

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2012 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: J Williams (chair), A Williams, J Rowlands, A Cooke, M Powell, K McElroy,
CC Bob Greenland

IN ATTENDANCE: C Martin (clerk), PC Thorpe

APOLOGIES: E Hall, N Knowland

1) OPEN SESSION

PC Thorpe reported that there had been no incidents for the last month. She also presented the results of the recent speed monitoring in Devauden village as follows;

July 2012 – 3 hours (approx.) monitoring – 7 prosecutions

August 2012 – 2 visits over 3 hours 20 minutes – 8 prosecutions

September 2012 – 5 hours over 3 visits – nil prosecutions.

Councillors commented that it would help to know the time of day of the monitoring but this information was not available.

Councillor J Williams asked if PC Thorpe could find out the time of day.

There was a discussion about the speed limits at Devauden and Itton and CC Greenland agreed to pursue extending the speed limit in both villages with MCC.

PC Thorpe introduced the Cold Calling zone and explained that 70% of householders in an area would have to agree to it to be put in place. It is suitable to defined areas that are not spread out (so most suitable for village streets and locations). PC Thorpe agreed to provide the clerk with more information that councillors can use to see if there is support for this in the village. PC Thorpe also advised that the mobile police station dates had changed and she would forward these to the clerk.

The open session ended after 40 minutes.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3) MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Response from MCC regarding the footpath outside The Firs, to confirm that it has been forwarded to the officer for clearance.

3.2 Reply from MCC regarding the drainage at Wesley way – taken by Cllr McElvoy.

3.3 Telephone Boxes – Cllr Rowlands informed the meeting that Val Thompson has advised him that Itton is likely to get funding to help with the renovation. Cllr J Williams reported that she had spoken to a councillor from The Narth and it appears their box was renovated with community effort and did not involve a contractor. Cllr Rowlands has contacted another contractor and they are visiting at the weekend to provide a quote. Cllr Rowlands agreed he would also obtain a quote for Itton and forward it to Mrs Thompson for the funding bid.

3.4 Cllr Rowlands expressed his dissatisfaction at the way that issue 3.1 in the minutes of the meeting of 25/9/12 was dealt with and now wishes the matter closed.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 24/9/12 Current; £ 2415.54 Notice: £775.28

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and AC

Clerk's expenses for October, £19.30, cheque no.101240

MCC – clerks salary for April – September 2012 including £37.50 administration charge - £1546.38, cheque no 101242 (101241 was voided)

Hood memorial hall donation for fireworks - £150, cheque no 101243 – unanimously agreed that this could be paid.

4.2 Clerk's Salary –received from MCC payroll for October, £250.23, to be accrued.

4.3 Agreed that the clerk would continue to present the budget on a quarterly basis.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Wye Valley AONB – picturesque magazine. Distributed.

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- 5.2** Cllr Rowlands presented an email he had received from Mr Richard Tyzack regarding Percus Barn planning application. Councillors agreed that clerk should respond as follows – Thank you for your email, we have noted your comments. Please be advised that we are not a planning authority and therefore we have just made observations in accordance with the wishes of all councillors present at the meeting.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1** The following plans were approved or delegated decisions;
- 6.1.1** Dc/2012/00271 – second storey extension and single storey utility, Little Crumbland Farm, Devauden.
- 6.2** Councillors requested that clerk raises again the enforcement case at Corn Farm. This relates to planning permission DC/2009/00805 to remove 400 cubic metres of sandstone. The councillors are concerned that there is digging into the bank which could make it unstable.
- 6.3** Dc/2012/00760- Proposed reinstatement of existing dilapidated former house, Old Shop Cottage Star Hill, Llanishen. - recommend approval, with the following caveats:
- The garage is too large, poorly sited, and to be constructed from obtrusive materials. We recommend it be resized, reclad, and repositioned so as to minimise visual impact.
 - The planners should carefully check the proposed footprint of the building to ensure that it does not breach local authority rules on sensitive treatment of traditional Monmouthshire cottages.
- The neighbours note that the applicants have been unhelpful in their approach to date, cutting down trees and hedges without consent, and inserting curb stones at the boundary between the property and the main road, which MCC subsequently had them remove. We therefore ask planners to be vigilant during the planning and construction phases.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor had nothing further to report.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Area Committee meeting agenda 10 October and minutes of 12 July. File

9) WARD REPORTS

All issues raised by the councillors are forwarded to MCC or other appropriate bodies for action if required.

JR – raised again the need for signs on house numbering on Wesley Way. Cllr McElvoy said he would take this up with MCC. Asked that clerk puts the complaints policy on the website. Agreed by all present.

B4293 entering Devauden from Chepstow - 30mph sign has slipped down the post and is facing the wrong way.

JW – 40mph sign as enter Itton from Shirenewton road is obscured by the hedge row that needs cutting back.

AW- reported on the BiGDig

this is now on a tight timeline as have to spend funds available from WAG. A provider Spectrum has been chosen and now the push is on to sign up 90 households to ensure funding can be accessed. There have been 2 village meetings and those involved have been going door to door. The Spectrum offer is competitive but so far 50 households have signed up. The timescale is that it could probably start by Christmas and help with encouraging people to sign up would be appreciated. Spectrum could also put a phone in the phone kiosk if required.

AC – Reported a successful PTA fundraising event for Macmillan at Shirenewton school.

Meeting closed: 9.30 pm

Next Meeting: 27 Nov (Devauden)

Proposed Meeting dates 2012 18 Dec

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