

**MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of
The DEVIOCK PARISH COUNCIL held at The CHURCH HALL,
HESSENFORD at 7.30pm on Thursday,
13th September 2007.**

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs. D.L.G. Elliott, Downderry Ward, Chairman
R.J. Daniel, Downderry Ward, Vice-Chairman *
G.K. Berncastle, Hessenford Ward
Mrs. M.Y. Byles, Hessenford Ward
J.P. Candy +
M.J. Crutchley, Downderry Ward
Mrs. G.E. Hartland, Seaton Ward
S. J. Parry, Seaton Ward
Ms. E. R. Saville, Seaton Ward *
Mrs. M. E. Temlett, Downderry Ward
Mr T. Pullin, Parish Clerk
+ Also District Councillor, Deviock & Sheviock Ward; joined the Meeting at 20.25 hours
* Joined the Meeting at 21.15 hours

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD:

Five members of the public addressed the Council about planning applications that were before the Council for its consideration:-

- 1) Upover, Main Road, Downderry – The speaker highlighted the merits of the application
- 2) Hessenford Church Hall, Hessenford – The speaker sought to address the issues concerning the Council
- 3) Proposed development of the Hessenford Garage site – The speaker stressed that this revised application was only required because of minor modifications to the design
- 4) Morweth Drive, Top Road, Downderry – The two speakers commented on the unsuitable nature of the application both in terms of design and access issues.

There being no further requested to speak, the Chairman closed the public participation period.

1. APOLOGIES were received from **Cllr. J. P. Candy** who was attending another meeting, the **Vice-Chairman** and **Cllr. Ms. E. R. Saville** who were attending a Joint Parish Transport Group meeting at Millbrook, and **Cllr. Mrs. A. Robinson**.

2. MINUTES:

2.1. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 12th July 2007

It was **proposed** by, Cllr. Mrs. M. Y. Byles, **seconded** by Cllr. G. K. Berncastle and **AGREED** by the Meeting with three abstentions, to accept the minutes as a correct record.

2.2. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 6th July 2007

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

3. REPORTS ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

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4. PLANNING:

4.1. PLANNING COMMITTEE

4.4.1. Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting on 26th July 2007

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

4.2. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

4.2.1. 07/01165/FUL K. F. Boulting

LAND AT 35 BUTTLEGATE, DOWNDERRY

Construction of detached dwelling with new vehicular/pedestrian access to highway

After discussion it was decided that this revised application had not addressed the issues that had led the Parish Council to recommend refusal of the initial application. The Chairman **proposed refusal** on the grounds of poor access and highway safety issues, this was **seconded** by Cllr. G.K. Berncastle and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting.

4.2.2. 07/00965/FUL Parochial Church Council of St Anne's Hessenford **HESSINFORD CHURCH HALL, HESSINFORD**

Alterations and extensions to church hall to include creation of self-contained flat at first floor level.

Cllr. Mrs. M.Y. Byles and Cllr. G.K. Berncastle declared personal interests

Cllr. Mrs M. E. Temlett **proposed** a recommendation of **refusal** of this application and this was **seconded** by Cllr. M.J. Crutchley. A **vote** being taken with **three in favour** of the proposal and **four abstentions**, the Chairman suggested that a final decision on the application should be **deferred** until the next Planning Committee meeting on 27th September 2007, and this was **agreed** by the Meeting.

4.2.3. 07/01129/FUL Broadcare Property Co.

MORWETH DRIVE, DOWNDERRY

Conversion of existing store to dwelling

The Council had received various letters of objection to this application. After discussion Cllr. G.K. Berncastle **proposed objection** to the application for the following reasons:-

- 1) Poor access
- 2) Highway safety issues because of the close proximity to a road junction with limited visibility
- 3) Lack of amenity space
- 4) Inadequate parking provision
- 5) Inappropriate design

The proposal was **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. G.E. Hartland and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting.

