

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2010 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: M Powell, K Reece, N Knowland, A Williams, A Cooke, J Williams (chair)

IN ATTENDANCE: C Martin (clerk)

APOLOGIES: PC Cowburn , CC Bob Greenland, E Hall, A Duffield

1) OPEN SESSION

PC Cowburn gave his apologies to the meeting via the clerk and sent the incident report which is at the end of the minutes.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 28 September 2010 were agreed.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1** It was agreed that CM should request the most up to date map showing footpaths, bridleways, green lanes and rights of ways. Contacted Richard Garner to be told that the maps are in the process of being updated and may be available next year. There is currently not a definitive map so queries can be dealt with on an individual basis. CM will bring maps to the next meeting.
- 3.2** Ryd y Bedw Farm stream – contacted MCC and the ecologist Kate Stinchcombe said she would look into it but there was probably not a lot that can be done as have to prove that crayfish have been killed to prosecute. Said would get back to us once investigated.
- 3.3** Highways forms from 9/9 and 11/12 received. File.
- 3.4** Werny Cwm Woodlands – letter received from forestry commission outlining the proposed work. Clerk to write back requesting that DCC clerk be notified of future meetings at the Forestry commission offices and of future works.
- 3.5** Aneurin Bevan Health Board – reply received about the changes at Chepstow Hospital. Clerk to reply asking for details of current numbers of beds for dementia patients within the hospital and what they will be after the changes.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 2/11/10 Current; £ 119.25 Notice: £ 3972.84

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and AC;

Invoice C. Martin, clerk's salary and expenses for October £239.74, Cheque no.101181

Invoice from MCC for 2010 grass cutting £750.83, cheque no 101182

4.2 HSBC – notice of variation.

4.3 Bank reconciliation and budget projection at 25 September reported and approved by JW and signed by CM.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1** MCC – Applications for 2011 electoral roll. Forms completed by those present. Others will completed at next meeting. CM to forward to MCC.
- 5.2** MCC – notification that works will not be carried out on the lanes in Itton. It is hoped that it will be completed next year – route C59.3, C66.3, C58.5. File.
- 5.3** Wye valley AONB calendar and brochures. Distributed.
- 5.4** MCC – emergency contacts directory. CM to reply that no changes to the entries.
- 5.5** Wye Valley AONB – milestones survey. Taken by KR.
- 5.6** OVW – planning training workshops. File.
- 5.7** MCC – community environmental grants awarded for 2010/11. File.
- 5.8** Clerks and council's direct. No action.
- 5.9** Chepstow play scheme annual report. File.
- 5.10** MCC – QEII fields challenge. File.
- 5.11** GAVO – network newsletter. No action.

6) PLANNING

6.1 Planning committee agenda for 5 and 19 October and 2 November 2010. File 2 months.

6.2 Planning lists for October taken by KR.

6.3 The following plans were approved by MCC or acceptable delegated decisions;

6.3.1 DC/2010/00774- Change of use of land and erection of a block of timber stables, Pwll y cath Barn, Newchurch Chepstow

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- 6.3.2** DC2010/00581 Retention of works to create wildlife pond, Goytre Farm, Earlswood.
- 6.4** DC/2010/00784 – New access into field from existing access to garage, new gate set back from highway. New horse field shelter, Lilac Cottage, Itton, Chepstow. No objections, recommend approval.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Not present.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Agenda for 14 October and minutes from 15 July. File.

9) WARD REPORTS

AW – Broadband in Monmouthshire; contacted BT who said MCC has some funding for focused projects in Monmouthshire. Will forward details of the BT Race to Infinity to CM so she can contact Devauden website with the information, to encourage as many people as possible to register.

MP – Complaint received from Mr C Packer of Ty ddu – the newly constructed drainage system from Itton common to Ty ddu farm and the underground pipe has been brought out in the wood alongside his property and is concerned about future flooding. No action at this stage but will monitor the situation.

NK –

Meeting closed: 8.45 pm

Next Meeting: 23 November 2010 Devauden Village Hall

Meeting dates 2010

Nov 23 Nov 14 Dec (all Devauden). Please note these have all changed from previous minutes.

PC Cowburn's report:

Devauden & Itton incidents September 26 to October 28

26/9 Tractor cutting a hedge with no warning signs near Itton.
4/10 2 vehicle road accident near Devauden. No injuries.
6/10 Articulated lorry stuck down a lane near Devauden. Recovered.
9/10 Report of elderly male walking along the road near Itton in a dressing gown. Mental issues.
15/10 Suspicious vehicle seen at Devauden. No actual injuries.
16/10 Silent 999 call from Devauden - accidental.
18/10 Road roller stolen from a field near Itton.
23/10 Minor dog bite near Itton.
24/10 Cyclist knocked off her bicycle near Devauden. Minor injuries.
24/10 3 vehicle road accident near Itton - No injuries.
26/10 Silent phone calls received at Devauden.
26/10 Report of 2 boulders on the road near Devauden. Area search negative.
26/10 Telegraph pole hit by a vehicle near Devauden.
27/10 Suspicious vehicle seen at Devauden. No actual offences.

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