

**MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of
The DEVIOCK PARISH COUNCIL held at The CHURCH HALL,
HESSFORD at 7.30pm on Thursday,
10th April 2008.**

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs. D. L. G. Elliott, Downderry Ward, Chairman
R.J. Daniel, Downderry Ward, Vice-Chairman
G.K. Berncastle, Hesseford Ward
Mrs. M.Y. Byles, Hesseford Ward
J.P. Candy, Downderry Ward*
M.J. Crutchley, Downderry Ward
Mrs. G.E. Hartland, Seaton Ward
S.J. Parry, Seaton Ward
Mrs. A. Robinson, Hesseford Ward
Ms. E.R. Saville, Seaton Ward
Mrs. M. E. Temlett, Downderry Ward

* Also District Councillor, Deviock & Shevock Ward
Mr T. Pullin, Parish Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD: (From 7pm - one half hour)

The Chairman welcomed all to the Meeting and stated that Mr. Derx had requested that he be allowed to make a presentation to the Council.

The present owner of Beech Field, Downderry, Mr. Adrian Derx, addressed the Council and public on his suggested proposals for development at that site and stated that responses to his ideas should be channelled back via the Parish Council. Mr. Robert Woffenden, an architect employed by Mr. Derx, outlined the proposals that included 12 units of affordable housing placed to the rear of the site and facing south across the site; a health centre on the lowest and most level part of the site with the easiest access from the car park; 4 live/ work units and vine managers accommodation in a block by the car park; tourism complex comprising winery and sustainable development visitor centre plus accommodation units. Installation of various renewable technologies, but in particular possibly 2 wind turbines would be considered.

A member of the public asked how development of the site could be entertained when the land was outside the development line for the village? Mr. Christopher Lunn (Caradon D.C. Affordable Housing Officer), stated that where proposed housing met the criteria of 100% affordable housing, then it could be allowed by Caradon D.C. if the site was adjacent to the village boundary, and that in exceptional circumstances development linked to tourism could also possibly be allowed. A question about the feasibility of live / work units prompted a response from Mr. Hinks (Caradon D.C.) that this was a relatively new concept aimed at supporting local businesses and enabling users to live and work in the village. One member of the public reported that a similar project in Plymouth had failed.

A member of the public stated that the village had been promised a Health Centre before, but that nothing had come of it. The Vice-Chairman commented that a previous plan for a Health Centre had been shelved because of lack of funds.

Mr. Derx asked if Council members had any questions?

Cllr. Mrs A. Robinson questioned the amount of car parking included in the proposals, but was assured that, although not clear on the drawings, adequate provision would be made.

Cllr. G.K. Berncastle asked what the time scale for development was? Mr. Derx replied that he envisaged submitting a planning application within the next six weeks.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD (continued):

A member of the public asked why affordable housing could not be built in Trelidden Lane? It was pointed out that the main site in Trelidden Lane had been granted planning permission for back in the 1960's and therefore it was up to the owner of the site there to submit any proposals for development.

A member of the public stated that the proposed development offered no benefit to the local community.

The Chairman suggested that a public meeting to discuss the development further should be held and that views from members of the public should be directed to the Council via the Parish Clerk.

A member of the public addressed the Council in support of planning application Land Pt OS 3226 Polbathic, and stated that the application was currently awaiting appraisal by the County Land Agent.

There being no other requests to address the Council the Chairman closed the public participation period.

1. APOLOGIES There were no apologies for absence

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

2.1. Cllr. J.P. Candy expressed a personal interest with regard item 11.1.1. The Axe.

3. MINUTES:

3.1. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 13th March 2008

It was **proposed** by, Cllr. J.P. Candy **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. G.E. Hartland and **AGREED** by the Meeting, with two abstentions, to accept the minutes as a correct record.

4. REPORTS ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising.

5. PLANNING:

5.1. Minutes of the Meeting of 27th March 2008

It was **proposed** by, Cllr. Mrs G.E. Hartland, **seconded** by Cllr. M.J. Crutchley and **AGREED** by the Meeting, with one abstention, to accept the minutes as a correct record.

There were no matters arising.

5.2. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

5.2.1. 08/00184/OUT Mr M. Hoskin LAND AT OS 3226 POLBATHIC, CORNWALL

Outline application for the construction of dwelling for agricultural worker

Cllr. S.J. Parry **proposed** support of this application, subject to a satisfactory viability report by the County Land Agent; this was **seconded** by Cllr. G.K. Berncastle and **agreed** by the Meeting with one abstention.