4.2.4. 07/01211/FUL Mr & Mrs R Thomas

HILLSIDE, SEATON PARK, SEATON

Construction of split-level dwelling

Support of this application was **proposed** by Cllr. S. J. Parry, **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. G.E. Hartland and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting

The Clerk was instructed to ask the planning officer to check the issue of possible overlooking between the two properties.

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4.2.5. 07/01153/FUL Mr R Millidge
UPOVER, MAIN ROAD, DOWNDERRY

Proposed alterations to existing dwelling to incorporate ground floor extension to front elevation with balcony over and roof space conversion to form bedroom and shower room

Support of this application was **proposed** by the Chairman, **seconded** by Cllr. G. K. Berncastle and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting

The Clerk was instructed to ask the planning officer to check the issue of possible overlooking from the proposed balcony into the bedroom of the adjacent property.

4.2.6. 07/01227/TPO Mount Brioni Holiday Apartments
MOUNT BRIONI, LOOE HILL, SEATON

Request for lifting of two tree preservation orders 160365 to allow for their removal in line with the development plan at Mount Brioni Holiday Apartments
 Cllr. M.J. Crutchley declared a personal interest.

Support of this application was **proposed** by Cllr. Mrs. M.Y. Byles, **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. G.E. Hartland and **agreed** by the Meeting with five in support of the proposal and two abstentions, (being Cllr. M.J. Crutchley and Cllr. S.J. Parry).

4.2.7. 07/01210/FUL Ms S Cartland
CHY KERENSA, KEVERAL LANE, SEATON

Reconstruction of roof including new dormer windows, construction of extension to form lobby and alterations to fenestration

Support of this application was **proposed** by Cllr. S. J. Parry, **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. G.E. Hartland and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting

4.3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA:

4.3.1. 07/01255/FUL Bellengers Ltd
HESSENFORD GARAGE, HESSENFORD

Construction of six dwellings

The Chairman **proposed deferring** consideration of this application until the next Planning Committee meeting in order to give more time for public consultation, this was **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. G.E. Hartland and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting.

The Chairman suggested that the next Planning Committee meeting should take place at The Church Hall, Hesseford and this was agreed by the Meeting.

4.3.2. 07/01152/FUL Mr T Knight
ROSEACRE RESIDENTIAL HOME, ST WINNOLLS

Construction of manager's office

The Chairman **proposed deferring** consideration of this application until the next Planning Committee meeting, this was **seconded** by Cllr. G. K. Berncastle and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting.

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4.3.3. 07/01289/FUL Mr & Mrs A J Rogers
SWN – Y – DON, BRENTON ROAD, DOWNDERRY

Construction of garage

The Cllr. G. K. Berncastle **proposed deferring** consideration of this application until the next Planning Committee meeting, this was **seconded** by Cllr. S. J Parry and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting.

Cllr. J.P. Candy joined the Meeting at 20.25 hrs.

4.4. PLANNING APPEALS:

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

5. PLANNING DECISIONS:

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

The Chairman reported that he had heard that the Caradon D.C. had refused the application for building at the site adjacent to the Coastguards Cottages, Beach Hill, Downderry.

6. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:

6.1. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY DATE OF THE MEETING

6.1.1. The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Mrs. Collier of Lower Trelowia, Hessenford, thanking the Council for its letter of support for her appeal against the decision by Caradon D.C. with regard to her planning application for the construction of a porch at her property.

6.2. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

No matters were raised by members.

7. FINANCE:

7.1. Income & Expenditure.

7.1.1. INCOME JULY / AUGUST 2007

HM Revenue & Customs – VAT Repayment for year ending 31 st March 2007	800.07
Caradon D.C. – Downderry Public Conveniences – Agency Agreement Payment 2007/8	6,018.16
Total £	6,818.23

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7.1.2. EXPENDITURE JULY / AUGUST 2007:

<u>COUNCIL ADMIN. – Cheque Payments:</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Nett</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Samaritans of Plymouth, East Cornwall & SW Devon	-	50.00	50.00
Caradon D.C. Nut Tree – June 2007 (50% contribution)	-	114.45	114.45
Caradon D.C. Cleaning Supplies for Downderry Public Conveniences	20.18	115.32	135.50
Caradon D.C. Uncontested Election Charge – Hessenford Ward	-	134.30	134.30
Caradon D.C. Uncontested Election Charge – Seaton Ward	-	134.30	134.30
Caradon D.C. Uncontested Election Charge – Downderry Ward	-	155.30	155.30
CPRE Annual Subscription 2007	-	27.00	27.00
Caradon D.C. Clerk's salary June 2007	0.88	934.48	935.36
Clerk's mileage & parking expenses April – June 2007	-	80.00	80.00
Caradon D.C. Nut Tree – July 2007 (50% contribution)	-	114.45	114.45
BT – Call charges April - July '07 + Broadband charge July – Sept '07	15.80	94.78	110.58
Caradon D.C. Clerk's salary July 2007	0.88	934.48	935.36
Caradon D.C. Nut Tree – August 2007 (50% contribution)	-	114.45	114.45
Caradon D.C. – Deviock Parish Plan – 30 copies of 36 pages in colour	-	210.00	210.00
Caradon D.C. Toilet rolls for Downderry Public Conveniences	3.85	22.00	25.85
Galvins of Liskeard – Stationery	4.71	26.94	31.65
EDF Energy - Downderry Public Conveniences - Electric supply (for period 04/05/07 – 27/07/07)	0.47	9.52	9.99
Ross Marven – Re-imburement for Parish Website Internet Renewal Charges	-	30.54	30.54
John Bird – Re-imburement for Work Public Liability Insurance charge	-	132.30	132.30
St. Nicolas Church, Downderry. Re-imburement for S.W. Water Invoice (period 26/04/07 – 20/ 07/07), relating to Downderry Public Conveniences, paid by St. Nicolas Church in error	-	73.50	73.50
Councillors inkjet / toner expenses for 2007/8 (9 x £25.00)	-	225.00	225.00
July / August 2007 Cheque Payments C/F £	46.77	3,733.11	3,779.88
<u>Standing Order Payments:</u>			
MR. J. BIRD – July 2007 Cleansing Contract Payment	-	205.41	205.41
MR. J. BIRD – August 2007 Cleansing Contract Payment	-	205.41	205.41
JULY / AUGUST EXPENDITURE TOTALS £	46.77	4,143.93	4,190.70

It was **proposed** by the Cllr. J.P. Candy, **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. M.Y. Byles and **RESOLVED** to ratify the above expenditure.

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7.2. BANK STATEMENTS

Date	Account	Balance £	
29 June 07	Community	1,000.00	
30 August 07	Business Premium	18,728.91	
29 June 07	Step Saver	511.07	Interest earned for period to 1 June 07: £2.84 £107,263.45 transferred to Treasury Deposit on 28 Mar. 07 for 6 months (4.88%)
29 June 07	Rocknose BPA	18,196.40	Interest earned for period 5/03/07-3/06/07: £126.98
29 June 07	Sports & Rec BPA	12,879.61	Interest earned for period 5/03/07-3/06/07: £89.88
28 Mar. 07	Treasury Deposit	107,263.45	Transferred from Step Saver A/C on 28 Mar. 07 for 6 month period at 4.88% per annum (£2,638.74)

7.3. LETTERS OF THANKS

7.3.1. The Clerk reported that a letter of thanks, dated 27th July 2007, had been received from Plymouth Samaritans, in response to the donation of £50.00 made by the Council.

