

DRAFT MINUTES of the (12th) DEVIOCK ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held at The HESSENFORD CHURCH HALL, HESSENFORD on THURSDAY, 17th APRIL 2008 at 7.30 pm.

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

9 Members of the Public
Mr. Rob Andrew, One Cornwall Team

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all present and declared the Annual Parish Meeting in session

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. J. P. Candy, Cllr. R. J. Daniel, PC Patrick Libby, PCSO John Riggall & Mr. D.G. Watters.

2. MINUTES: Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. G.E. Hartland, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. M.Y. Byles, the Minutes of the (11th) **Annual Parish Meeting of 19th APRIL 2007** were approved.

3. POLICE REPORT: No representatives of the Police being present, a Police Report for the 2007/8 was distributed by the Clerk. The report showed that for the period 19/04/07 – 16/04/08 there had been 35 recorded crimes in the Parish, compared to 50 in the previous year. The report outlined the current structure for policing of the Torpoint area. The Neighbourhood Team Sergeant was SGT 4177 Stewart Gilbert; the Neighbourhood Beat Manager being PC 4042 Patrick Libby, working with PCSO John Riggall.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT by Timothy Pullin,
(Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer).

The Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2007 was approved and signed off by the External Auditor and was open for inspection by electors in accordance with current regulations.

The financial position of Deviock Parish Council had remained in a sound condition throughout 2007/8.

No major acquisitions or sales had been made during this period.

The Parish Council Precept 2008/9 rose by 3.3% to a total required funding figure of £28,287.00 (£24.55 per elector).

Copies of the 2008-2009 Precept document, showing how the figures were derived, were available for inspection.

The independent internal auditor would be conducting his audit for the year ending 2007/8 on 7th May 2008.

The Audit Commission required a completed annual return by 13th May 2007 and that that the Parish Council formally approved them no later than 31st July 2008.

Public notices advising parishioners of their right to examine the return and associated paperwork had been displayed.

This concluded his financial report for the year.

5. STATEMENT OF COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE 2007/08:

Between May 2007 and March 2008 inclusive, 10 meetings were held – 9 Parish Council meetings and one Extraordinary Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council did not meet in August and December 2007.

The councillors currently in Office are listed in alphabetical order below, except for the Parish Chairman and Vice-Chairman who are first and second respectively:

<u>PARISH COUNCIL:</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>PC Mtgs. Attended (out of 12)</u>
D.L.G. Elliott , Chairman	Downderry	8
R.J. Daniel , Vice Chairman	Downderry	10
G.K. Berncastle	Hessenford	9
Mrs. M.Y. Byles	Hessenford	10
J.P. Candy *	Downderry	9
M.J. Crutchley	Downderry	9
Mrs. G.E. Hartland	Seaton	10
S.J. Parry +	Seaton	6
Mrs. A. Robinson	Hessenford	9
Ms. E.R. Saville +	Seaton	6
Mrs. M.E. Temlett +	Downderry	6

* Cllr. Candy is also a Caradon District Councillor.

+ Co-opted July 2007

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Cllr. Elliott's Report:

The year started off very well until we came to the Elections in May when we found we were three members short. Following an advertisement we then had five admirable candidates and the Council democratically chose three Marion, Eileen and Scott all who I must add have proven excellent Councillors. It has been a busy year with a lot of Public participation especially with the Parish Plan being completed, the Supplementary Planning Document, right down to the couple of beach clean ups we have had.

With thanks to the magnificent effort of our Vice Chairman Ron Daniel the Parish Plan has been completed with the help of a lot of volunteers and is already proving a useful reference tool where we can refer to what the Public really want especially the topical subject of "homes for Locals" otherwise known as Affordable Housing. The document is available for all to inspect on the Parish Website. Following this publication we went on with the public help and consultation to prepare with professional guidance the "Supplementary Guidance Document" which was meant to be adopted by Caradon District Council as a material Planning Document. With all our efforts put into this project sadly Caradon failed to accept our SPD but it is still in the system so hopefully it will be taken on board the new Unitary Council Planning Department when they are up and running.

