

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2011 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: M Powell, K Reece, J Williams (chair), N Knowland, E Hall, A Duffield, A Cooke, CC Bob Greenland

IN ATTENDANCE: C Martin (clerk), Mr J Rowlands, Mr R Phipps, PC L Thorpe, **APOLOGIES:** A Williams

1) OPEN SESSION

PC Thorpe informed the meeting about the incidents which are summarised at the end of the minutes. She also mentioned that there had been some complaints about inconsiderate parking by the hunt followers. Cllr J Williams raised concern of some residents over the culling in Chepstow Park Woods and whether the police were informed as it would be helpful to know when it was happening. PC Thorpe said she was not sure but would find out. Cllr J Williams thanked her for the report and PC Thorpe left. Mr Phipps said that the Saturday before last two vehicles had parked in his drive on hunt day and when spoken to they were unpleasant to his wife.

Mr Rowlands gave his thanks to the CC and Mr Evans for the superb job that had been done on the school bell. Cllr Williams confirmed that there would be a dedication of the bell at the village carol service in December. Councillors agreed this would be appropriate and JW will communicate with Father Michael.

Mr Rowlands then raised the John Wesley Commemoration on the village green. He asked for a letter from DCC in support. Cllr Cooke commented that DCC cannot give permission for a structure on the green as it would have to go to the Welsh Assembly as it is common land. It was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter in support when the details were forwarded by Mr Rowlands.

Cllr Cooke informed the meeting that Rev Jeremy Winston had passed away the day before.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 25October 2011 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 JW confirmed that the paint had been purchased for the seats on the green and she would begin in the next week.
- 3.2 JW reported that Steve Lane had not contacted her about the drain at Well Lane even though it was listed on the last highways form. JW will contact Steve Lane directly.
- 3.3 MP reported that he had been in contact with MCC regarding the tree and drainage at Itton Common and it seemed likely that they would put in curbs to stop traffic going onto the green and to aid with drainage. Will monitor the situation.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 22/11/11 Current; £ 262.81 Notice: £2274.50

- 4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and KR
MCC – fees for 2011 season grass cutting, £782.14, cheque no. 101217
- 4.2 Clerk reported that Mazars Llp had responded to the audit with no comments and nothing requiring change. JW and CM signed the annual return which will be forwarded to Mazars for final opinion and sign off.
- 4.3 Clerk did not present her invoice as she believes she has been paid via MCC although no payslip has been received yet. Clerk to investigate and report at next meeting.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 MCC – Emergency contacts directory – clerk to respond with no change.
- 5.2 MCC Lower Wye Area Committee. File 2 months
- 5.3 MCC – letter about managing street lighting. Clerk to request more details and the map.
- 5.4 MHA - details of likely improvements work. File.
- 5.5 Abergavenny Eisteddfod – file.
- 5.6 MCC Community councils clerks 2012 elections briefing session. File
- 5.7 Clerks and councils direct – circulated.

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6) PLANNING

- 6.1** Planning committee agenda for 18 October. File 2 months.
- 6.2** The following plans were approved by MCC or acceptable delegated decisions since the last meeting.
- 6.2.1** DC/2011/00941 – Single storey extension, garage conversion. Alterations and new garage. Breagha, Devauden
- 6.2.2** DC/2011/00934 – Installation of 252 ground mounted solar PV panels in field, Panta Farm, Devauden.
- 6.2.3** DC/2011/010307 Installation of solar PV to roof, Bluebell Barn, Shirenewton.
- 6.2.4** DC/2011/00880 – Demolition of conservatory and erection of porch and utility room, Well Cottage, Well Lane, Devauden.
- 6.3** DC/2011/01029 – Carry out essential repairs and improvements internally and externally, Duffryn Farm, Llansoy. No objections, recommend approval.
- 6.4** DC/2011/00821 – proposed two storey extension and alterations, Foxes Barn. EH proposed object on the grounds that is too big for existing property and is out of keeping with the existing property. Seconded by JW. 5 voted in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention. Proposal carried. Clerk to inform MCC planning.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor had nothing further to add.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

No correspondence.

9) WARD REPORTS

JW – Deer culling in Chepstow Park Woods – JW said would wait until we hear from PC Thorpe, but it may be appropriate to erect a warning sign to alert people to the culling times.

AD – sign post at Cole Lane indicating is a no through road has been hit and has been damaged, at corner of B4293.

AC – R82 – 100 yards west of Kilgwrrwg crossroads is a damaged horse warning sign that is still on the floor and needs repairing. R82 - TY Bettws Hill the road is still falling away as previously reported.

MP – Itton Common opposite the telephone box on the corner is being run over by vehicles – can MCC look at it and offer a solution – possibly a higher curb. MCC to contact MP.

EH Lights on the entrance to Foxes Barn Itton are very bright and can be mistaken for headlights from both directions at night.

KR – Olbury Power Station – Went to a meeting at which the emergency plans were discussed. If there is a very bad incident the 14 km exclusion zone would reach Devauden. Gwent police would be notified by Avon and Somerset police and a disaster plan for medication is in place.

Meeting closed: 8.45 pm

Next Meeting: 20 December Devauden Village Hall

Proposed Meeting dates 2012 31 Jan, 28 Feb, 27 Mar, 24 Apr, 29 May, 26 Jun, 31 Jul, 28 Aug, 25 Sep, 30 Oct, 27 Nov, 18 Dec

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