5.2.2. 08/00404/TRECON Mr. D. Jarvis HILLSIDE COTTAGE, HESSENFORD

Request for permission to remove trees within the conservation area

Cllr. Mrs. M.Y. Byles **proposed** support of this application; this was **seconded** by Cllr. Ms. E.R. Saville and **agreed** by the Meeting with one abstention.

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5.2. PLANNING APPLICATIONS (continued):

5.2.3. 08/00458/FUL Nicola Barry SEATON BEACH CAFÉ, LOOE HILL, SEATON
Construction of seasonal temporary bridge (five year period) across the River Seaton, providing access from main beach to Seaton Beach Café and public toilets.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that a previous 3 year term permission for a temporary bridge had expired on 30th September 2007

Cllr. Mrs. G.E. Hartland **proposed** support of this application; this was **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. M.Y. Byles and **agreed** by the Meeting with one abstention.

5.3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA:

There were no planning applications to consider.

5.4. PLANNING APPEALS:

No planning appeals had been received by the date of the meeting.

6. PLANNING DECISIONS:

No planning decisions had been received by the date of the meeting. The Chairman notified the Meeting that a planning application for two detached dwellings, relating to Wentworthy, Dwnderry, had recently been approved by Caradon District Council.

7. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:

7.1. Correspondence received by the date of the Meeting

7.1.1. The Clerk informed the Meeting that he had received an email from Pippa Cann, requesting information about development at Keveral Gardens. Cllr. J.P. Candy stated that the Clerk should refer her to Caradon Planning Enforcement, as this site was the subject of a dispute at this time. Members concurred with this suggested course of action.

7.1.2. To debate proposals of suggested development at Beechfield, Dwnderry, by Mr. A. Derx, as requested by Caradon D.C.

Cllr. G.K. Berncastle suggested that in order to obtain a balanced view, feedback from the public was required over a period of time. The Vice-Chairman raised the issues of access to the site and probable increased traffic volumes, suggesting that a traffic survey would be appropriate.

After further discussion the Vice-Chairman **proposed** that a letter should be written to Jerry Masters, Head of Operations & Technical Services, Caradon District Council, stating that the Parish Council was not in a position to give a view on the matter at this time, as it now begun a process of public consultation in order to formulate its considered view; this was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. M.Y. Byles and agreed unanimously by the Meeting.

7.2. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

There were no matters raised by members.

ORDINARY MEETING OF 10th April 2008 (Continued)**8. FINANCE:**

8.1. Income & Expenditure.

8.1.1. INCOME FEBRUARY / MARCH 2008

Bank Interest	959.54
Cornwall C.C. L.M.P. P.R.O.W. Payment for 2007	379.34
Total £	1,338.88

8.1.2. EXPENDITURE FEBRUARY / MARCH 2008:

COUNCIL ADMIN. – Cheque Payments:	VAT	Nett	TOTAL
South West Water – Downderry Toilets 27/10/07 – 14/01/08	-	325.51	325.51
Caradon D.C. Clerk's Salary – January 2008	0.88	994.91	995.79
EDF Energy - Downderry Toilets 25/10/07-29/01/08	0.59	11.71	12.30
Cornwall County Playing Fields Association	-	75.00	75.00
Caradon D.C. Nut Tree Newsletter – Feb '08 (50% contribution)	-	114.45	114.45
Cllr. G.K. Berncastle – Attendance Allowance (May 2007 – January 2008, 3 quarterly payments of £41.50)	-	124.50	124.50
Petty Cash	-	50.00	50.00
Galvins of Liskeard (Photocopier toner cartridge & stationery)	20.80	118.83	139.63
Caradon D.C. Clerk's Salary – February 2008	0.88	994.91	995.79
St. Nicolas C of E VA School (Agreed grant towards Bible Garden)	-	500.00	500.00
Shelter (Agreed grant)	-	100.00	100.00
Caradon D.C. Nut Tree Newsletter – March '08 (50% contribution)	-	114.45	114.45
SLCC-CiLCA Management – Portfolio Registration Fee	-	70.00	70.00
SLCC (Charles Arnold Baker, Local Council Administration, 7 th edition)	-	55.95	55.95
St Nicolas Church, Downderry – Office Rent to 31 st March 2008	-	390.00	390.00
February / March 2008 Cheque Payments C/F £	23.15	4,040.22	4,063.37