7.4. REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

7.4.1. A request for funding, dated 11th August 2007, had been received from **Victim Support Cornwall**. After discussion Cllr. Mrs. M.Y. Byles **proposed** that the Council should donate a sum of **£25.00** and this was **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs G.E. Hartland. Cllr. J.P. Candy proposed an **amendment** that the amount donated should be **£50.00**, this amendment was **seconded** by Cllr. M.J. Crutchley and **agreed** by the Meeting. The amended proposal was then voted on and **agreed** with two against and one abstention.

7.4.2. **Dowderry Horse Show** Cllr.

7.5. ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID

	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Nett</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Caradon D. C. - Nut Tree Newsletter – Sept '07	-	114.45	114.45
Caradon D.C. Clerk's salary August 2007	0.88	970.01	970.89
Petty Cash	-	50.00	50.00
Total £	0.88	1,134.46	1,135.34

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Mrs. M.Y. Byles, **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. G. E. Hartland and **RESOLVED** by the Meeting to ratify the above expenditure.

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7.6. Request to re-approve the Statement of Assurance for the 2006/7 Annual Return

The Clerk explained that because a note of the minute reference showing approval by the Council of the Statement of Assurance had been omitted from the 2006/7 Annual Return, it was now necessary for the Council to re-affirm the statement. The Chairman read out the statement of assurance and a **proposal of affirmation** was made by Cllr. Mrs. M.Y. Byles, **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. G.E. Hartland and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting.

7.7. Request to re-invest Six Month Treasury Deposit funds, shortly to mature

The Clerk informed the Meeting that Barclays Bank, Treasury Deposit funds were due to mature on 28th September 2007 with a total value of £109,902.19. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to re-invest the funds in a three-month term Treasury Deposit at the rate notified of 5.96% per annum. This was proposed from the Chair, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. G.E. Hartland and agreed unanimously by the Meeting.

7.8. COUNCILLOR'S EXPENSES

The Clerk distributed previously agreed expenses to councillors who receive Council documents via e-mail.

7.9. S.W. REGIONAL SLCC CONFERENCE

The Clerk requested funding of £47.00 (including £7.00 VAT), for his attendance of the S.W. Regional SLCC Conference. A **proposal to approve** this expenditure was made by Cllr. J.P. Candy, **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. M.Y. Byles and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting.

7.10. FINANCIAL BUSINESS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA

There was no business to be considered.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

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

8.1.1. Consideration of letter dated 12th September 2007, received from Mrs. C.L. Bradley of Keval Lane, Seaton.

The letter, previously circulated to councillors, requested action to deal with the issue of seasonal visitor parking at the junction of Keval Lane and Hessenford Road, Seaton that was considered to be dangerous and to cause obstruction to delivery vehicles.

Cllr. J.P. Candy stated that the obstruction of emergency service vehicles was an important issue that needed addressing. He reported that the police had issued fixed penalty notices to some vehicles parked at the junction but that they could not monitor the parking continuously.

After discussion the Clerk was requested to write to Mr. Brian Craven, Area Surveyor, Planning, Transportation and Estates, Cornwall C.C., with copies to P.C. Libby at Torpoint Police and Mr. Don Price, Car parks Dept. Caradon D.C.

8.1.2. Church Hill, Hessenford – Notification of Temporary Road Closure

The Clerk notified councillors that this road would be closed from 8th October 2007 for 2 weeks

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8.2. NOTIFICATION OF SPEEDVISOR RESULTS

The Clerk notified councillors that he had received the results of the Speedvisor survey of the A387 at Hessenford for May 2007, from Cornwall C.C. Cllr. Mrs. M.Y. Byles stated that the results showed that only a small percentage of vehicles were travelling over 40 mph.

9. POLICE MATTERS:

9.1. COUNCIL MATTERS FOR THE POLICE:

There were no matters raised by members.

10.2. POLICE MATTERS FOR THE COUNCIL

Apologies had been received from P.C. Libby of Torpoint Police. Councillors were directed to the written crime report that he had submitted (see Appendix A).

