

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2013 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: J Williams (chair), A Williams, J Rowlands, A Cooke, M Powell, E Hall,
IN ATTENDANCE: C Martin (clerk), Mr Maddocks
APOLOGIES: PC Thorpe, CC Bob Greenland, K McElroy, N Knowland

1) OPEN SESSION

PC Thorpe was not in attendance but forwarded the report at the end of the minutes. Mr Maddocks raised the following issues;

- 60.13 – Gullies need clearing between Tredean Farm and Clydach as grids have not been cleared and gullies are covered over
- B4293 at New Inn, going North on the left hand side. A wall to a property is falling into the road.
- 60.12 by Wolvesnewton Church – some of the potholes have been filled but those that have not need to be completed.

Cllr J Williams thanked Mr Maddocks and said these concerns would be forwarded to MCC.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 29 January agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1** VAT status of the community council and the legal position – notification received from OVW – NALC guidance on VAT states that it is not permissible to purchase items on behalf of the village hall with the purpose of reclaiming the VAT.
- 3.2** Report from CC Greenland re; domestic abuse, clinical futures and welfare reforms – defer to next meeting
- 3.3** Highways form from last meeting – some actions are outstanding and will be addressed again with additional issues raised below in ward reports.
- 3.4** Telephone Kiosks – JR reported that Itton and Cobblers Plain will be sandblasted shortly but we now need to order the top coat. JR will email requirements to clerk who will contact supplier for a proforma invoice which was agreed by all councillors.
- 3.5** Grass cutting proposal from MCC – clerk contacted MCC after last meeting but has been no reply so will contact again.
- 3.6** There was a discussion about issue of the draft minutes and JR agreed to only publicise the second draft after it has been approved by councillors.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 28/1/13 Current; £2652.48 Notice: £275.40

- 4.1** Agreed for payment by JW and MP
Clerk's expenses for February, £23.84 cheque no.101254
MCC Reimbursement for clerk's salary October - December 2012 and admin fee £773.19, cheque no 101255
Itton Church- CC Greenland reports that he has lost cheque number 101253 and would like it to be reissued for donation for grass cutting, £50, cheque no 101256.
- 4.2** Clerk's Salary –received from MCC payroll for January, £250.23, to be accrued.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1** MCC – Lower Wye Area Committee Agenda 30 January. File 2 months
- 5.2** Homemakers Community Recycling – request for funding. Taken by AC.
- 5.3** MCC – Notification of future training on planning by MCC. File 2 months.
- 5.4** Walk for Life information. Taken by AW.
- 5.5** GAVO Monmouthshire Volunteer Achievement Awards 2013. File
- 5.6** MCC – Schools music showcase 15 March. No action.

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- 5.7 Letter received from Ann Octon and Philip Savoire thanking DCC for the work to have the speed limit in Itton reduced to 30mph.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Following plan approved by MCC –
- 6.1.1 DC/2012/00591 Renewal of DC/2007/00051 Well Cottage Newchurch
- 6.2 Enforcement cases list for January 2012. File
- 6.3 Application for Planning permission notice for Wesley Memorial on Devauden Green. File
- 6.4 DC/2013/00052 Proposed stable block and tack building Land to SW Cwrt y Gaer Wolvesnewton. Recommend refuse on the grounds that the land is subject to a court case as we understand it and there is no evidence of ownership of the land by the applicant.
- 6.5 DC/2013/00035 Single storey extension to provide office, Winslow Barn, Kilgwrrwg. Recommend approval subject to it meeting the planning regulations on increasing the size of the footprint of a barn.
- 6.6 DC/2013/00126 Barn Conversion and reinstatement of outbuildings to form 2 dwellings, Ty Mawr Farm Devauden. Request deferral to next DCC meeting.
- 6.7 DC/2013/00008 Single storey extension and alteration to kitchen roof Corner Cottage Kilgwrrwg. Recommend approval.
- 6.8 DC/2012/01083 One and half storey extension to provide enlarged kitchen and new family room at ground floor level and en-suite to existing bedroom at first floor level within roof space. Recommend approval.
- 6.9 DC/2012/01100 Two storey rear extension 3 Wesley Way, Devauden, Chepstow. Recommend approval.
- 6.10 DC/2013/00001 – Conversion of outhouse to holiday cottage. Recommend refusal as previously found unsuitable as a dwelling in planning applications and nothing appears to have changed since then.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor not present.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

No correspondence.

9) WARD REPORTS

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

- AW-** BiGDig update to report that should be delivered on schedule. R80 road from Cobblers Plain to Wolvesnewton opposite the turn to Swallows Barn is damaged to the road surface and has eroded deep ruts which are all carrying water
- AC –** R82 opposite Devauden Court – the verge is in a very bad state and needs stabilising
- EH-** Foxes barn Itton, the intrusive and dangerous lights have been reinstated on the entrance. Clerk to contact MCC planning enforcement again.
- MP –** Request that clerk writes to Michael Cleary at Royal Mail Engineering Department, Cardiff regarding the removal of the Edward VII post box door by John Lovell Chief Engineer. The community feels very strongly that the post box should remain in situ as an integral heritage piece in the village. Ask Royal Mail to contact MP.
Reported that owners of Westcott Itton have requested that the new 30mph signs be re sited away from outside their house. Clerk to inform highways of the request.

Meeting closed: 9.30 pm

Next Meeting: 25 March 7pm

Meeting dates 2013 – all start at 7pm

25 Feb, 25 Mar, 29 Apr 20 May – All Hood Memorial Hall Devauden
24 Jun, 29 Jul, 19 Aug - All Itton Hall
30 Sep, 28 Oct, 25 Nov, 30 Dec – All Hood Memorial Hall Devauden

PC Thorpe's Report

02.02.13 Attempt burglary at the village shop. There was damage to the door but no entry was gained. Enquiries are on-going.
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