

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONDAY 28 APRIL 2008 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

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

APOLOGIES; CC Bob Greenland

IN ATTENDANCE: C Martin (Clerk) PC Cowburn, H Austin, Gary Plumley, Gemma Plumley, D Plumley, L Johnsey, C Smith

1) OPEN SESSION

Cllr Williams opened the meeting and invited members of the public to speak. Mr Austin said he was here to raise the issue of HGVs travelling along The Gethley Lane and getting stuck at The Glyn. In the last couple of weeks a 44 ton vehicle heading for the Asda depot at New House Farm had come down The Gethley Lane causing considerable damage to the verges and a resident's wall and smashing a gate. The highways department has spent two days clearing up the mess. Earlier in the year an unidentified HGV possibly a gritting lorry also caused considerable damage. PC Cowburn confirmed he was aware of the recent incident and suggested that the thing to do would be for as many residents as possible to write to highways requesting warning signs to stop HGVs taking this route. Cllr Williams confirmed that DCC would write to highways and encouraged the residents to write as well. Mr Austin thanked the councillors and left the meeting.

Mr Johnsey said he had attended the meeting as he believed the plan DC/2006/01437, relating to the stud farm at Llanvihangel would be discussed. Clerk confirmed that the plan had been received but the councillors had not had an opportunity to inspect it. In light of this Cllr Williams suggested that MCC be contacted to request an extension which would give the councillors time to review it and receive any representations from residents. It could then be discussed at the meeting on 19th May. Clerk to request extension from MCC. Ms D Plumley said she disputed the issue of a lot of traffic to the stud farm as in fact there will be minimal movements. Horses will not be retailed from the site, they will be taken away to be sold. Cllr Williams thanked them for attending the meeting and suggested they return on 19th May. All members of the public left the meeting.

PC Cowburn presented his crime report which is attached. He said the recent PACT meeting had been very poorly attended with only 1 member of the public. Recent analysis of crime figure suggests that 2007 crime in this area was very low and he hopes this will continue. He gave his apologies for the next meeting as he will be away. PC Cowburn left the meeting.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 1 April 2008 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 At the September meeting CM presented a revised draft of her contract. NK and JW's view is that this needs to be looked at by a legal representative. JW to contact MCC monitoring officer. Defer to next meeting.
- 3.2 CM contacted Wybone Ltd and ordered 2 LBV 20 bins in Smooth Green at £378.05 – 10% (excl vat). Delivery is 4 – 5 weeks and will be delivered to Fred Richards.
- 3.3 Info board for Devauden. AC to investigate. JW to approach hall committee for their involvement.
- 3.4 Highways form response for form sent 3 March. File.
- 3.5 Internal audit is due and Mrs L Warner has declined to carry it out. JW to approach a suitable local individual. If this fails AC has a contact she can make.
- 3.6 Clerk will be away for the July meeting. Agreed to go ahead with the meeting as planned with one of councillors taking the minutes.

4) FINANCE

Balances 28/4/08 Current; £764.40 No Notice: £ 4007.70

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and EH.

Clerks salary and expenses £215.85 cheque no 101109

Allianz Cornhill – Insurance renewal at £437.49. 101110

St Deniol's church, Itton. Request for help with church yard maintenance. Agreed £50, cheque number 101111.

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4.2 Notification of instalment payment of precept for £4999. File.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 Wye Valley AONB – consultation for the AONB management plan. File.
- 5.2 MCC – uncontested elections notification. Notices given out to be displayed on notice boards by JW, AC CK and MP.
- 5.3 MCC statements of persons nominated for 1 May elections. File
- 5.4 Roger Edwards Almshouses – property vacancies. JW to put on notice board.
- 5.5 Royal Mail – opportunity to extend postal redirection. Decided not to renew. File.
- 5.6 WAG – Local Authorities Model code of Conduct. Actions to be taken before 20 September. CM to copy documentation and send a copy to all councillors. File original in Code of conduct file.
- 5.7 MCC – footpath diversion no 136. No objections. CM to return feedback and file.
- 5.8 MCC – LDP consultation on draft sustainability appraisal/strategic environmental assessment. Closing date 30 May. JW took away to read.
- 5.9 Monmouthshire Local Health Board – stakeholder group meeting. File.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning committee agenda 15 April. File 2 months.
- 6.2 Planning list for Devauden for wks 12 -15 (2008). File 2 months.
- 6.3 Enforcement lists for March 2008. Taken by JW.
- 6.4 DC/2008/00310, Polythene tunnel, The Dorlands, Kilgwrrwg, Devauden. Recommend refusal as object on the grounds it alters the character of the local area and there have local objections.
- 6.5 DC/2008/00507 Change of use from holiday let to full residential, Nightingale cottage, Creigau, Devauden. KR declared an interest and did not contribute to the discussions. No objections, recommend approval.
- 6.6 DC/2008/00454 – Alterations to existing dwelling, The Nest, Creigau, Devauden. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.7 DC/2008/00303 – Replacement of dilapidated farm building with new portal framed building for cattle and hay storage, Great House, Wolvesnewton. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.8 DC/2008/00456 – Proposed alterations and extensions, Devauden Court, Devauden. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.9 Following plans approved by MCC;
- 6.9.1 DC/2008/01048 – Replacement dwelling, Land at The Bungalow, Llangwm.
- 6.9.2 DC/2008/00262 – Erect an agricultural general purpose shed, Trevine Farm, Llangwm
- 6.9.3 DC/2008/00152 – Single storey extensions to side and rear of existing dwelling, The Croft, Llangwm.
- 6.9.4 DC/2008/01098 – Erection of conservatory, Panta Farm, Devauden.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County councillor not present.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Request to nominate a councillor to represent DCC at meeting. JW and AD completed the form. CM to post.

9) WARD REPORTS

MP – Itton village hall has been redecorated and requested a donation from DCC. MP will bring more information and an official written request to the next meeting.

AD – lorries have been coming down Wesley Way and getting stuck. CM to put on highways form. Also ambulances have been finding it difficult to locate the OAP bungalows. CM contact OSS requesting better signage.

EH – Neighbourhood watch – councillors agree that would be preferable to have communications emailed directly to the Wye Valley neighbourhood watch.

JW – field in Cole Lane, Devauden – concerns have been expressed by residents over recent activity taking place in the field adjacent to Trap Farm.

Meeting closed 9.45pm

Next Meeting AGM - Monday 19 May at Devauden Village Hall

Meeting dates 2008 30 June, 28 July (Itton), 18 Aug (Itton), 29 Sept, 27 Oct, 24 Nov, 22 Dec.

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Police Report

15/4/08 - Problem with dogs in Wesley Way

15/4/08 - Allegation of illegal hunting in Devauden.

21/4/08 - Problems with large lorry - hit wall and stuck - The Glyn.

22/4/08 - Suspicious vehicle Feddw Woods - Broken down.

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