

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONDAY 26 MARCH 2007 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

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

APOLOGIES: J Williams, E Hall

IN ATTENDANCE: C Martin (Clerk), PC A Mason, D Luca, A James, M James, C Morgan, G D Jones.

1) OPEN SESSION

Mr Lucas said he was here to speak about the proposed stud farm at Llanvihangel. He said he and other residents are concerned about the access question which is still unclear. It is still vague about what the associated works are and we feel side lined. Also despite lots of contact and emails with the planning department no further progress seems to be being made. CC Greenland said he had just come from a meeting with the Head of Development Control and can confirm that there has yet to be a response from the applicant regarding the additional detail required by the planning department. At the moment it looks like access will be via Church Lane and Star Pitch. Mr Lucas said that the traffic in this lane has already doubled recently and with the extra 45 vehicle movements planned, it will be just too much. CC Greenland clarified that MCC would not put in a compulsory purchase order to widen the lane for access. Also the highways department are looking at the plans and access issues. CC Greenland said he was satisfied the planning officers had done all they could at this stage. Cllr Knight asked what was happening about the barn being used as stables. CC Greenland confirmed that Enforcement has requested that a retrospective planning application for the change of use must be made. Clerk confirmed that plans had not been received.

Cllr Knight thanked the public for their attendance and Mr Lucas left copy emails with Cllr Knight. Members of the public left the meeting

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 26 Feb 2007 were agreed and signed by CK and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Allianz Cornhill Insurance – claim form for damaged notice board received. JW will provide three choices and get 3 quotes for installation. Requirements will be forwarded to the clerk by the next meeting.
- 3.2 Letter of thanks from Chepstow CAB for the donation. File
- 3.3 Letter from cleansing department re; the litter bin at Wesley Way. New bins should be delivered to MCC by Jun/Jul when they will then decide whether a new one can be supplied. File.

4) FINANCE

Balances 18/12/06 Current; £254.42 No Notice: £5406.61

4.1 Agreed for payment:

Clerks salary and expenses (including 2006/7 holiday pay of £195.41) £407.07 cheque no 101077 signed by CK and MP
Wales Audit Office – audit for 2005/6 £58.75 cheque no. 101078. Signed by CK and AC.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 MCC – Cabinet agenda 7 March. File 2 months
- 5.2 Lower Wye area committee agenda 21 March File 2 months
- 5.3 Letter from Ann Octon with copy of letter sent to MCC highways about the speed limit in Devauden. File
- 5.4 WAG Borrowing by community councils – guidelines. Notification of S137 limit of £5.64 per elector. File
- 5.5 Clerks and Council's direct. No action.
- 5.6 MCC Local housing strategy for Monmouthshire – consultation and feedback questionnaire. AC to review and complete.
- 5.7 Notification of change of auditors to Mazars LLP, from WAO. File.
- 5.8 MCC – Annual accounts. File
- 5.9 Gwent Best kept village competition entries. Handed to NK, MP and AC for completion. CM will forward on after next meeting.
- 5.10 Lower Wye Area Forum- notification of dates of sub meetings. File

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- 5.11 Letter of thanks from Itton Village Hall for donation for the insulation. File
- 5.12 MCC – notification of road safety strategy 2007/8. CM to request a copy of the priorities list. Also CM to provide councillors with copies of the highways near miss report form at next meeting.
- 5.13 Email from Tim McDermott re; Festival at Chepstow racecourse in August. Invitation to residents' consultation meeting 29 March. File.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning committee agenda 6 March. File 2 months.
- 6.2 DC/2007/00140 Proposed stable block, workshop and hay store (revised M11766), Pwll y Cath, Newchurch. No objections, recommend approval.
- 6.3 DC/2007/00064 Replacement dwelling and garage, 8 the Cot, Devauden. Not in DCC area, Clerk to return to MCC.
- 6.4 DC/2007/00198, Conservatory, Benson's bush, School Lane, Itton. No objections, recommend approval.
- 6.5 Notification of appeal – Land at the Ewings, Kilgwrrwg, Devauden – 15 May 2007. File
- 6.6 Letter of information about changes to planning departments notifications to community councils. Clerk will not print off planning lists or agendas but will check for decisions and print these off at the meetings. MCC will continue to send consultations/plans.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

No further information to report

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

No correspondence

9) WARD REPORTS

AC - The Howell's Green reinstatement has been done well by MCC. However once the grass has grown we will need to consider cutting and maintenance.

B82 – Pot holes between Devauden Court and Kilgwrrwg cross roads.

AD – reported deer jumping on the bonnet of a car at the Cot in late March.

12 Wesley Way – gravel from driveway is spilling onto footpath which could cause an accident. Clerk to send a letter requesting that the footpath is clear for safety, pointing out that the home owner would be liable if there were an accident.

PC Mason arrived and gave his monthly report which is attached. He also informed the meeting about PACT a new community programme that will be implemented in the next few months

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Next Meeting: Monday 30 April, Devauden Village Hall 7.30pm

2007 Meetings

May 21 AGM, Jun 25, Jul 30, Aug 20, Sep 24, Oct 29, Nov 26, Dec 17

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