

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

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

APOLOGIES: A Cooke, J Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: C Martin (Clerk), PC A Mason, Mrs G Versteeg

1) OPEN SESSION

Mrs Versteeg stated that she was here about the planning application DC/2007/00842 for her property. Cllr Hall proposed that this was discussed out of order and the councillors agreed. The plan was considered and there were no objections. Councillors agreed to recommend approval. Mrs Versteeg thanked the meeting and left.

PC Mason gave the crime report, a copy of which is attached. He reported that he had done a speed check on 18 July in Devauden. One motorist was stopped exceeding 40mph. He then left the meeting.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 25 June 2007 were agreed and signed by EH and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Deer Larder, Chepstow Park Woods. Letter received from Forestry commission suggesting 2 Saturdays in August when they could demonstrate the equipment in action. It was agreed that at this stage it would not be necessary so the planning application will be awaited. Retain the letter with other correspondence awaiting the application.
- 3.2 MCC – reply from MCC stating that the DCC should nominate a representative for the Governing body of Shirenewton School. Await JW's response at the next meeting.
- 3.3 CSIW – reply to confirm that have not yet received a request for registration by Mrs Helen Greenslade at The Dorlands, Kilgwrrwg. File
- 3.4 Reply from Morris's of Usk with quotations for grass cutting, total cost per annum would be £6610. Quote from DP Landscapes for same work was £1950. The quote for grass cutting from MCC was £530. Councillors instructed Clerk to contact MCC to instruct them to carry out the work next year.
- 3.5 MCC – dog fouling signs at Wesley Way. Confirmed that in 2006/7 had the sign replaced 3 times and is no more money in the budget to do it again. Suggested that if have the names of the dog owners they could be contacted by Environmental health. DCC agreed to monitor the situation and report any actual dog fouling. File letter from MCC
- 3.6 Brochures for benches. Councillors instructed CM to retain the brochures to consult JW and Hood Memorial Hall Committee, at the next meeting.

4) FINANCE

Balances 29/7/07 Current; £ 449.36 No Notice: £5042.93

4.1 Agreed for payment by EH and NK

Clerks salary and expenses £212.93 cheque no 101087

4.2 Budget update presented and approved by EH and NK.

4.3 Reconciliation at 25 June presented and signed off by EH and NK.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 MCC – Cabinet agenda 25 July. File 2 months
- 5.2 MCC – South Monmouthshire Area Committee meeting 6 July, File 2 months
- 5.3 Public Services Ombudsmen – Annual report 2006/07. File
- 5.4 MCC - overgrown hedges – request for information on the owners. CM to reply and file response.

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- 5.5 MCC – revised structure in highways and waste. Usual points of contact remain OSS and Gill Hazard for highways forms. File
- 5.6 Clerks and Council’s Direct. No action
- 5.7 GAVO newsletter. No action.
- 5.8 SLCC – Welsh conference Cwmbran 12 September. No action.
- 5.9 Wales Rural observatory services questionnaire. EH to reply.
- 5.10 Woodland Trust – new woodland creation at Llanbadoc, Usk. Request for assistance. File.
- 5.11 Play for Wales newsletter. No action.
- 5.12 Abergavenny food festival information. Distributed.
- 5.13 Clerks and councils direct sample update. Not a suitable publication so no action required.
- 5.14 MCC – The rural development plan for Wales Axis 3 – improving the quality of life in rural areas and encouraging diversity of economic activity. Submissions of expressions of interest by 17 September. EH took the information for Itton Village Hall.
- 5.15 Policing in Gwent – 2008/9 local policing plan. Advanced notice of Monmouthshire event on 9 October 07. File.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning committee agenda 10 and 24 July. File 2 months
- 6.2 Planning list for Devauden for weeks 25,27,28,29 (nothing for DCC for week 26). File 2 months.
- 6.3 Planning decisions for weeks 24 and 26. File.
- 6.4 DC/2007/00842 – Single storey extension to side of existing house, 4 Croes Bleddyn Cottage, Itton. See open session above. No objections, recommend approval.
- 6.5 DC/2007/00769 – change of use from existing forestry work building to deer larder and cutting room, Ty Craddog Woodlands, Llansoy. Recommend approval, subject to a consideration of the implications of increased traffic by highways department and subject to the safe disposal of waste products.
- 6.6 DC/2007/00935 – Enlarge/increase height of existing stable and create horse exercise area, Cledd y tan farm, Kilgwrrwg. AC has the plans and was not at the meeting. CM to request an extension from planning.
- 6.7 DC/2007/00928 – Proposed 2 storey extension and first floor extension to provide additional living accommodation, The Old Shop, Llansoy. CK advised is not in DCC area. CM to return to planning.
- 6.8 DC/2006/00975 – conversion of redundant barn into single dwelling, Great Panta Barn, Panta Farm, Devauden. No objections, recommend approval.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Nothing specific to report.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Notice of 2007 conference and AGM 13 October at Llandrindrod Wells. File

The Voice Newsletter. No action

Sample policy on unacceptable actions by individuals. Concluded not appropriate for DCC so will file.

9) WARD REPORTS

NK – brought a copy of the Shirenewton Community Plan and village survey conducted by the Community Council, for others to see.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

Next Meeting Aug 20, Itton Village Hall 7.30pm

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

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