

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONDAY 30 APRIL 2007 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

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

APOLOGIES: E Hall, A Duffield,

IN ATTENDANCE: C Martin (Clerk), PC A Mason, Members of the public (list attached to file copy).

1) OPEN SESSION

Mr C Octon addressed the meeting informing them of the proposed deer larder at Chepstow Park Woods. There has been a concrete plinth built on which will be a chiller unit. Also constructing a washery for vehicles. The deer will be brought from across the Wye Valley. Residents are concerned that planning permission has not been applied for, DCC have not been consulted. Forestry Commission have sent a letter to the residents of school lane but only on the day the concrete was laid. There may be health risks from effluent, insects, noise and traffic. We the residents are asking for DCC and MCC to get more information and then use whatever powers they can to stop the project.

CC Greenland said he has spoken to the Forestry Commission and it seems that they have been culling deer and taking them to a facility near Mitcheldean which is now at capacity. At the end of March they were given some unexpected funding that had to be used by the 'year end', for a new Deer larder. The Forestry Commission went to MCC and claimed crown estates exemption for installing a temporary structure for up to 6 months. So what they have done is legal but will have to put in a proper planning application which will include public consultation. When this is received DCC and residents will be able to put their case. He assured the public that this case would go to the planning committee and would not be dealt with by delegated powers. Cllr Williams asked if anyone had seen the facility at Mitcheldean. One of the residents said he had asked but the Forestry Commission would not tell him where it is. Cllr Williams proposed that DCC clerk writes to the Forestry Manager and copies the planning officers, expressing local concerns made at this meeting. Clerk to email a copy of the letter to Mr P Wallace.

PC Mason presented the crime summary for the month which is attached. He then went onto state that he would organise a PACT meeting at Devauden in the next few weeks and would inform the councillors in due course.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 26 Mar 2007 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Allianz Cornhill Insurance – claim form for damaged notice board received. JW highlighted the choice of 2 notice boards and quote for installing it. CM to contact insurers.
- 3.2 Forestry Commission reply regarding the Forest Design Plan Review. File
- 3.3 Road Traffic incidents reporting forms distributed to councillors.
- 3.4 Letter to residents of 12 Wesley Way. Sent but no response received. File copy letter.
- 3.5 MCC highways form – reply for list sent 6.3.07. File

4) FINANCE

Balances 30/4/07 Current; £688.60 No Notice: £6006.61

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and MP

Hood Memorial Hall hire 7 months Sept 06 to Mar 07 £112, Cheque no 101079

Clerks salary and expenses £214.82, cheque no 101080

4.2 Allianz Cornhill Renewal notification – reviewed the proposed cover and agreed that would be renewed as only a very small increase on last year. Cheque no 101081 for £419.02 signed by MR and JW.

4.3 Received cheque for £5 from Mr Maggs and for £5 from Mrs Massie, for 2007 allotment rent.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 MCC – Cabinet agenda 4 April. File 2 months
- 5.2 MCC – publication of supplementary planning guidance – affordable housing. File
- 5.3 Information Commissioners Office – information guide. File
- 5.4 MCC – Town and community council liaison meeting 16 May. Passed onto EH by MP.

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- 5.5 Wye Valley AONB – In Touch and Picturesque. Distributed
- 5.6 MCC – highway maintenance service questionnaire – CM to return
- 5.7 GAVO newsletter and volunteer awards. No action
- 5.8 MCC – Public footpath no 123 redirection. File
- 5.9 WAG – local government policy statement 2007. File
- 5.10 Local Health Board – clinical futures. File
- 5.11 MCC – proposed public path diversion/extinction/creations at Wolvesnewton. No objections. File
- 5.12 Progress Prostrate cancer support group – Mervyn Moore Lecture 11 May. Notice board
- 5.13 Play for Wales magazine. No action.
- 5.14 Mrs A Octon – letter enclosing copy of letter received from David Davies MP re road safety at Itton. File
- 5.15 Homemakers Community Recycling request for support. File
- 5.16 Roger Edwards Almshouses vacancy. CM put on notice board.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning committee agendas 3 and 24 April. File 2 months
- 6.2 Planning list 31/3 – 6/4 2007. Distributed.
- 6.3 DC/2007/00130 – Change of use from agricultural to keeping horses for personal use, Lower Pink Shirenewton. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.4 DC/2007/00051 2 storey extension to give lounge/bedroom, Well cottage, Newchurch. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.5 DC/2007/00126 – Demolition of part of existing agricultural building to be replaced with single storey holiday accommodation, Glen View Farm, Llansoy. Recommend refusal because it will not be easily converted given the material it is constructed of.
- 6.6 DC/2007/00400 – Single storey garden room porch top back door and open porch to new front door, St Deniol's Cottage, Itton. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.7 DC/2007/00434 – Proposed extension to existing farmhouse and incorporating adjacent redundant barn
- 6.8 Llangynog Farm, Llansoy. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.9 DC/2007/00354 – All weather riding arena 40x23m, cobblers Hill, Devauden. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.10 Approval of Planning Permission
- 6.10.1 DC/2007/00140 Stable block, workshop and hay store, Pwll Y Cath, Newchurch, Chepstow.
- 6.10.2 DC/2006/01024 – conversion of barn dwelling, New Inn Barn, Trellech Grange.
- 6.10.3 DC/2006/01423 – Install solar panels, Greenwood Barn, Fedw, Chepstow.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

No further information to report

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Minutes of meeting 18 January. File. CM to return form to include JW as a representative for DCC.

9) WARD REPORTS

AC – Howells Green is going to be grassed but responsibility for maintenance will be the Community Council's because MCC will not take on any more commons or greens.

JW – 1. Devauden Hall bin – CM to order Octopus in green from the Linpac catalogue.

2. A bin is still required at the top of Wesley Way. Also there was a bin on a post between the two seats on the green. CM to contact OSS to see if they can help. CM to let CC Greenlhand know of progress.

3. Suggestions have been made to commemorate that John Wesley preached in the village. Discuss at next meeting.

MP – School Lane – when it rains heavily it floods down from the woods. It seems that excessive flood water is originating from Chepstow Park woods as land drains in the woods have not been maintained.

Meeting closed 10pm

Next Meeting AGM: Monday 21 April, Devauden Village Hall 7.30pm

2007 Meetings

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

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