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NOTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AS AT 28th SEPTEMBER

In view of the COVID 19 virus outbreak DCC had decided to cancel actual Council meetings until further notice. It would nevertheless publish notes updating its situation and any appropriate information.

1. Covid 19-Council Meetings

With the change in WG rules on meeting indoors it was decided not to hold an actual meeting on 21st September. Although the rules still appear to permit actual council meetings it has been decided to continue not to hold them for the time being. If business cannot be dealt with by email and there is a requirement to meet, a remote meeting will be convened.

2. Police Report

The police reported the following incidents for this period:

“ 25/8/20 – Report of a tractor entered at a property overnight on the outskirts of Devauden. A small amount of cash and a diary were taken from inside. No damage was caused to gain entry.

13/9/20 – Report of off road bikes in woodland near The Cot.

15/9/20 – Report of a length of hosepipe cut overnight by unknown persons at a farm on the outskirts of Devauden.

21/9/20 – Report of a John Deere tractor taken from a farm site at The Cot. This occurred sometime between 14.00 on 20/9/20 and 0900 on 21/9/20. Enquiries are ongoing.

On Sunday the 16th of August speed monitoring/enforcement was conducted in Devauden village. 187 vehicles were checked with an average speed of 27.3 mph found. Two vehicles were found to be vastly exceeding the speed limit and each were given speeding tickets.”

3. Finance

a. Balances for 31st August 2020 were: £3448.01 and £6806.01.

b. Cheques were signed as follows: M Leach grasscutting for £25.00 – cheque number 101727; Merlin waste for July for £54.60 – cheque number 101728; Clerk’s salary for Sep – for £227.92 – cheque number 101729; Clerk’s expenses for Sep for £13.10 – cheque number - 101730; HMRC Jul-Sep for £171.00 – cheque number 101731; Beverley and

Williams payroll services for £39.36 – cheque number 101732; Merlin Waste for Aug/Sep/Oct for £168.35 – cheque number 101733.

4. Correspondence

- a. Details from Dyfed Powys police of a parking scam.
- b. Invitation to the remote Wye Valley River Festival event.
- c. Update on the Monmouthshire Community Boundary Review.
- d. Details of vacancies at Chepstow Town Council.
- e. Information regarding the Cultural Recovery Fund.
- f. Notice of meeting of the ABCHC Executive.
- g. Decarbonisation Newsletter August 2020.

5. Planning

- a. DM/2020/00875 – change of use of stable block to self contained holiday accommodation at Church Farm, Wolvesnewton. This was recommended for refusal on the grounds that:
 - 1. the permitted development recently granted there was explicitly for the use of farm traffic. Holiday makers travelling to and from the holiday cottages would be forced to share the extremely narrow access to the farmyard with heavy farm vehicles.
 - 2. the use of the access for the additional traffic to the cottages would be a significant nuisance to neighbours, and there were formal objections on record to the previous applications from local residents.
- b. DM./2020/00734 – change of use from holiday let to a residential property C3 use class at Catry Cottage, Star Hill, Devauden -no comments offered – recommended for approval.
- c. DM/2020/01190 – proposed alteration and extension to the existing dwelling, including construction of a new detached semi-basement type swimming pool at Keepers House, Devauden – comments awaited.
- d. DM/2020/01289 – replacement of existing Juliet balcony with true timber/glass balcony, as well as retrospective application to replace basement doors with glazed sliding doors at The Bull Pen, Tor-y-Mynydd Farm, Devauden – comments awaited.

e. DM/2020/01212 – conversion of existing detached outbuilding into residential dwelling at B4293 Nex Common to Cobblers Hill, Devauden – comments awaited.

e. Enforcement notices for August.

6. **One Voice Wales**

a. List of remote training sessions in September.

7. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting may be held in October if the rules allow.