

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 18th
May 2010 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT H.Tennant (Chairman), Mrs. D.Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs. D.Burrough, Miss S.Little, K.Pearse, R.Steele, A.Tasker, J.Wallace, N.Yool and 3 parishioners.

APOLOGIES: Councillors A.Moulding (Devon CC), P.Diviani (EDDC) and PCSO A.Jones

1. **Election of Chairman** - H.Tennant
2. **Election of Vice Chairman** - Mrs. D.Troake
3. **Appointment of Clerk** - N.Yool
4. **Election of Representatives** -

Village Hall	Mrs. D.Burrough
Playing Field	R.Steele
Planning Committee	H.Tennant, R.Steele, A.Tasker, J.Wallace
Emergency Officer	R.Martin + Miss S.Little
Flood Committee	H.Tennant, A.Tasker, J.Wallace, N.Yool
5. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on 30th March, 2010 were confirmed and signed as correct.
6. **MATTERS ARISING**

Grit Bins – Policeman’s Hill bin requires re-siting to free up passing space – Councillor Wallace to investigate.
Car park wall had been repaired.
Quaker Burial Ground – clerk to investigate ownership.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

EDDC - General Election notice
- Standards Committee vacancy and report.
Community Council of Devon – Members Forum vacancies
Blackdown Hills – Funding workshop 26th May, Colyford.
8. **PLANNING**

EDDC Approval:
Bateman, 2, Webble Green – extension
Confrey, Furley Cottage – extension
Tuttiett, Blackmores – alterations (retrospective)
Wilson, Rock Mill – extension

Parish Council Planning Committee Approval:

Confrey, Furley Cottage – extension

Dyer, Crawley Farm – barn conversion (renewal, LBC) – if agricultural need confirmed.

Dugdale, Yarty Farm – barn conversion.

Considered at meeting:

Greenhalgh, Lilac Cottage – garage extension. There was some concern that the mass of the proposed extension could be inappropriate in the AONB.

Challenger Farm agricultural building:

EDDC has only one enforcement officer for the whole district. Will investigate when they can. Parish Council Planning Committee to visit 27th May.

Waterhouse Bungalow – bat survey to be undertaken by English Nature.

It was reported that some planting had been carried out to screen the Crawley Farm dirty water lagoon.

9. FINANCE

Payments for approval:	£
600 Membury Post Office – APM refreshments	66.47
601 Hall hire	18.00
602 Axminster DAPC sub.	10.00
603 MacLean – footpaths	210.50
604 DALC sub.	103.78
605 Playing Field inspection	115.16
606 Wallace – Playing Field	187.00
607 CPRE sub.	29.00
608 Community First – insurance	308.29

Balance at 30th April 2010

General Funds	8,786.00
Footpath Funds	2,637.73
Parish Plan	287.02
Flood Grants	528.14
War Memorial	500.00
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	12,738.89

The 2009/10 Accounts and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council.

End of year (31 March 2010) balance:

General Funds	6,926.72 – including £4,000 Clerk's salary contingency
Footpath Funds	2,637.73
Parish Plan	287.02
Flood Grant	28.14
Total	<hr/> 9,879.61

Annual Return to reach External Auditor by 21st June.

10. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon C.C.:

Blocked culvert at entrance to Winsor Lane.

Blocked pipe outside Membury Court entrance.

Blocked culvert between the Higher Yarty entrances.

Potholes from Godworthy to Chard/Stockland Road, northwards from Longbridge, between Mill Lane and Furley Farm and between Case Bridge and Crandons.

It was reported that there were still drainage problems at Springfield.

Mr. P. Tristram to be contacted for further investigation.

Councillors Pearse and Wallace to investigate Greendown blocked pipe.

Complaints had been received concerning 6 new telegraph poles at Playstreet which were thought to be very intrusive in the AONB landscape. Councillor Diviani investigating via the Blackdown Hills office.

Loose flood scheme covers outside Battens:

Clerk had met EDDC officer David Cook, Mr. Locke the contractor and Mr. Packer the householder who was being greatly inconvenienced by the noise. EDDC to find £3,500 to address the problem. Road closure order needed.

Upgrading of James's Lane and Greendown Lane:

Devon CC say that this would usually involve downgrading other routes.

Chapelcroft road to be closed 1st – 8th June for utility works.

11. FOOTPATHS

£730. grant received from Devon CC for 2010/11.

Footpath Warden John Watkins had met Devon CC Officer Richard Spurway – entire network inspected.

Railing has been installed at FP44 (Lane End) landslip.

12. WAR MEMORIAL

£937 donations received.

Grant application in preparation.

Stone to match existing.

13. PLAYING FIELD

Parishioners considering forming a new committee had proposed a co-operative model for the future whereby the Parish Council would pay for grass cutting, insurance, inspections and rent. However it was felt that in principle the Playing Field Committee should take over budgetary responsibility with the Parish Council being one of several providers of funds (e.g. grant, Membury School). Councillors agreed to pay for grass cutting in 2010/11 and 2011/12 and to review the situation thereafter.

- 14. EMERGENCY PLANNING**
Parishioners attending the Annual Parish Meeting had approved the idea of a flood warning siren.
Councillors had met Environment Agency officials who said that a system could be in place by the autumn.
A public meeting would be needed, perhaps in October, to explain the system and identify individual problems.
Flood Plan and Emergency Plan to be drafted.
Need to identify people with relevant equipment and skills.
- 15. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK RESPONSE**
The Parish Council's response to EDDC's consultation exercise had been submitted.
- 16. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**
Annual Parish Meeting minutes.
- 17. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**
Tuesdays 6th July, 5th October and 23rd November at 7.30 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

Written report from PCSO Jones:

2 crimes – 1 theft, 1 assault