

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL**  
held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

**PRESENT** H.Tennant (Chairman), Mrs. D.Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs. D.Burrough,  
K.Pearse, R.Steele, Miss S.Little, J.Wallace, N.Yool, Headteacher Mrs. R.Elenor  
and 7 Parishioners.

**APOLOGIES** Councillors A.Moulding (Devon C.C.) and P.Diviani (EDDC), PCSO Amanda  
Jones, Mrs. D.Byrde, A.Tasker.

1. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 were confirmed and signed as  
correct.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**  
None

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Devon C.C. : Fare car timetable change  
EDDC : Annual Meeting with Parish Councils 3<sup>rd</sup> November 7 p.m.  
: Licensing consultation

4. **PLANNING**

New applications

(i) Davis, Long Orchard, Furley – extension – referred to Planning Sub Committee

(ii) Teale, 4 Heath Common – reduce crowns of 4 oaks (TPO)

Tree Warden Roger Clemens provided photographs.

It was thought that these trees were healthy, an important feature of the local landscape  
and that the proposed work was too severe. Some light and sympathetic pruning would be  
acceptable. More light would result from removal of a dead tree on the bank.

Other planning matters:

Challenger Farm agricultural shed – no planning application had been received. It had  
been reported that the structure had collapsed.

Yarcombe PC had pursued the matter of Crawley Farm access with EDDC.

Blackmores – the householder, Mr. Tuttiett, had stated that there were no ongoing issues  
with EDDC.

Waterhouse – original bungalow had still not been demolished.

Clerk to raise these issues with EDDC.

**5. FINANCE**

Payments for approval:	£
574 RS Fencing – footpaths	701.50
575 R. Martin – war memorial	70.00
576 J. Wallace – playing field	320.00
577 Kelland – war memorial	115.00

Balances at 31 August, 2009

General Funds	6,637.93
Footpath Funds	2,919.26
Parish Plan	<u>287.02</u>
	9,844.21

**6. HIGHWAYS**

Problems to be reported to Devon C.C.:

Potholes near Rock Farm – ditch needs clearing out.

Large hole outside Stotehayes and on Axminster Road.

James's Lane surface very poor

Recent patches done poorly.

It was thought that the water leak at Springfield was on private property.

Clerk to contact EDDC again re loose flood scheme covers.

**7. FOOTPATHS**

Footpath Warden, Mr. D. Warner, had resigned.

Councillors expressed their gratitude for all he had done – also to Messrs. J. and K.

Pearse for allowing flood prevention work on their land adjoining Bond's Lane.

Mr. Hosking to consider becoming Footpath Warden.

Mill Lane surface very poor, hedge overgrown.

**8. PLAYING FIELD**

Clerk to contact Stockland re safety surface.

**9. EMERGENCY PLANNING**

Fencing of Bond's Lane filter strip plants completed.

Clerk has applied for an Environment Agency grant for a flood alarm system. Councillor

Tasker had approached Devon C.C. and EDDC for funds.

Councillor Wallace to ask Mr. Duff to proceed with flood alarm.

Indemnity letter required for Mr. & Mrs. Griffin.

**10. VILLAGE SHOP**

Mrs. R Robson had volunteered to lead a community takeover and had approached potential working group members. The situation was now on hold at the request of the

current proprietors.

About £450 would be needed for registration purposes if and when the community project was to proceed.

**11. WAR MEMORIAL**

Report received from conservators.

The aim is to improve appearance and preserve for the future.

3 options:

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| (i)   | repair cracks with lime mortar and repaint inscriptions | - | £2,500 + VAT |
| (ii)  | as above plus replace 4 shattered stones                | - | £2,913 + VAT |
| (iii) | replace all steps.                                      |   |              |

Awaiting further quote.

**12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

2010/11 Precept

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| <b>13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS</b> | Tuesday | 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2009 | 7.30 p.m. |
|                                   | Tuesday | 5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2010  | 7.30 p.m. |

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Ruth Elenor – Membury School Headteacher:

Mrs. Elenor explained that her full time post was part of a loose relationship with Kentisbeare Primary School.

She stressed the important role of the school in the community and said that volunteers were needed. There was to be an open day on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Councillors assured Mrs. Elenor of their support for the school.

Mr. I. Withycombe : Some flood scheme covers had dropped, forming a dangerous trip hazard as well as being very noisy.

Mrs. D. Byrde : Concert in the church on 30<sup>th</sup> September in aid of the bell refurbishment.

PCSO Jones (written report) : There had been an alleged theft from a cottage in Rock.