Standing Order Payments:

MR. J. BIRD – February 2008 Cleansing Contract Payment	-	205.41	205.41
MR. J. BIRD – March 2008 Cleansing Contract Payment	-	205.41	205.41
FEBRUARY / MARCH 08 EXPENDITURE TOTALS £	23.15	4,451.04	4,474.19

It was **proposed** by Cllr. J. P. Candy **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. G.E. Hartland and **RESOLVED** to ratify the above expenditure

8.2. BANK STATEMENTS & BANK ACCOUNT / INTEREST MANAGEMENT

Date	Account	Balance £	
28 March 08	Community	1,000.00	
28 March 08	Business Premium	25,922.60	Interest earned for period 3/12/07-2/03/08: £114.08
28 March 08	Step Saver	1,174.16	Interest earned for period 1/12/07-29/02/08: £614.06
28 March 08	Rocknose BPA	18,624.07	Interest earned for period 3/12/07-2/03/08: £135.50
28 March 08	Sports & Rec BPA	13,182.32	Interest earned for period 3/12/07-2/03/08: £ 95.90
04 March 08	Treasury Deposit	111,340.00	Due to mature on 18 th July 2008 Interest at 5.25% = £2,177.99

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8.3. LETTERS OF THANKS

8.3.1. **Cornwall County Playing Fields Association**

8.3.2. **St. Nicolas School, Downderry.** Letters of thanks had been received from two pupils for the grant made towards the Bible Garden and were read out by the Chairman.

8.4. REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

8.4.1. **Cruse Bereavement Care in Cornwall**

Cllr. J.P. Candy **proposed** that the Council grant **£100.00** and this was **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. M.Y. Byles and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting.

8.4.2. **St Nicolas C. of E. V.A. School, Downderry.** A request for funding towards the cost of school trips for pupils whose families were on low incomes.

The Chairman reported that he had discussed this matter with Lindsey Fear, Headmistress of the school and had provisionally agreed to grant £300.00, subject to Council approval.

The Vice-Chairman **proposed** that the sum of £300.00 should be granted; this was **seconded** by Cllr. M.J. Crutchley and agreed by the Meeting with two abstentions.

8.5. ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID

	<u>VAT</u> £	Nett £	<u>TOTAL £</u>
Zurich Insurance	-	1,172.15	1,172.15
Caradon D.C. Clerk's Salary – March 2008	0.88	994.91	995.79
Clerk's Mileage Expenses (Jan. – Mar.'08: 513 miles @ 55.8p per mile) Parking £3.10	-	289.35	289.35
Total £	0.88	2,456.41	2,457.29

It was **proposed** by Cllr. J. P Candy, **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. A. Robinson and **RESOLVED** by the Meeting to ratify the above expenditure.

8.6. NOTIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The Clerk informed the Meeting that Alun Williams of the Audit Commission's Limited Assurance Specialist Unit had been appointed as auditor to Deviock Parish Council for the audit of accounts for the financial years 2007/08 to 2011/12

8.7. FINANCIAL BUSINESS RECEIVED AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA

There was none.

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

9.1. TRAFFIC & PARKING ISSUES: Downderry, Seaton & Hessenford

9.1.1. Land Slip at Triffle Hill, Downderry

The Clerk read out a letter from Mr. Brian Craven, dated 7th April 2008. This letter stated that that a level survey had been carried out. Site testing of soil to determine the load bearing capacity of the ground was currently being undertaken and that the intention is to have the remedial works done ready for the summer tourist season.

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9.1. TRAFFIC & PARKING ISSUES: DOWDERRY, SEATON & HESSENFORD (contd.)

9.1.2. Traffic at Narkurs

The Clerk reminded members that there was to be a site meeting at Narkurs with Mr. Steve Ewing of Cornwall C.C. Highways Dept. on 7th May 2008 at 13.30 hrs. to discuss possible traffic calming methods, and that this would be followed by a tour in order to consider other local traffic problems. Members reported matters to be considered including:-

- a) Poor road surface and land slips on the Hessenford / Seaton Valley Road
- b) Resurfacing required on the A387 from Hessenford to Carracawn Cross

10. POLICE MATTERS:

10.1. COUNCIL MATTERS FOR THE POLICE:

10.1.1. Neither PC Patrick Libby nor PCSO John Riggall of Torpoint Police were able to attend the Meeting. The Vice-Chairman drew attention to the recent spate of thefts from boat owners at the slipway at Beach Hill, Dowderry. It was suggested that a letter be written to the police on this subject with a copy to the Beach Master, Mike Hill.