We still have a number of projects on our books and sadly I must report there has been very little progress due to the lack of sourcing grant funds. The biggest stumbling block has undoubtedly been the London Olympics and little spare funds from the National Lottery. However just a couple of days ago I heard the new "Big Fund" has been launched so hopefully we will now be able to make some progress. At a motion by retired Councillor Brian Johnston we again looked at alternative sites for a football pitch in the Parish. We already have permission for a pitch up in Tanver Yate but unfortunately the site is not level. The Seaton Valley Countryside Park was the obvious but following many hours of research by Councillors, Caradon Officers and the Environment Agency the Council decided last week to abandon the idea in Seaton. One of the main reasons was the need for a relatively tall fence around the pitch and this was naturally considered unacceptable. A late proposal we had was to create a

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Continued

wildlife pond in the bottom of The Axe field. Again we applied for grant funding and sadly the fund had dried up before our application was considered.

The Council is keen for this project to proceed and include opening the Beachfield access path but due to the amount of money that needs spending they consider we need at least ten years on our licence agreement. Regrettably this project will therefore be shelved for at least two or three months.

We have been actively involved with the County Council with the maintenance of several footpaths and now understand that Footpath No 6, that is the path from Tregunnick Farm down into the Countryside Park, improvements should now be completed by July this year. Our Clerk successfully organised a couple of beach clean ups from Seaton river almost to the Downderry School. The events were well supported for such a thankless job and several bags of rubbish were collected. We were aided by Caradon Council and not least with lunch supplied by Ginsters.

Over the years we have supported a number of events by helping out with the cost of their insurances. An idea we had was to arrange a Special Events Multiple Insurance Policy where interested parties could join and the overall premium obtained at a reduced rate. In principle this was fine but sadly due to turnover levels the Parish Council are precluded and the idea now passed to the Resident Associations to formulate. Hopefully this will take off in the future.

We have had good and regular contact with the Police on a number of occasions. Our Parish now comes under the area of Torpoint for Policing and Marion Temlett happily volunteered with a little arm twisting to be our Parish Liaison Officer. So if you have any problems with the law Marion is your person. We have dealt with a number of parking and speeding issues that include Terieve Estate, Morweth View, Narkurs and of course the usual parking throughout Downderry and Seaton.

Planning has been a big item on our agenda throughout the year. I understand we have commented on no less than 64 applications. Some easy and straightforward whilst others were highly contentious like the Hessenford Garage site, the Old Tennis Court site, Keveral Gardens and not least Wentworthy. Sadly not all our recommendations were taken up by Caradon but I can assure you we tried in every case to do what we felt was the best for our villages and people.

A number of issues were considered including the request from the PCC to help with finding a new burial ground following the closure of Hessenford grave yard. Regrettably the site we purchased for the Church some years ago is now deemed unsuitable on Health and Safety Grounds. We have recently made a request to the Boundary Commission to abolish the warding within the Parish as all Councillors are working without difficulty for the benefit of all the communities. We have adopted a new Code of Conduct and taken the modern decision to allow Councillors to claim allowances should they so desire.

A number of grants were made through the year including;

Jazz in the Park Insurance £300.

The Samaritans £50.

Victim Support £50.

Citizens Advice Bureau £100.

Cornwall County playing Fields £50.

St Nicholas School, Bible Garden £500.

St Nicholas School, residential course £300.

In addition a lot of time has been spent attending consultative meetings on the One Cornwall which I can happily pass over as we have Mr Rob Andrews from the One Cornwall Team who is going to tell us all about the set up or at least up date us on the Community Network Areas.

