

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONDAY 29 JUNE 2009 AT ITTON VILLAGE HALL**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: J Williams (chair), M Powell, A Duffield, A Cooke, C Knight,
APOLOGIES; K Reece, N Knowland, E Hall, CC Bob Greenland
IN ATTENDANCE:, C Martin (clerk), PC Cowburn, Mr M Wigley, Mr H Austin

1) OPEN SESSION

Mr Wigley stated that he wanted to tell the community council about various highways issues. Mr Austin said he was at the meeting for the same reason;

1. Route 57.2 – the verge is overgrown and needs cutting back as it is falling dangerously across the road.
2. R122 – south of Glyn Farm the surface edges are breaking up.
3. 57.3 – verge grass is overgrown.
4. R122 by Glyn Farm – the drains are inadequate and it needs to be surveyed and rectified.
5. 57.2 – hump in the road, JW and the councillors agreed that clerk should contact MCC to say DCC does not agree with highways assessment as a local farmer considers it dangerous.

Various photographs of the above locations were handed to the clerk and will be forwarded to highways. Councillors agreed that the above would all be put on the regular highways form with MP as a contact. CM to email responses to JW and MP. Mr Wigley and Mr Austin left the meeting.

PC Cowburn presented his report (copy at end of minutes) and left the meeting.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 18 May 2009 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Highways form – response received from 30/4 and 21/5. File.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 29/6/09 Current; £ 351.01 Notice: £4776.66

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and CK;

Clerk's salary and expenses, C Martin, £240.26 cheque no.101144

4.2 Asset register reviewed and signed off by CK, JW, CM, MP and AC.

4.3 Risk Assessment Reviewed and approved by the meeting.

4.3 Accounts for year ending 31/3/09 were produced by CM for signature by Chair and Clerk. JW and CM signed off the accounts. CM will prepare the annual return for signature at August Meeting.

4.4 Notice of appointment of date of electors rights were passed to JW and AC to be put on the notice boards at Devauden and Kilgwrrwg, no later than 1 August 2009.

4.5 Christine Alway has agreed to do the internal audit again this year and CM will take the accounts over next week.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 MCC cabinet agenda, 3 June and special cabinet 24 June. File 2 months.

5.2 MCC – Mor Hafren Area Committee 27 May 2009. File 2 months.

5.3 NAW – consultation on proposed changes to the Account & Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005 – responses by 31 July 2009. Taken by JW.

5.4 MCC – Tidy Communities - funding opportunities. File.

5.5 Monnow Voice. Passed to JW.

5.6 MCC – Street Naming, Barn conversion at Yeovil House, The Veddww will be called Old Oaks, Devauden, Chepstow, NP16 6PE. File.

5.7 MCC – Monmouthshire Local development plan. Pre deposit public consultation closes 4.30pm 17 July. Also LDP newsletter. Taken by JW.

5.8 Wye Valley AONB – outstanding magazine. Wye Valley annual study tour 25 September, deadline for expression of interest 7 August. Passed to JW.

5.9 MCC – admissions forum vacancies – deadline for responses 3 July. File

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- 5.10** MCC – Town and Community Councillors Handbook: The land use planning system in Wales. CM file a copy. Other copy taken by AD.
- 5.11** Monmouthshire Environmental Partnership Board Waste Forum 9 July. File
- 5.12** Local Health Board – Gwent NHS Reform Briefing Number 3 and 4. File.
- 5.13** Clerks and Council's Direct. No action
- 5.14** Letter received from Bonnie Carter requesting an allotment. CM to put her on the waiting list and write to her informing her of the position.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1** Planning committee agenda 30 June. File 2 months.
- 6.2** Planning lists – weeks 20 -25. File 2 months.
- 6.3** MCC approved the following applications
- 6.3.1** DC/2009/00330 - Single storey timber shed for garden storage and playroom.
- 6.3.2** DC2009/00248 – Extension to house, Veddw Farm, Devauden.
- 6.4** DC/2009/ 00433 – New building for farm store and vehicle parking shelter, The Barley House, Well Lane, Devauden. CM posted this to JW but it had not been received. CM to contact planning to request an additional copy.
- 6.5** DC/2009/00545 – Two storey extension and double garage, Nightingale Cottage, Devauden. No objections, recommend approval.
- 6.6** MCC – public speaking at Planning Committee. JW read out the letter and CM will copy and bring copies to next meeting. File original in planning file.
- 6.7** Completed enforcement cases for May. File.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor not present.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

- 8.1 Notice of OVW meeting July 16. Minutes of meeting 16 April. File.
- 8.2 National training programme for Community and Town Council's in Wales. File.
- 8.4 Shared Community Model Charter Working meeting 11 July. File.

9) WARD REPORTS

CM will not be present at the next meeting as taking two weeks paid leave, JW will take the minutes.

AC – A sign has appeared at Lower hillside Kilgwrrwg Hill, advising an alternative route to a footpath because of dogs. CM to contact MCC footpath officer.

AD – Play area in Wesley Way - an area in the top corner is flooding; it may be a spring or a leaky pipe. CM to contact the Chepstow One Stop Shop.

MP – notice board for Itton – MP requested a large board. JW said she would let MP have details of the type purchased for Devauden. Discuss at next meeting. MP requested a road sign to indicate School Lane in Itton. Agreed that clerk will find out what the CC policy is for road name signs in rural areas.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

Next Meeting 27 July at Itton Village Hall. **Meeting dates 2009** 24 Aug – Itton; 28 Sep, 26 Oct, 30 Nov, 21 Dec – Devauden.

Devauden & Itton incidents 14/5/9 to 29/6/09

15/5 - Late night party in Devauden.

16/5 - Domestic incident at Devauden.

17/5 - Problem with the temporary traffic lights at Devauden.

19/5 - Lost dog at Chepstow Park Wood.

23/5 - Noisy party near Devauden.

29/5 - Report of possible drink driver near Devauden.

5/6 - Domestic argument at Devauden.

11/6 - Report of Dangerous driving near Devauden.

11/6 - Attempt to take fish near Devauden.

12/6 - Suspicious callers at a house near Devauden.

25/6 - Car being driven at speed in the woods near Devauden.

27/6 - Suspicious caller at Itton.

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