDP. JW to retain.

## **6) PLANNING**

- 6.1** Planning committee agenda - 29 May and 12, 26 June. File 2 months
- 6.2** Planning list for Devauden for weeks 20, 21, 23, 24. File 2 months.
- 6.3** Planning decisions for weeks 21, 22, 23. Distributed. File 2 months.
- 6.4** DC/2007/00583 Conversion of stone outbuilding to one office, Ty Fedw, Devauden Road, Chepstow. Amendment to conversion to office, not dwelling as stated in previous notice. File
- 6.5** DC/2006/01428, To construct a new access track with access to highway and associated hedgerow creation and tree planting, Land at Ty Craddog Woodlands, Llansoy. No objections. Recommend approval if it satisfies highways requirements.
- 6.6** DC/2007/00617, Two loose boxes and feed shed, Ferny Bank, Itton common. Recommend approval.
- 6.7** Appeal E6840/a/07/2045380/wf (DC/2006/01666) – Outline planning permission, new 2 storey pitched roof dwelling house, The Firs, Llansoy. No further comments. Original comments sent to MCC will be forwarded to planning inspectors.
- 6.8** Appeal (APP/E6840/C/07/1201578) by Mr and Mrs Gorton to enforcement notice at The Ewings, Kilgwrrwg, ref PC/e06/364. No further comments.
- 6.9** DC/2006/00854, One 2 storey dwelling, Kenmare Devauden. Recommend refusal because of overcrowding – too many properties in a small area and Access onto B4293 is dangerous
- 6.10** DC/2007/00666, Erection of single storey storage building, The Hood Memorial Hall, Devauden. No objections, recommend approval subject to clarification that it is on hall land.

## **7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Not present.

## **8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)**

Minutes of meeting 19 April and agenda for 19 July.  
Bulletin 15 May  
The Voice newsletter. File all.

## **9) WARD REPORTS**

**JW** – Hood Mem. Hall committee have asked for a seat to go in the hall grounds. Agreed in principle. CM to research options available. Also there are no 'NO DOGS' signs in play areas at the Hall and at Wesley Way and also in the Hall grounds. CM to contact OSS to request them and chase up requests for bins on the green and at Wesley Way.

JW gave apologies for next meeting.

Top Well Lane/B4293 – drain is blocked or may be broken. Although previously reported does not appear to have been fixed.

MP – Itton common to Pond cottage, road needs to be resurfaced as drivers avoiding the pot holes is becoming dangerous.

AC – The Dorlands, fears being expressed that Mrs Greenslade will be applying for a licence for a home for young people with learning disabilities. While in the ownership of Mrs Helen Greenslade the premises have recently been used for growing cannabis with a street value of approximately £100k and a family member resident on the premises has been convicted of this offence. DCC is concerned about the suitability of this applicant for a licence to run a care home for young adults with learning disabilities.

Kilgwrrwg Hill (leading to Kilgwrrwg House) and The Birches (R82) – pot holes reported.

CK – Church Lane to Llanvihangel Court – lots of pot holes, especially from main road to the church.  
2 footpath signs knocked down near Llanvihangel Court.

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AD – raised idea of commemorative plaque of local areas of interest. It may be possible to get a grant. Discuss at future meeting

**Meeting closed 9.30pm**

**Next Meeting Jul 30, Itton Village Hall 7.30pm**

**2007 Meetings - Aug 20, Sep 24, Oct 29, Nov 26, Dec 17**

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