10.2. POLICE MATTERS FOR THE COUNCIL

10.2.1. There were none

10.2.2. The Clerk referred members to the monthly Police Crime Report. (See Appendix A)

11. CURRENT / ONGOING BUSINESS:-

11.1. PARISH PROJECTS

11.1.1. THE AXE.

To consider expenditure for the provision of access to The Axe Field from Broads Yard Car Park, Dowderry, including a footbridge, steps, kissing gate and necessary ground clearance in order to create a footpath.

Cllr. J.P. Candy declared a personal interest.

The Chairman referred to a quotation for this work by Rural Landscapes, dated 2nd April 2008 for the sum of £6,607.00 plus VAT. The question of an extension to the current agreement giving the Parish Council right of access across Beechfield to the Axe field was raised. The current agreement expires on 31st December 2009. In order for the proposed work to be of continuing benefit to the community the renewal of this agreement was essential.

After discussion Cllr. S.J. Parry **proposed** that the Chairman approach the new land owner to seek his approval for a renewal of the agreement for a further ten years and that if this permission was given then expenditure by the Council for the above works be deemed to have been approved; this was **seconded** by Cllr. Ms. E.R. Saville and **agreed** by the Meeting with one abstention.

11.1.2. PROPOSED FOOTBALL PITCH AT SEATON COUNTRYSIDE PARK

The Clerk reported that Mr. Jerry Masters of Caradon D.C. had requested that the Parish should decide on the type and scale of football pitch required, as this would play a major part in determining which site at the park should be developed.

The Vice-Chairman reported on the recent site meeting at which Caradon officers and councillors attended stating that there were problems with both sites proposed.

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11.1.3. PROPOSED FOOTBALL PITCH AT SEATON COUNTRYSIDE PARK (Contd.)

Cllr. J.P. Candy suggested that there were four possible options for consideration:-

- a) A full size pitch near the car park
- b) A full size pitch up the valley and close to the nature reserve
- c) A junior pitch near the car park
- d) Find another location in the Parish, possibly Tanver Yate

After debate of the relative merits of each option it was decided that the problems posed by creating a football pitch at Seaton outweighed the possible benefits to the local community. A pitch close to the car park would require fencing, which, by its necessary height and scale, would not be appropriate for the County Park. The adjacent wildlife pond would be close to the edge of the pitch and therefore problems of lost balls would occur.

The site up the valley, would abut the nature reserve. Although the ground level of this site had been raised some years previously and was not virgin landscape, the public perception was that this was part of the nature area, designated as a butterfly meadow. Costs involved in levelling work to create a full size pitch would be great. The requirement for access of emergency vehicles could also involve the upgrading of the path to the site. The possible future requirement for on site changing facilities would be difficult to achieve.

The Parish Council owned site at Tanver Yate, Deviock Hill, Donderry, already had planning permission for development as a sporting venue.

Cllr. Mrs. M.Y. Byles **proposed** that the Council should seek to create a football pitch at Tanver Yate and that Caradon D.C. should be asked for financial support with this project; this was **seconded** by Cllr. M.J. Crutchley and **agreed** by the Meeting with two abstentions.

11.1.3. SEATON COUNTRYSIDE PARK – PROPOSED POND VIEWING PLATFORM

The Clerk stated that Mr. Al Collings of Caradon D.C. had informed him that work on the platform should take place in May 2008.

11.2. LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT ISSUES

11.2.1. Cllr. Ms. E.R. Saville reported that First Bus was not making changes to its new timetable. There were rumours that the 281 service to Looe was going to be re-routed, avoiding Donderry and Seaton.

11.2.2 Rural Transport Partnership – Consideration of a response to a letter from Mr. B.E. Johnston.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that the letter asked for the Council to support the Partnership by writing to the new Unitary Authority asking for funding of this service to be continued

A **proposal** that a letter in support of future funding for the RTP be sent to appropriate bodies was made by the Vice-Chairman, **seconded** by Cllr. J.P. Candy and agreed unanimously by the Meeting.

