

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the **Village Hall**
on **Monday 4th January, 2010** at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: H.Tennant (Chairman), Mrs. D.Burrough, K.Pearse, A.Tasker, J.Wallace,
N.Yool, Councillor P.Diviani (EDDC), and 4 Parishioners.

APOLOGIES: Miss S.Little, R.Steele, Mrs. D.Troake, Councillor A.Moulding (Devon
C.C.) Mrs. D.Byrde

1. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting of 17th November, 2009 were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**
New Membury Website based on blogging in process of formation.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**
Boundary Committee recommendation – a unitary county comprising the whole of the existing two-tier area of Devon. Closing date for comments 19th January. Clerk to respond : 750,000 population scattered over a wide area makes unitary authority inappropriate. Not a good time for start-up costs. Projected savings not made elsewhere, e.g. Cornwall.

Devon CC - consultation on admission arrangements for Devon schools.
EDDC - no longer able to supply Remembrance Day maroons
CCD - the rural share of deprivation in Devon.

4. **PLANNING**
EDDC Approval
Bowring, 5 Heath Common – conservatory

Parish Council Planning Sub-Committee recommendation for refusal:

Tuttiett, Blackmores – retention of decking etc.
It was felt that the applicants should have adhered to the plans submitted with their 2003 applications and to ignore the departures would set a precedent for future applicants. The application contravenes at least 5 paragraphs of the Membury Design Statement. The Committee suggested a number of conditions, which should be strictly enforced, if EDDC allows the application.

New application, Rock Mill – alterations (LBC)
Clerk to arrange site visit.

Planning Correspondence
EDDC - notice of appeal, Waterhouse bungalow
EDDC) - problems with Crawley Farm dirty water lagoon and dumping.
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It had been reported that the Crawley Farm dirty water lagoon had been emptied by a pipe to the top of James's Lane and across Stockland road onto frozen ground, a potential pollution hazard. The pipe burst, sending a torrent of slurry down James's Lane. It was alleged that the farmer concerned had obtained road closed signs and placed them at both ends of the lane without authority. Clerk to pursue this matter with EDDC Enforcement Officer, Environment Agency and Devon C.C. Clerk to check planning applications regarding lagoon emptying procedure.

5. FINANCE

(i) payments for approval	£
582 Society of Clerks	30.00
583 B. Griffin – typing	50.00
Balance 31 December 2009	
General Funds	7,654.60
Footpath Funds	2,217.76
Parish Plan	287.02
Flood Grant	<u>632.84</u>
	10,792.22

(ii) 2010/11 Precept

It was agreed to ask for £3,800

It was considered essential to retain a contingency fund sufficient to allow for the funding of paid clerk if necessary.

The Audit Commission announced a change of District Auditor from A. Williams to W. Rickard.

6. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon C.C.

Potholes and ice on James's Lane

Potholes on Bewley Down, Greendown, between Mill Lane and Osmore, between Long-bridge and Lake Farm.

The new drainage pipe on Greendown was blocked with silt.

Clerk had requested Devon C.C. to fill grit bins and supply more grit bags.

7. FOOTPATHS

Mr. Watkins had volunteered to be Membury Footpath Warden.

Mr. & Mrs. Foster would like to help.

BW33 (Bond's Lane) closure order extended for another 6 months from 1st December.

8. PLAYING FIELD

Mr. Stevenson was obtaining quotes for safety surfaces and liaising with Stockland regarding wood chippings.

9. **EMERGENCY PLANNING**
£632.84 Grant received from Devon C.C. re flood alarm.
Councillor Tasker reported on progress with the flood alarm, which should be installed shortly.
10. **VILLAGE SHOP**
Present proprietors willing to continue for the being.
11. **WAR MEMORIAL**
Application to War Memorial Trust for grant for 50% of cost of repairs to be submitted soon.
Some parishioners had offered donations towards the remaining 50%.
Will need to precept for ongoing maintenance.
12. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA** - Crawley Farm
13. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS** (Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.)

16th February
30th March
27th April (Annual Parish Meeting)
18th May (Annual General Meeting)
6th July
17th August
5th October
23rd November

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments.