

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONDAY 18 MAY 2009 AT ITTON VILLAGE HALL**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: J Williams (chair), M Powell, A Duffield, A Cooke, C Knight, E Hall

APOLOGIES; K Reece, N Knowland, CC Bob Greenland, PC Cowburn

IN ATTENDANCE:, C Martin (clerk), Mr P Ebrey

1) OPEN SESSION

Mr Paul Ebrey stated that he had come to talk about his planning application - DC/2009/00419 – Retention of garage building and change of use of land to be part of cottage's cartilage, Dorland Cottage, Devauden. The councillors agreed to discuss the application out of order. Cllr Cooke commented that she had not had any objections from the neighbours about the development. Mr Ebrey explained that this was not retrospective planning in the usual sense as the plans for the garage had been approved under permitted development as instructed by the MCC planning department. In November 2006 a planning enforcement officer had said it was ok to continue building the garage. In February 2009 an enforcement officer called and said the garage was not in the curtilage of Dorlands Cottage. Since then Mr Ebrey said he has had meetings with the planners who advised him to reapply which is what this application is. Cllr Knight proposed no objections; recommend approval seconded, by Cllr Hall. All voted in favour. Meeting agreed to include a statement on the planning reply that this applicant had already been advised in 2006 by MCC planning department that this was acceptable development under permitted rights. Mr Ebrey left the meeting.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 27 April 2009 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 PC Cowburn sent the report of incidents which CM read out. Report attached at the end of these minutes.
- 3.2 Clerk's contract - Final version was signed by JW and CM. JW to keep Community Council copy.
- 3.3 Highways form – response received. File.
- 3.4 Allotments – CM investigated the cost of allotments with MCC and Chepstow OSS. The average in Monmouthshire seems to be around £15 per year, although up to £25 is not unusual (e.g. Sedbury £22). The Councillors agreed to increase the annual fee from £5 to £20 on the basis that it has not changed for at least 10 years and the costs of administration have to be covered. CM will write to the allotment holders advising them that the fee will increase to £20 from 1 June 2009 and they will be expected to pay this fee from 1 January 2010. The letter should outline that the increase has been made to cover the costs of administration, maintenance and insurance; also that there will be an annual review going forward. CM also to write to the new allotment holder to inform him of the fee and that he will have to pay half the fee for the remaining 6 months of 2009, i.e. £10 and thereafter the annual fee will be £20 per annum.
- 3.5 GAVO – best kept village – have requested a map of Devauden. CM to check on MCC planning website and forward to GAVO.
- 3.6 Howells Green Kilgwrrwg – MCC have been in contact to say it has been cut. CM to contact MCC and ask them to speak to AC to ascertain that the correct ground has been cut.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 18/5/09 Current; £ 1244.45 Notice: £4775.97

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and AC;

Clerk's salary and expenses, C Martin, £239.90 cheque no.101141
Allianz Cornhill insurance renewal - £463.54, cheque no. 101140
Itton Parish church – donation for grass cutting, £50, cheque no. 101142

4.2 MCC – agreement to precept request received.

4.3 Audit due in September 2009. JW will contact Christine Allway to see if she is available to conduct the internal audit again this year.

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5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 MCC cabinet agenda, 6 May. File 2 months.
- 5.2 MCC street naming – Barn Conversion at Yeovil House, The Veddww – Old Oaks, The Veddww, Devauden. NP16 6PH. File.
- 5.3 Severn Estuary Partnership –newsletter. File
- 5.4 GAVO – Monmouthshire Network. File.
- 5.5 MCC- Rural development plan for Wales. Boost Newsletter. Taken by AD.
- 5.6 Local Health Board – Gwent NHS reform briefing number 2. Distributed.
- 5.7 Wales Audit Office Conference 20 May. No action.
- 5.8 MCC – emergency contacts directory. CM to contact MCC with the addition of AC. File.
- 5.9 Letter from Dr NH Chamberlain, 2 Itton Common, requesting action to reduce HGVs churning up the edges of Itton Green. CM to forward to MCC highways.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning committee agendas 5 and 19May. File 2 months.
- 6.2 Planning lists – weeks 17-19. File 2 months.
- 6.3 MCC approved the following applications
 - 6.3.1 DC/2009/00207 – Retrospective Poly tunnels at The Dorlands Kilgwrrwg.
 - 6.3.2 DC2009/00248 – Extension to house, Veddww Farm, Devauden.
 - 6.3.3 DC/2009/00235 – Installation of solar panels, Beech Cottage, Devauden.
- 6.4 DC/2007/01148 – amendments to include oak framed balcony to side elevation, redesign of front porch with oak framed canopy, Sunny Bank Farm, Devauden. No objections. Recommend Approval.
- 6.5 DC/2009/00202 – Three free standing, non illuminated information boards to describe carbon offsetting – OS Map ref ST465, Northing 994, Devauden. JW proposed that object and recommend refusal on the basis that this is an unnecessary and unacceptable intrusion in the countryside. Seconded by EH. All unanimously agreed – Recommend refusal.
- 6.6 DC/2009/00419 – Retention of garage building and change of use of land to be part of cottage’s curtilage, Dorland Cottage, Devauden. Recommend approval – see open session above.
- 6.7 Tree preservation order MCC 202 (2009) – Beaufort Cottage, Devauden, Chepstow. Effective from 30 April 2009. File.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor not present.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

- 8.1 Notice of OVW 2009 Conference and AGM 10 October. File.
- 8.3 Request for nominees for area committee meetings. JW and AC nominated. Form completed and CM to forward to OVW.
- 8.4 Shared Community Model Charter. File.

9) WARD REPORTS

AC – Large pot hole R82 near Corner Cottage and Glendale cross roads.

MP – Drain outside the woodlands is still blocked. Itton notice board is damaged. MP will try to fix the door. CM will forward notice board brochures to MP.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Next Meeting 29 June at Itton Village Hall

Meeting dates 2009 27 Jul, 24 Aug – all at Itton; 28 Sep, 26 Oct, 30 Nov, 21 Dec – all at Devauden.

Devauden & Itton incidents 27/4/09 to 14/05/09

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- 30/4/09 - Road accident B4235 near Cophill Farm. Two cars, minor injuries.
 - 11/5/09 - Mountain bike found in a field near Itton. Removed prior to Police collection.

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