11.3. “ONE CORNWALL”

11.3.1. Electoral Review: Requested change to the existing warding arrangements of Deviock Parish

The Clerk referred members to a letter, previously circulated, that he had written on behalf of the Council to the appropriate authorities, requesting the agreed change to the warding arrangements of the Parish. The Clerk informed the Meeting that he had been told by Denise Holwell of Caradon D.C. that the request by the Parish would be supported by the District Council and would form part of its submission to the Electoral Committee.

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11.3. "ONE CORNWALL" (Continued)

The Vice-Chairman reported that the map of the new Community Network Areas was still in a state of flux and that the Council needed to decide if it wanted to be linked with Torpoint or Looe as a matter of urgency, otherwise this would be decided for the Council without consultation. The Vice-Chairman favoured linkage with Looe because of common rural issues, rather than the more urban-based Torpoint. There could be either 16 or 20 community network areas. Cllr. J.P. Candy spoke about the proposed new divisions for the new "One Cornwall" councillors. Caradon D.C. supported the concept of 130 councillors in the new Council, meaning that each councillor would represent approximately 3,200 electors. In order to achieve this the divisions had to be created by joining up various clusters of parishes to give the right number of electors. A possible option for Devoick would be that it should be linked to St. Germans and Shevoick parishes, giving a total of 3,100 electors in the new division. A possible option that there should only be 110 councillors in the new council would mean that each division would need to represent 4,000 electors and this would require an alternative linkage of parishes. The Vice-Chairman stated that everything "was up for grabs" and that the Parish needed to state its case if it was not to be overlooked.

11.4. BURIAL GROUND FOR DEVOICK PARISH

To consider possible sites suggested by Councillors

The Chairman suggested three possible sites:-

- a) Field near Minard Chapel
- b) Field near Devoick School
- c) Tanver Yate

After discussion the Chairman proposed that he should speak to the landowner of the site near Devoick School in order to establish if he would be prepared to sell land to the Parish Council for this purpose; this was seconded by Cllr. J.P. Candy and agreed by the Meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS:-

12.1. CARADON / NALC / CALC, ETC DOCUMENTS

There were no documents for consideration

12.2. NEWSLETTERS / REPORTS / BROCHURES, ETC:

The following publications were available for inspection:-

- 1) The Cinnamon Trust – Newsletter Spring 2008
- 2) Countryside Voice – Spring 2008

12.3. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY DATE OF MEETING

12.3.1. Letter dated 4th April 2008 from Mr & Mrs James, Donderry Stores, Donderry

The Clerk read out the letter, which dealt with the issues of dog mess, and affordable housing in Donderry. It was suggested that the section relating to dog mess should be forwarded to the relevant department at Caradon D.C.

12.3.2. Campaign to Protect Rural England

The Clerk notified the Meeting of an AGM to take place at Saltash Guild Hall on 23rd April 2008 at 7.30 pm

ORDINARY MEETING OF 10th April 2008 (Continued)**12.3. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY DATE OF MEETING (continued)****12.3.3. Cornwall Rural Community Council**

The Clerk informed members of a new design service being offered by this organisation.

12.3.4. Email from Gayle Wyatt (26th March 2008) requesting information about a commemorative sign relating to a King George that used to be near the Downterry WMC. The Clerk asked if any member had information relating to this? Cllr. Mrs. G.E. Hartland advised that this plaque, which used to be attached to a tree, planted by King George, was now residing in the WMC and was awaiting suggestions as to how it could now be displayed.

12.4. NEW BUSINESS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA:**12.4.1. Parish Plan Survey Letter.**

The Clerk informed members that a letter had been received chasing up a completed survey relating to the Parish Plan. It was agreed that the Clerk should complete and return this survey.

12.4.2. Bench at Broads Yard Car Park, Downterry.

The Clerk stated that he had been informed that this bench was in a dangerous state of repair. It was suggested that as the bench was on Caradon D.C. land that the authority be informed of this matter.

12.5. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr. G.K. Berncastle requested that draft Council minutes should be distributed earlier in order to give more time to consider them.

Cllr. Ms. E.R. Saville asked if the material banner on the Seaton Bridge, advertising the Smugglers Inn, was allowable? Cllr. J.P. Candy stated that he would look into this matter at the District Council.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 22.10 hrs