

**MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of
The DEVIOCK PARISH COUNCIL held at The CHURCH HALL,
HESSENFORD at 7.30pm on Thursday,
10th July 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
Mrs. G.E. Hartland, Seaton Ward
S.J. Parry, Seaton Ward
Mrs. A. Robinson, Hesseford Ward
Mrs. M. E. Temlett, Downderry Ward
Mr T. Pullin, Parish Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD:

Members of the public addressed the Meeting regarding the proposed development of two dwellings at Reef Point, Downderry; the main objections being:-

- a) The plans indicate sewage disposal would be by connection to the private main drain at East Camps Bay. Connection to this drain would require the consent of all residents of that road and the drain may become overloaded if additional properties are added.
- b) The original "Bersey" site map indicated only two dwellings at Reef Point, approval of the current application would allow three properties at the site.
- c) Concerns over the height of the proposed dwelling on Plot One
- d) Concerns over surface water run-off because of the proposed new hard surfaces. Increased levels of surface rainwater could contribute to erosion of the cliffs.
- e) Concern expressed at the closeness of the development of Plot One to properties in East Camps Bay with probable overlooking issues
- f) The digging of foundations for the proposed dwelling on Plot One could destabilise the cliff, not only at that plot but also affecting adjacent properties
- g) Concern expressed that the proposed dwelling on Plot Two would be close to an adjacent property on Main Road
- h) The probable use of access to the site via East Camps Bay by construction vehicles would be unacceptable to residents, considering the narrowness of the road and the possible damage to the foundations of the road.

Members of the public also spoke in objection to the proposal for a Parish Burial Site at Deviock The main points of objection being:-

- a) The site would not be suitable for burials because of the high water table, the number of springs and the fact that bedrock was to be found only three feet below the surface.
- b) Access to the site would be via narrow lanes
- c) A "Green" burial site would attract interest from the wider area and could result in a large number of interments.
- d) The probable high levels of traffic at funerals would detract from the peacefulness of the rural area and could cause parking problems
- e) S.W. Water has pipes at the site and spring water could become contaminated because of burials

There being no further requests to address the Meeting the Chairman closed the public participation period.

1. APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J. P. Candy & M.J. Crutchley

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2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

There were no declarations of interests in any items on the agenda.

3. MINUTES:

3.1. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 12th June 2008

It was **proposed** by, Cllr. Mrs. G.E. Hartland **seconded** by Cllr. G.K. Berncastle and **AGREED** unanimously by the Meeting, to accept the minutes as a correct record.

4. REPORTS ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Clerk reported that he could find no recent planning approvals for any new works at Rock Rose, Brenton Road, DOWNDERRY. It was agreed that Caradon D.C. Planning Enforcement should be notified of the possible unlawful development at that property.

The Clerk stated that he had located documents referring to an approval to remove certain trees at St. Annes House, Hessenford.

5. POLICE MATTERS:

5.1. COUNCIL MATTERS FOR THE POLICE:

No matters were raised

5.2. POLICE MATTERS FOR THE COUNCIL:

No representatives from the Police were present; P.C. Libby having given his apologies.

The monthly Crime Report was distributed by the Clerk (See Appendix A)

6. PLANNING:

6.1. Minutes of the Meeting of 26th June 2008

It was **proposed** by Cllr. G.K. Berncastle, **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. G.E. Hartland and **AGREED** unanimously by the Meeting, to accept the minutes as a correct record.

There were no matters arising.

6.2. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

6.2.1. 08/00890/FUL Mr and Mrs J. Downie

TRESCO, TRERIEVE ESTATE, DOWNDERRY

Construction of first floor extension, new ground floor entrance hall and extended lounge.

Provision of part covered parking bay.

After discussion it was **proposed** by Cllr. S. J. Parry that a decision on this application should be **deferred** until the next Planning Committee meeting, on 24th July 2008, in order to give councillors time to visit the site; this was **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. M. E. Temlett and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting.

6.2.2. 08/00798/FUL Mr S. Flood

PLOT 1, REEF POINT, DOWNDERRY

Construction of dwelling

The Chairman read out a letter of objection to this application.

After discussion it was **proposed** by Cllr. S. J. Parry that a decision on this application **and item 6.2.3.** should be **deferred** until the next Planning Committee meeting, in order to give councillors time to visit the site; this was **seconded** by The Chairman and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting.

6.2.3. 08/00798/FUL Mr D. Flood

PLOT 2, REEF POINT, DOWNDERRY

Construction of dwelling

Decision deferred until 24th July 2008

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6.3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA:

6.3.1. 08/00926/REMMr and Mrs M Ratsey

LAND AT CLEMATIS COTTAGE, MAIN ROAD, DOWDERRY

Reserved matters application for the construction of detached dwelling and provision of parking area (details following application 06/00293/OUT dated 11.01.07)

The Parish Council had objected to outline planning approval at this site, but had been overruled by Caradon D.C. After discussion the Chairman **proposed** that the Council should record a decision that it **neither objects nor supports** the application; this was seconded by Cllr. G.K. Berncastle and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting.

6.4. PLANNING APPEALS:

Site at Land Situated at Morweth View, Dowderry. Appeal dismissed (8th July 2008)

7. PLANNING DECISIONS:

7.1. PERMISSIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

7.1.1. 08/00624/FUL: Miss G Ivins JAZMIN, SEATON VALLEY ROAD, SEATON

Construction of extension to enlarge bedroom and provide en-suite wheelchair accessible bathroom. New ramped access

Caradon D.C. Permission Granted 19th July 2008

Main conditions:- Three-year commencement rule only

8. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:

8.1. Correspondence received by the date of the Meeting

No correspondence had been received.

8.2. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

The Vice Chairman reported that Caradon D.C. had recently lost three court cases relating to permissions granted for development outside of village development lines.

9. FINANCE:

9.1. Income & Expenditure.

9.1.1. INCOME MAY / JUNE 2008

Bank interest	299.55
2008/9 Caradon D.C. Agency Partnership (Dowderry W.C.) Payment	6,264.90
Total £	6,564.45

9.1.2. EXPENDITURE MAY / JUNE 2008:

COUNCIL ADMIN. – Cheque Payments:

	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Nett</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
S.W. Water – Dowderry W.C. (15/01/08 – 23/04/08)	-	230.20	230.20
Caradon D.C. Clerk's Salary – April 2008	0.88	993.09	993.97
CRUSE Bereavement Care in Cornwall	-	100.00	100.00
Ken Abraham, Internal Audit Fee 2007/8	-	135.00	135.00
SLCC Annual Subscription	-	102.00	102.00

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9. FINANCE (Continued):

9.1.2. EXPENDITURE MAY / JUNE 2008 (Continued):

Caradon D.C. Cleaning Supplies for Downderry WC	(3.28)	18.70	21.98
Petty Cash	-	50.00	50.00
SLCC: VAT on S.W. Conference delegate fee	7.88	-	7.88
CALC: Fee for two delegates to Annual Conference (Replacement of lost cheque sent in January 2008)	-	20.00	20.00
Caradon D.C. Clerk's Salary – May 2008	0.88	993.09	993.97
Caradon D.C. Nut Tree, April 2008 – 50% contribution	-	114.45	114.45
Caradon D.C. Nut Tree, May 2008 – 50% contribution	-	114.45	114.45
NALC / CALC 2008/9 Subscription (inc. £50.00 voluntary donation as agreed at Annual Conference)	28.62	337.10	365.72
Caradon D.C. Nut Tree, June 2008 – 50% contribution	-	114.45	114.45
G.K. Berncastle: 2007/8 Attendance Allowance / 2008/9 Printer Expenses	-	66.50	66.50
Mrs. M.Y. Byles: 2008/ 9 Printer Expenses	-	25.00	25.00
J.P. Candy: 2008/ 9 Printer Expenses	-	25.00	25.00
M.J. Crutchley: 2007/8 Attendance Allowance / 2008/9 Printer Expenses	-	191.00	191.00
R.J. Daniel: 2007/8 Attendance Allowance / 2008/9 Printer Expenses & 2007/8 Printer Cartridge expenses in connection with production of the Nut Tree Newsletter	-	241.00	241.00
D.L.G. Elliott: 2007/8 Attendance Allowance / 2008/9 Printer Expenses	-	274.00	274.00
S.J. Parry: 2007/8 Attendance Allowance / 2008/9 Printer Expenses	-	191.00	191.00
Mrs. A. Robinson: 2008/ 9 Printer Expenses	-	25.00	25.00
Mrs. M.E. Temlett: 2007/8 Attendance Allowance / 2008/9 Printer Expenses	-	191.00	191.00
CPRE Subscription 2008/9	-	28.00	28.00
AXA Insurance UK plc - Public Liability Insurance for Mr. John Bird	-	116.24	116.24
May / June 2008 Cheque Payments C/F £	41.54	4,696.27	4,737.81

