

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall  
on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 at 7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT** H.Tennant (Chairman), Mrs. D.Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs. D.Burrough, Miss S.Little, K.Pearse, J.Wallace, N.Yool, Councillor P.Diviani and 5 parishioners.

**APOLOGIES** Councillor A. Moulding, R.Steele, A.Tasker

The Chairman apologised for the cancellation of the meeting scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup>.

1. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

There had been no progress regarding the ownership of the Quaker Burial Ground – or the car park. Clerk to continue to search for proof of ownership. Councillor Little to see Mr. L. Dugdale re Quaker Burial Ground.

Blackdown Hills AONB officer had written to BT re new telegraph poles.

Loose flood scheme covers – EDDC contractor had relaid the worst ones.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Devon CC - Mobile Library hours extended

EDDC - Help needed with 2011 census

DALC\* - Empowering Communities training

Community Council of Devon – “Home Grown” – Community Owned

NALC - Referendums to veto Council Tax increases – The Chairman and Clerk had attended a presentation by the EDDC Chief Executive regarding the current financial situation.

\* Devon Association of Local Councils – formerly Devon Association of Parish Councils.

Mr. Hoskins - asked if there were any bylaws concerning bonfires  
- EDDC said there are not but that they can prosecute persistent offenders.

PCSO Amanda Jones – reported the theft of 3 potted shrubs.

4. **PLANNING**

EDDC Approval:

Dugdale, Yarty Farm – barn conversion/holiday let

Dyer, Crawley Farm – barn conversion (renewal of consent – LBC)

Greenhalgh, Lilac Cottage – garage extension

Pearse, New House Farm – agricultural building \*

Denny, Membury Court – intruder alarm (LBC)

**Parish Council Approval:**  
Cullen, Greystones – garage

**Under Consideration:**  
Johnson, Trebblehayes – agricultural building  
Wootton, Passlands – 2 garages and conservatory

**Planning Correspondence**

EDDC to Mr. R. Pearse, Challenger Farm, concerning the erection of an agricultural building without planning permission.

EDDC to Mr. & Mrs. Churchill, Waterhouse Bungalow, concerning the demolition of the original property. “Emergent bat survey” to be undertaken by the end of August. It was felt that EDDC should have anticipated this situation.

\* Some parishioners had expressed concern regarding rainfall run-off and an outfall pipe relating to this development. The Environment Agency had declined to comment when consulted by EDDC which then considered the application to be permitted development. Membury’s Village Design Statement (para 4.9.2) states “All new drainage must be into a demonstrably adequate soak-away” This was not enforced by EDDC and it was agreed to seek a clarification meeting with senior planning officers. Community Council of Devon had offered to help with updating of Parish Plan and Village Design Statement.

A second New House Farm application had been received. It was agreed to hold a site meeting at 6 p.m. on 19<sup>th</sup> August.

It was reported that the staircase at Blackmores had been removed, as per the planning condition.

The Vice Chairman reported that the Crawley Farm slurry lagoon pipe had been lying in James’s Lane again. Councillor Diviani asked to be informed immediately if this should happen again.

It was agreed to have copies of the Parish Plan and Village Design Statement printed for sale at the Village Shop at a price of £1. It was felt that copies of the VDS should be sent to local architects and agents who would then be able to address the issues in their applications. The Chairman commented that the current Passlands application was a case in point.

<b>5.</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>	<b>£</b>
609	EDF re Furley telephone box	27.49
610	A. Tasker re emergency planning	51.31
611	Membury Community School Prize	30.00
612	A. Pritchard – car park wall repair	98.00
613	R.Martin re war memorial and car park	75.00
614	Hall hire	20.00
615	J.Wallace – playing field & Quaker Burial Ground	321.00
616	N.Yool – Clerk’s expenses	95.20
617	J.Wallace – footpaths	15.00



## FINANCES continued....

Balance at 31 July 2010	
General Funds	£8,148.71
Footpath Funds	£2,427.23
Parish Plan	220.55
Flood Grants	528.14
War Memorial	<u>£1,612.00</u>
	£12,936.63

The Annual Return had been submitted to the Audit Commission.  
The Internal Auditor, Mr. van der Byl, considers it essential that we obtain proof of ownership of the car park.

### 6. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon C.C. :  
Potholes at Rock Farm, Waybeers and between Godworthy and Stockland – Chard road.  
James's Lane surface very poor.  
Blocked culvert at the bottom of Winsor Lane.

Damaged road sign at Rock already reported to Devon C.C.  
Devon C.C. Highways Superintendent had asked what was happening about the blocked drainage pipe on Greendown – Councillors Wallace and Pearse to investigate.

Quote for £100 received from Mr. P. Tristram for CCTV investigation of blocked pipe near Springfield. It was agreed to ask Mr. Tristram to proceed.

### 7. FOOTPATHS

Mr. Watkins outlined the work being carried out by Devon CC on Membury's footpath network. Work to be paid for by the County Council, not from the Parish Council's footpath funds.

### 8. PLAYING FIELD

A recent inspection had shown that the goal post needs welding and that the multi play unit needs stabilising and handrail replacing. Councillor Wallace to investigate.  
Playing Field Committee had been quoted £493.64 for insurance, against £38 paid this year by the Parish Council.

It was agreed that in view of this the playing field should remain under the control of the Parish Council with the committee of volunteers acting on the Council's behalf.

### 9. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Councillor Tasker has had virtually no interest in an Emergency Plan and feels it may not be worth proceeding with it. He had obtained details of the proposed Environment Agency siren which would have an output of 141 decibels and measurements of 680mm (L) x 425 (H) and 550 (D)

**EMERGENCY PLANNING continued.....**

Flood Exhibition and update meeting needed in October. Also a meeting to consult residents neighbouring the car par regarding the siren. It was agreed to await the return of Councillor Tasker, who was thanked in his absence for all his work on emergency planning and flood control.

**10. WAR MEMORIAL**

The Chairman was delighted to report that the target of £1,500 had been exceeded. A source of local Tolcis stone had been found. It was hoped that work would start in September and be completed in time for Remembrance Day.

**11. QUAKER BURIAL GROUND**

Mr. Wallace had undertaken some work – there is more to do.

**12. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ISSUES**

These had been covered in the earlier agenda items.

**13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

As for this meeting.

**14. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November\*

\*this was changed from 23<sup>rd</sup> November to avoid a clash with a pantomime rehearsal

**PUBLIC FORUM**

It was suggested, following the recent reduction in size of the Village Hall Committee Room, to turn the Chairman and Clerk's table around 90o to make better use of the space.