10. CURRENT / ONGOING BUSINESS:-

10.1. PARISH PROJECTS

10.1.1. THE AXE. The Chairman referred to a previously circulated report from Mr. Bill Knight and reported that two revised quotations had now been received but that clarification of the quotation from Groundworks had been requested.

10.1.2. FOOTBALL PITCH – SEATON COUNTRYSIDE PARK

Cllr. J.P. Candy reported that the Environment Agency had not objected to the project in principle but required a hydraulics survey before committing itself further. Caradon D.C. was to carry out a flow rate survey of the Seaton River. Caradon D.C. budgeted funding for refurbishment of the Seaton public conveniences may be able to be used towards the construction of changing facilities for the football pitch. Stephanie Thomas, Sports & Recreation Officer, Caradon D.C. had expressed concerns about the proposed football pitch with full facilities because of flooding issues and because of a possible conflict of interests between recreational users and footballers.

The Vice-Chairman and Cllr. Ms. Eileen Saville joined the Meeting at 21.15 hrs.

10.2. DEVIOCK BOUNDER

The Chairman asked councillors to consider a request by the organiser of the Deviock Bounder for the Council to accept responsibility for an insurance excess of £750.00 per incident on the event insurance. The Council considered this request and decided that it could not underwrite the event insurance in this way. After discussion Cllr. Mrs. M.Y. Byles **proposed** funding of up to **£100.00** to cover the cost of an increased premium in order to minimise the excess requirement; this was **seconded** by Cllr. J.P. Candy and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting.

10.3. PARISH PLAN

The Vice-Chairman stated that the Parish Plan was now with Sue Gavin at Caradon D.C. for processing. The Vice-Chairman continued that Caradon D.C. seemed to have forgotten the correct process for dealing with Parish Plans. Officers have to appraise the plan for Caradon policy and compile a report for submission to the Planning and Local Economy Panel that will be meeting in approximately six weeks time.

The Vice-Chairman also reported that Ross Marven was hoping to produce a version of the Parish Plan in graphic format for use on the Parish website, and this was agreed by councillors.

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10.4. COUNCILLOR'S ALLOWANCES: To determine whether the Council will offer attendance and other permitted allowances to members

The Chairman suggested that there were three options:-

- 1) To provide allowances to all members
- 2) To decline to offer allowances
- 3) To provide allowances to members upon individual request

The Vice- Chairman stated that in view of the current changes to a unitary form of governance in Cornwall he was now in favour of the Parish Council offering allowances. After further discussion The Vice-Chairman **proposed** that the Parish Council provide allowances to members upon individual request, this was **seconded** by Cllr. J. P. Candy and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting.

10.5. ADOPTION OF THE NEW LOCAL AUTHORITIES MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT, ORDER 2007

The Chairman asked members to support the recommendation of the Devoick Parish Council Planning Committee in the adoption of the new code including clause 12.2

The Chairman **proposed** that Council adopt the New Local Authorities Model Code of Conduct, including adoption of clause 12.2, this was **seconded** by Cllr. Mrs. M.Y. Byles and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting.

10.6. COUNTY UNITARY NETWORK STRUCTURE

The Vice-Chairman raised the issue of whether Devoick Parish would be better served under a network of parishes covering Torpoint or Liskeard / Looe?

Cllr. J.P. Candy stated that there was no definite answer and that it all depended on which town individual parishioners had links in their daily lives. The Vice-Chairman suggested that both options should be explored and that he and the Clerk would be attending a meeting hosted by Cornwall C.C. to discuss the new network structure in the near future.

11. NEW BUSINESS:-

11.1. CARADON / NALC / CALC, ETC DOCUMENTS

11.1.1. Cornwall C.C. County Legal Services – Letter dated 30th August 2007

Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 – Proposed Modification of Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way by the Addition of a Footpath from Trerieve Estate to Devoick Hill, Downderry.

The Chairman stated that the letter asks for archival evidence of this path and that he and the Clerk would attempt to find written references in the Parish records to show the existence of this path before sending a reply. Councillors were happy to state their knowledge of the existence of this path back to the 1960's if required. The presence of a gate linking, the now blocked path, with the Devoick Millennium Wood, was cited as evidence that could be included.

11.1.2. Cornwall C.C. Planning, Transportation & Estates – letter dated 24th August 2007

Torpoint Ferries – Variable Message Signs. The Clerk informed the Meeting that the letter related to the installation of these signs, one of which is to be sited at the junction of the A374 (Torpoint Road) with the A387 (Looe Road) and that these signs will give updated information about problems with the Tamar ferries or bridge.

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11.1. CARADON / NALC / CALC, ETC DOCUMENTS (Continued)

11.1.3. SW Regional Assembly – Public Consultation – Review of additional pitch requirements for Gypsies and Travellers in the South West.
(Consultation period is until 31st October 2007)
Councillors noted this public consultation but had no comment to make.

11.2. NEWSLETTERS / REPORTS / BROCHURES, ETC:

The following publications were available for inspection:-

- a) Local Council Review (LCR) September 2007
- b) Fieldwork, September 2007
- c) Cornwall Countryside Access Forum – Annual Report 2006/7
- d) Archaeology Alive – A review of Work by The Historic Environment Service – Cornwall CC

11.3. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY DATE OF MEETING

No correspondence had been received.

11.4. NEW BUSINESS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA:

11.4.1. Children's Play Equipment – Seaton Countryside Park

Cllr. J.P. Candy **proposed** that the Parish Council contribute up to £2,500.00 towards the cost of providing children's play equipment at Seaton Countryside Park. Cllr. Candy informed the Meeting that Caradon D.C. had agreed to contribute £2,500.00 and that he had been able to secure private funding of a further £2,500.00 towards the total requirement of £7,500.00. Cllr. Candy's proposal was **seconded** by Cllr. Ms. E. R. Saville and **agreed** by the Meeting with one abstention.

The Clerk stated that because expenditure of Council funds had to be agreed under a unique agenda item, this decision would need to be ratified at the next full council meeting before any payment could be made.

11.5. INFORMAL CORRESPONDENCE:

11.5.1. Cllr. M.J. Crutchley (Dowderry Ward) : requested the installation of more dog waste bins on Main Road, Dowderry. Cllr. Crutchley also asked which authority was responsible for beach cleaning at Dowderry and Seaton? The Clerk replied that Caradon D.C. was responsible for both and that lack of funds prevented the District Council from cleaning the beaches on a regular basis.

11.5.2. Cllr. Ms. E. R. Saville (Seaton Ward): raised two items:-

1) Footpath opposite Keval Mill, Seaton: This path had not been adequately maintained by Caradon D.C. Cllr. Saville reported that a site meeting had taken place with Al Collins from Caradon D.C. and that action to clear the path should follow.

2) Parish Transport Representative

Cllr. Saville reported that at the Local Transport meeting she had just attended a request had been made for each Parish to have its own transport representative.

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The Vice-Chairman **proposed** Cllr. Ms. E.R. Saville as the Devoick Parish Council, Transport Representative, this was **seconded** by Cllr. G.K. Berncastle and **agreed** unanimously by the Meeting.

11.5.3. Cllr. R.J. Daniel (Dowderry Ward): raised two items:-

- 1) A possibility of a grant of £10,000.00 from Cornwall County Council for projects that make a positive environmental impact. A grant could be sought for the development of a pond at the stream in the Axe Field. An application for the grant would need to be sent quickly as it was time limited. It was agreed that this should be investigated further.
- 2) Changes to the requirements for Parish Council "Quality Status". The required percentage of elected councillors is likely to be decreased from 80% to 66% in April 2008 at which time Devoick Parish Council will then qualify in that criteria. The requirement of a qualified Clerk being the other criteria determining eligibility for "quality status".

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.50 hrs