Standing Order Payments:

MR. J. BIRD – May 2008 Cleansing Contract Payment	-	211.58	211.58
MR. J. BIRD – June 2008 Cleansing Contract Payment	-	211.58	211.58
MAY / JUNE 08 EXPENDITURE TOTALS	£	41.54	5,119.43
			5,160.97

Ratification of this expenditure was **proposed** by Cllr. Mrs. G.E. Hartland, **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. A. Robinson and **approved** unanimously by the Meeting.

9.2. BANK STATEMENTS & BANK ACCOUNT / INTEREST MANAGEMENT

Date	Account	Balance £	
27 June 08	Community	1,000.00	
27 June 08	Business Premium	36,195.99	Interest for period 3/3/08 – 01/06/08 £ 78.61
27 June 08	Step Saver	1,188.58	Interest for period to 30 th May 2008 £ 14.42
27 June 08	Rocknose BPA	18,745.00	Interest for period 3/3/08 – 01/06/08 £120.93
27 June 08	Sports & Rec BPA	13,267.91	Interest for period 3/3/08 – 01/06/08 £ 85.59
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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9.3. LETTERS OF THANKS

No letters of thanks had been received.

9.4. REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

No requests for funding had been received.

9.5. ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID

9.2. Accounts to be Paid

	<u>VAT</u> £	Nett £	<u>TOTAL £</u>
Caradon D.C. Clerk's Salary – June 2008	0.88	993.09	993.97
Clerk's Mileage Expenses: April – June 2008 (119 miles @ 55.8p per mile)		66.40	66.40
Total £	0.88	1,059.49	1,060.37

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

9.6. FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

9.6.1. The Clerk informed the Meeting that he had sent a letter dated 26th June 2008 to Julie Snooks, Limited Assurance Audit Co-ordinator at The Audit Commission. This letter contained additional information relating to the Annual Return for 2007/8.

9.7. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

9.7.1. To approve the Minutes of the **26th JUNE 2008** as a correct record.

The Vice-Chairman requested that a full list of earmarked funds was included in the minutes. It was agreed to defer approval of the minutes until the next full Council meeting.

9.8. FINANCIAL BUSINESS RECEIVED AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA

9.8.1. To consider the re-investment of funds on maturity of the Treasury Deposit Bond on 18th July 2008.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that Barclays Bank was offering investment in a Local Business Bond No.9: Term 5 ½ months (1st August 2008 to 16th January 2009) giving 6.05% gross interest.

The Clerk notified Members that there would be no access to these funds during the term of investment.

A **proposal to reinvest** the matured Treasury Deposit Bond was made by the Chairman, **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. M.E. Temlett and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting.

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

10.1. TRAFFIC & PARKING ISSUES: DOWDERRY, SEATON & HESSENFORD

10.1.1. Traffic Questionnaire, Church Hill, Hessenford

Cllr. Mrs. A. Robinson stated that she had delivered questionnaires to local residents of Church Hill. The general feeling appeared to be that they would welcome the road becoming a no through road and that more appropriate signage would be beneficial.

The Chairman stated that once all the questionnaires had been received he would analyse the

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

10.1.2. Signage on the A387 westbound for Seaton. Letter from Brian Craven, Divisional Surveyor, Cornwall C.C. Highways Dept. dated 16th June 2008

The Chairman read out the letter which stated that difficulty was being found in relocating the sign indicating the Seaton turn off. If the problem of misrouted traffic became acute then action would be taken.

