

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 30th March, 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. D.Troake (Vice Chairman), Miss S.Little, R.Steele, A.Tasker, J.Wallace, N.Yool, County Councillors Andrew Moulding and Stuart Hughes and District Councillor Paul Diviani. and 3 parishioners.

APOLOGIES: H.Tennant (Chairman), Mrs. D.Burrough, K.Pearse
Mrs. Troake chaired the meeting in Mr. Tennant's absence.

1. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on 16th February, 2010 were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Furley telephone box – BT had agreed to take back responsibility for the cost of electricity.

Waterhouse Lane grit bin had been moved to Membury Court entrance.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

EDDC - Notice of General Election 6th May, 2010.
Ottery St. Mary Town Councillors re Honiton Hospital.

Devon County Council – Fare Car Service, fare increase.

Mr. & Mrs. Cooke – Thank you to the Parish Council, and particularly Councillor Tasker for his work on the flood alarm.

East Devon Volunteer Centre – offer to give a talk.

4. **PLANNING**

EDDC Approval (with conditions):

Vercoe, Goodmans – alterations (LBC)

Wilson, Rock Mill – alterations and outbuilding extension (LBC)

Parish Council Planning Committee Approval:

Bateman, 2 Webble Green – extension

Councillors Tennant, Tasker, Wallace and Yool had attended an EDDC meeting about Local Development Framework core strategy and Section 106 on 16th March. Councillors were asked to consider planning and development issues in their parishes up to 2026, particularly whether additional development should be allowed. EDDC requires a response by 14th May. Clerk to obtain electronic version of information folder.

EDDC had informed Mrs. J.Teale of 4 Heath Common, that she could fell an “unstable” cherry tree.

5. FINANCE

	£	
Payments for Approval		
593 Simon Duff Engineering – flood alarm	604.70	
594 Membury PO – flood meeting refreshments	9.00	
595 DAPC – training course	29.38	
596 W.Foster – footpaths notice board	105.03	
597 DPFA subscription	35.00	
598 Not used		
599 DAPC – meeting notices	6.00	
Balance 30 th March 2010		£
General Funds (including Clerk's salary contingency)		6,926.72
Footpath Funds		2,637.73
Parish Plan Grant		287.02
Flood Grant		<u>28.14</u>
		9,879.61

The Clerk had attended a DAPC training course on Preparing for an Audit and Risk Assessment led by Peter Lacey, NALC Finance Adviser and County Secretary of the Somerset Association of Local Councils. Several of his suggestions will be incorporated into the Clerk's working practices, including Councillors initialling invoices when signing cheques.

Annual Return to be sent to External Auditor by 21st June.

6. HIGHWAYS

In view of the many problems in the parish, Councillor Moulding invited Councillor Hughes, Chairman of the East Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee (on which Councillors Moulding and Diviani also serve) to attend the meeting.

Although the County Council had undertaken some work recently there were still many problems and Councillor Hughes asked for a list. Councillor Moulding offered to bring the Area Engineer, Tony Matthews, to see the problems when the list had been compiled.

It was suggested that the Parish Council should be consulted on the road maintenance programme so that local knowledge could assist prioritisation.

The Councillors were asked to see if James's Lane and the Greendown road could be given higher status and therefore higher priority for pothole repairs.

Problems to be reported to Devon C.C. :

Potholes between Rock and the sewage works.

Vehicles grounding outside Sportley.

Potholes at the top of James's Lane and on Bedlam Lane.

7. FOOTPATHS

Footpath Warden John Watkins due to meet DCC Officer Richard Spurway.

8. PLAYING FIELD

There had been 6 volunteers to form a Playing Field Committee.
In the process of drawing up a constitution.
ROSPA inspection – recommends not attempting to repair safety surface.
Councillor Steele to represent Parish Council on Committee.
Clerk to find details of Chardstock Playing Field contact.

9. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Councillor Tasker had produced a draft Emergency Plan.
Regional Representatives and Team Members needed.
Mobile telephone reception needs improvement. Flood alarm tested and working.
Another meeting with Environmental Agency on 6th April to discuss sirens.

10. WAR MEMORIAL

Donations totalling £440 had been received. The Parish Council was authorised to take over the responsibility for the war memorial at the Annual Parish Meeting held on March 8th, 1935.

11. QUAKER BURIAL GROUND

The Clerk had contacted Mr. Warren, who had no objection to Mr. Wallace taking over responsibility for maintenance.
The Clerk had ascertained that ownership of the Quaker Burial Ground passed to the Parish Council in 1926. The conveyance is held by the Devon Record Office in Exeter. The matter was decided at a special meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th September 1926. £20 was raised by subscription to cover the purchase of the ground and the erection of a memorial. However, there is a suggestion in the minutes of 8th December 1964 that the burial ground was handed over to Col. Dugdale of Yarty Farm. Clerk to investigate further.

12. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that the format should be the same as last year. Village organisations to provide written reports. Clerk to find a speaker.

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Waterhouse, Crawley Farm, Blackmores and Challenger Farm planning situations.

14. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

27th April (Annual Parish Meeting) 18TH May (Annual General Meeting)
6th July 17th August 5th October 23rd November All at 7.30 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Hosking – bag of sand outside Pound House needs removing.

Mrs. Robson – car park wall damaged, dangerous.

PCSO Amanda Jones – thefts from unlocked vehicles at night – theft of heating oil –
- “spotters” needed to help police.