

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday, 17th November, 2009 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: H.Tennant (Chairman). Mrs. D.Burrough, Miss S.Little, R.Steele, A.Tasker, J.Wallace, N.Yool, Councillors A.Moulding (Devon CC) and P.Diviani (EDDC) and 3 parishioners.

APOLOGIES: Mrs. D.Troake, CPSO Amanda Jones, K.Pearse.

Following a suggestion from Mr. J.Stevenson it was decided to hold the Public Forum at the start of this meeting – but see also item 3 Correspondence.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. J.Stevenson said he would like to be present at the next playing field inspection. This was agreed.

Mrs D.Hosking said that a bark safety surface could be difficult to contain.

PCSO Jones (written report) – a case of malicious wounding without intent.

- a report of stolen heating oil.

1. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting of 29th September, 2009 were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

Councillors Tasker, Burrough and Yool had attended the annual meeting with EDDC on 3rd November. Grants available for Parish Council IT equipment for displaying planning applications at meetings. Parish Council clerks to have standard email addresses.

Flood scheme covers – EDDC had advised that there were no funds for addressing this problem until April at the earliest.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Devon CC - Invitation to meet Council Leader, Honiton 12th November.

EDDC - Remembrance Day maroons to be collected 6th November.

DAPC - to change name to Devon Association of Local Councils.

Blackdown Hills AONB – Management Plan 2009-14

Blackdown Hills Parishes Network – meeting minutes.

Village Hall Committee – PC representative to be re-nominated.

Dr. G. Borne - Thanks for completing sustainable communities questionnaire.

Dodd & Spencer - Website/Community blog

J.Stevenson - could Public Forum be moved to the beginning of meeting? After some discussion it was decided to leave the Public Forum to the end of the meeting, although the Chairman has the discretion to ask if anyone wants to make a brief point at the beginning.

4. **PLANNING**

EDDC Approval

Davis, Long Orchard, Furley – extension

Dyer, Crawley Farm – feed store extension

(conditions regarding surface water disposal and access)

Teale, 4 Heath Common – tree work (part approval) (TPO)

EDDC Refusal

Churchill, Waterhouse Bungalow – removal of planning condition.

Applicants given 28 days to remove original dwelling.

Clerk has asked EDDC to serve a Breach of Condition Notice if this is not complied with.

Councillor Tennant felt that EDDC should consider using Section 106 in such cases.

Parish Council Sub Committee Approval

Bowring, 5 Heath Common – conservatory.

Planning Correspondence

- EDDC - departure policy for affordable housing.
- role of Councillors in planning propriety.
- Enforcement Officers Collings & Steer-Kemp to retire.
- accessing planning applications online.
- EDDC } - Blackmores decking etc. Planning application to be submitted.
- Hirst }
- Rose }

Councillors Tennant, Tasker, Wallace and Yool had attended a DAPC meeting at Yarcombe which included a talk by EDDC Enforcement Officer D.Collings. Breach of Condition Notices mentioned. Clerk to suggest one should be served on Waterhouse Bungalow.

Clerk had attended an EDDC planning training evening.

5. **FINANCE**

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(i)	Payments for approval	
	578 Audit Commission	57.50
	579 Clerk's Expenses	101.92
	580 J.Wallace – playing field	135.00
	581 R.Martin – War Memorial	35.00

Balances at 31 October, 2009

General Funds	7,983.47
Footpath Funds	2,217.76
Parish Plan	<u>287.02</u>
Total	10,488.25

- (ii) 2008/09 Audit
- External Auditor's certificate received
- Reminder to review effectiveness of internal audit
- Statutory Notice displayed.

FINANCE continued.....

(iii) 2010/11 Precept

Deadline for submission to EDDC 31st January

Next Parish meeting 5th January 2010, but it was decided it would be prudent to hold a preliminary discussion.

6. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

Pothole 200m north of Chardstock Cross.

Surface water north of Longbridge and westwards from Furley Cross.

James's Lane surface still very poor.

Water pouring off field behind Hill View is still causing problems on Greendown.

Councillor Wallace to investigate new pipe.

The pipes under the road at Beckford Bridge had blocked after heavy rain on 1st November causing the river to flow over the road. The Clerk reported this to the Highway Superintendent only to be told that there was no money for highway maintenance until April! The Clerk contacted the Highways Authority and County Councillor to say this was unacceptable. Eventually the work was carried out by the County Council's bridge team, who have a separate budget. Councillor Moulding explained how highways budgets were set. It was agreed that the current situation was unacceptable. Councillor Moulding to make our views known.

The new drain grilles in the road outside the village shop are still too high despite the contractor returning to lower them. The contractor had exposed the blocked pipe below Newhouse Farm entrance and then buried it again without doing the required work..

Road outside Chapelcroft Farm to be closed 21st – 24th December.

7. FOOTPATHS

Mr. Hosking had decided against becoming Footpath Warden. Mr. Warner had kindly offered to help with the Annual Return to the County Council.

Mr. Hosking reported that there was an electric fence across FP11 near Beckford Bridge. Clerk to contact landowner.

8. PLAYING FIELD

3 Quotations received for grass cutting in 2010/11:

J. Wallace £975, R. Martin £1,025, P. Daubney £1,200. These compare with December 2006 quotes from £750 to £2,220. Mr. Wallace's quotation was accepted.

Actual cost will depend on weather/growing conditions.

Actual costs were £791 in 2007/08, £628 in 2008/09 and £895 to date in 2009/10.

Additional costs: Rent £20, Devon Playing Fields Association £15, ROSPA inspection fee £70.

Mr. Stevenson had asked to be present at the inspection next year.

Stockland use bark as a safety surface – Kim Harvey 881466.

9. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Grants awarded for flood alarm by Environment Agency/EDDC and County Councillor Andrew Moulding.

Councillor Tasker had met with Mr. Duff to discuss auto-dialler and possible sirens.

Letter of indemnity and £50 annual payment for Mr. and Mrs. Griffin.

Quotations received from Axminster Excavations for about £3,000 to construct a stilling pond below Challenger Farm and about £9,000 to divert floodwater into the old chalk pit.

There had been several complaints of pollution of the stream running through the village. Planning Sub Committee to visit two potential sources of pollution.

Councillor Little and Mr. Martin to be asked to attend an emergency planning meeting at Awliscombe on 23rd November.

10. VILLAGE SHOP

Councillor Tennant had attended a Blackdown Hills 'Making it Local' meeting in Chard. Possible funding for a community shop.

Mr. Wallace, proprietor, said that there had been no change to the situation since the last meeting.

11. WAR MEMORIAL

Councillor Tennant had received a second quotation, with very similar prices to the first, and would proceed with a grant application to the War Memorials Trust. Kellands were the preferred contractor.

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

As this Agenda, including the 2010/11 Precept.

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, 4th January, 2010

Tuesday, 16th February

“ 30th March

“ 27th April Annual Parish Meeting

“ 18th May

“ 6th July

“ 17th August

“ 5th October

“ 23rd November - all at 7.30 p.m.