10.2. PUBLIC TRANSPORT ISSUES

No matters were reported

11. CURRENT / ONGOING BUSINESS:-

11.1. PARISH PROJECTS

11.1.1. THE AXE.

The Vice Chairman reported that there was a possibility of a SITA grant. Bill Knight would be asked to investigate this.

11.1.2. FOOTBALL PITCH AT SEATON COUNTRYSIDE PARK

The Chairman stated that the proposal of an "all weather, five-a-side" pitch, near the car park at Seaton Countryside Park was still being considered by Caradon D.C.

11.2. "ONE CORNWALL"

11.2.1. One Cornwall Localism Charter – Report on Consultation at Luxstowe House, Liskeard, on 9th July 2008

The Vice-Chairman had attended this consultation and reported to the Council on the Localism Charter:-

- a) "One Cornwall" would rely on Parish Councils for its awareness of local issues
- b) Community Plans (e.g. Parish and MCTi) would be important tools for the new authority
- c) "Community Hubs" was the new name for the "One Stop Shops"; they would become the point of contact between "One Cornwall" and the public, for the delivery of services.
- d) County Ward Members would have an enhanced role in the community, becoming champions and advocates for their area.
- e) Increased partnership participation with parish councils would be encouraged
- f) An emphasis on mutual trust and respect between the new authority and parish councils would be hoped for.
- g) Devolvement of services would be possible. A list of powers to be devolved was being drafted.
- h) A new map showing the latest draft proposal for the geographical areas of Community Networks had been made available.
- i) There would probably be three ward members covering each Community Network Area

11.3. BURIAL GROUND FOR DEVIOCK PARISH

The Chairman updated members by informing them that Mr. Nigel Jarvis, a Caradon Planning Officer, had visited the proposed site at Deviock and had written up his thoughts on the proposal:-

- a) It would be difficult to justify development of a site in open countryside
- b) The scale, area and works to be carried out would be important factors
- c) The lack of any public transport to the site would be against it
- d) Loss of hedges in order to provide an entrance and parking would need to be considered
- e) The County Surveyor would need to be involved regarding access issues

Cllr. Mrs. M.Y. Byles stated that the annual average number of burials at the old Hessenford

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11.3. BURIAL GROUND FOR DEVIOCK PARISH (Continued)

The Chairman stated that he would be writing an article for the August edition of The Nut Tree magazine, soliciting views and suggestions of alternative sites for a burial ground within the Parish.

A **proposal** to continue the consultation process for the burial ground on land near to the Old School, Deviock, was made by Cllr. G.K. Berncastle, **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. G.E. Hartland and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS:-

12.1. CARADON / NALC / CALC, ETC DOCUMENTS

12.1.1. One Cornwall – South West Lifelong Learning Network, University of Plymouth, Questionnaire

The Clerk distributed questionnaires to members and asked that they be completed and returned to him at the next Planning Committee meeting.

12.1.2. Cornwall County Fire Service – Fire Brigade's IRMP Service Plan 2008/11

The Clerk drew the attention of members to this document

12.2. NEWSLETTERS / REPORTS / BROCHURES, ETC:

The following publications were available for inspection:-

- 1) LCR July 2008
- 2) Countryside Voice – Summer 2008

12.3. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY DATE OF MEETING

12.3.1. Matthew Taylor MP, Truro & St. Austell – Request to support campaign for a public inquiry into the planned waste incinerator in St. Dennis (Letter dated 18th June 2008).

Members agreed to note the contents of this letter.

12.4. NEW BUSINESS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE

AGENDA:

There was no new business to consider.

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

12.5.1. Cllr. G.K. Berncastle drew the attention of members to a new sign at the end of the school / beach path, Donderry, directing naturists to use the beach along to the left, away from the school and asking them to obey the naturists code. Cllr. Berncastle felt that this sign was helping to legitimise the use of the beach by naturists.

Cllr. Berncastle also notified members that he had heard that development of the Old Garage site, Hessenford, may not now occur because of economic reasons.

12.5.2. Cllr. S.J. Parry advised members that work on Footpath Six appeared to have been completed and had greatly improved its condition.

12.5.2. The Vice Chairman informed members of his concerns over parking arrangements at St. Nicolas School, Donderry. The volume of vehicles arriving each day was creating a hazard to road users.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30 hrs