7. GUEST SPEAKER. Rob Andrew, One Cornwall Team

Rob Andrew thanked the Chairman for inviting him to speak at the meeting and began by stating that there were 348 days before "One Cornwall" becomes live. A team of 50 staff were working on the transition to the new authority. The aims of this new authority were to provide a stronger voice for Cornwall, with better local electoral representation, and to provide better services for the residents of the County. The main method of improving both of these was by improving the communication flow between Town and Parish Councils and the Principal Authority. One of the ways in which this could be improved was by the establishment of Community Networks.

Mr Andrew then gave a PowerPoint presentation to explain the methodology behind the planned changes.

Community Networks & One Stop Shops, some reflections

1) The "Localism" Vision ~ Involving local people

- ~ Identifying local priorities
- ~ Delivering local priorities
- ~ Empowering Local Members
- ~ Engaging **all parts** of Local Communities
- ~ Focus for local partnership working
- ~ Based on towns and hinterlands
- ~ Enhanced role for Town and Parish Councils
- ~ Changing role for the voluntary and community sector
- ~ **Engagement Processes** not rigid government or management structures

2) What are the key issues facing local communities?

- ~ Affordable housing
 - ~ Anti-social behaviour
 - ~ Local economic regeneration
 - ~ Future for young people
 - ~ Public transport
 - ~ Parking
 - ~ Access to services e.g. dentists
 - ~ Protecting the environment
 - ~ Effects of debt
- (Taken from Quality of Life Survey 2007 & other sources)

3) Whose responsibility?

- ~ Member facilitated process
- ~ Develop Local Vision
- ~ Delivery through Local Action Plans
- ~ Greater influence - local commissioning and service delivery
- ~ Local Partnership working
- ~ Dedicated local support
- ~ Variety of engagement practises building on existing best practise
- ~ One Stop Shop in each key town with outreach to rural areas

4) How can we solve the problems?

- ~ Work together across all sectors:-
*Unitary Council; Public sector partners – health, police, Job Centre Plus...
Town and Parish Councils; Existing forums / partnerships; Voluntary and
Community Sectors; Business Sector*
- ~ Engage **all parts** of the community, both "communities of place" and "communities interest"
- ~ Identify and prioritise local issues

7. GUEST SPEAKER Continued

- ~ Target limited resources innovatively
- ~ Influence service delivery across all sectors
- ~ Identify local partnership solutions
- ~ Specific devolved budgets to local member and / or Community Network:-
Traffic Management; Community Chest
- ~ Possibility of some delegated decisions:-
Some local discretion above “minimum” standards for elements of Community Services
e.g. Highways, environment, open spaces ...
Some discretion as to choice for Community Services
e.g. Local opening hours for libraries; possible charging structure for non-strategic car parks
- ~ Local Partnership Working with dedicated support
- ~ Various Engagement Processes:-
Public meetings; Targeting specific groups; Building on existing local communications e.g. newsletters
Structured Involvement:-
*Role of Town and Parish Councils; Interlinks for the voluntary and community sector;
Links with PACTs (community safety) & Links with LINks (Health)*

5) What Community Networks are Not!

- ~ Talking shops
- ~ Unaccountable Quangos
- ~ Bureaucratic Committees
- ~ Mini-District Councils
- ~ Block between Town and Parish Councils and the Unitary Council
- ~ Fixed in place or time

6) One Stop Shops

- ~ Immediate focus on customer access
- ~ Longer Term base for Community Network staff, meeting rooms, surgery rooms. CAB and partners
- ~ Base for members
- ~ Use as community buildings

MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS.

Mr. Ross Marven asked what was current situation regarding the Deviock Parish Plan and specifically the Supplementary Guidance Document that had recently been submitted?

The Chairman stated that Garadon D.C. had refused to implement the S.P.D. as part of the Local Plan First Amendment. Sarah Arden, who had helped with the had compilation of the S.P.D. had suggested that under the new authority greater weight would be given to Parish Plans and S.P.Ds in terms of policy making.

The meeting was then closed by the Chairman at 8.25 pm.