

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL
held in the **Village Hall on Monday, 11th October, 2010**

PRESENT: H.Tennant (Chairman) Mrs. D.Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs. D.Burrough,
R.Steele, A.Tasker, J.Wallace and N.Yool and 3 Parishioners

APOLOGIES: Councillors A.Moulding (Devon C.C.), P.Diviani (EDDC), Miss S.Little and
K.Pearse

The Clerk apologised for the rescheduling of this meeting. It was agreed that such changes should be properly advertised.

1. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on 17th August, 2010 were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

Still no progress with the ownership of Quaker Burial Ground and car park.

No further information on BT telegraph poles.

EDDC bonfire leaflets available at the Village Shop – more needed.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Devon C.C. - public spending meeting Seaton Town Hall 26th October 6.30 p.m.

EDDC - Parish Council elections on 5th May, 2011

- No provision of Remembrance Day Maroons

- Offer of empty sandbags – 350 ordered

- Information Event 9th November 6 – 8.30 p.m.

- Planning Presentation 4th November 2 – 4 p.m.

- Census 27th March 2011 – help needed, job opportunities

Blackdown Hills - nomination of partnership management group members

- funding workshop Kentisbeare 12th October 3 – 5 p.m.

CCD - Rural Communities Conference Bideford 20th October 10am -4pm

4. **PLANNING**

EDDC Approval:

Johnson, Treblehayes – agriculture building (with drainage conditions)

Cullen, Greystones - garage

Wootton, Passlands - garages, conservatory etc. (with many conditions)

Pearse, New House Farm – covered yard (with drainage conditions)

Parish Council Planning Committee Approval:

Wootton, Passlands – garages, conservatory etc. (after meeting)

Pearse, New House Farm – covered yard (after site meeting)

Heeler, Quakers – internal alterations (LBC)

4. **PLANNING** continued....

The Parish Council Planning Committee considered a retrospective application from R. Pearse of Challenger Farm for an agricultural building. At a site meeting on 17th September it was noted that there were small but potentially significant differences between the submitted proposed (retrospective) plans and the actual construction. Mr. Pearse confirmed that the differences were because he intended to change the design and would be submitting a modification or new application.

No surface water drainage had been installed because the farmyard is being raised and extended. The Committee had no objection in principle to the application provided that the surface water handling system was installed as a priority before any further changes are made to the building. It was noted that the surface and dirty water disposal conditions relating to applications dating from 2007 had not been implemented. It was considered that surface water disposal from this farm is of critical concern because of flooding in the village downstream and that EDDC should address this concern.

A further site meeting took place on 8th October attended by Liz Wells, EDDC Planning & Enforcement Officer, Kate Cantwell, Devon C.C. Officer for tipping licences and Councillors H.Tennant and R.Steele representing the Parish Council Planning Committee. It was reported that the County Council had no objection to the tipping of hardcore where subsidence had occurred but otherwise a tipping licence would be required. It was agreed that the new buildings should be connected to a surface water control system within 2 months.

Considered at the meeting:

Hamilton, Ford House – replacement extension (renewal of lapsed 07/2305) – approved.

Planning Correspondence:

EDDC - planning presentation 4th November 2 -4 p.m.
it was agreed to ask for a discussion on the part Village Design Statements play in the planning decision process and what can be done to better co-ordinate planning, DEFRA, County Council and Environment Agency officers when considering applications which could impact on Membury's flooding problem.

EDDC - LDF Core Strategy consultation

South Somerset D.C. – LDF Core Strategy consultation

- exhibition at Chard Guild Hall 15th October 3 – 7 p.m.

Blackdown Hills - Community Plan co-ordinator

There was a query as to whether all planning applications were being advertised in the local press.

Clerk to check progress of Waterhouse Bungalow bat survey.

5. FINANCE:

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Payments for approval	
618 Hall Hire	12.00
619 Audit Commission	141.00
620 J. Wallace – playing field	185.50
621 S. & L Kelland – war memorial	1,667.92
Balances at 30 th September 2010	
General Funds	9,440.07
Footpath Funds	2,412.23
Parish Plan	220.55
Flood Grants	528.14
War Memorial	<u>1,612.00</u>
	14,212.99

The 2009/10 audit process had been completed successfully, the Audit Commission's certificate received and the statutory notice had been displayed. Councillors thanked Mr. van der Byl for his work as Internal Auditor.

6. HIGHWAYS:

Problems to be reported to Devon C.C. :

Pothole between Selah entrance and Challenger bends.

Surface water to north of Star Cross

Video of blocked culvert below New House Farm entrance to be passed to Devon CC

Warning posts near Pottery need replacing

Reflectors needed on railings outside Follie

James's Lane surface still disgraceful - write to Devon CC for upgrading

Vehicles still grounding outside Sportley

Highways Correspondence:

Devon C.C. : winter service on Devon's Highways questionnaire

: Waterhouse ford closed until at least 31st March 2012

: Lengthsman due on 21st October

7. FOOTPATHS

It was reported that the byway from Yarty Lodge to Cleave Hill was still overgrown.

8. PLAYING FIELD

Councillor Wallace agreed to stabilize the climbing frame and install handrails.

Clerk to check progress on goalpost.

9. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Environment Agency working out costings for siren.

Autodialler had been giving problems but now working.

EA had been asked to incorporate autodialler into their system,

Filter Strip in Bond's Lane appeared to be working – 3" of rain in 3 days recently
see also Public Forum.

10. WAR MEMORIAL

Restoration work completed.

Chairman to apply for War Memorials Trust grant.

Clerk to obtain quotes for repointing wall below memorial.

11. QUAKER BURIAL GROUND

More work still required.

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

2011/12 Precept – NB election charge

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 17th January

Tuesday 1st March

Tuesday 12th April

Tuesday 19th April (Annual Parish Meeting)

Tuesday 17th May (Annual General Meeting)

Tuesday 5th July

Tuesday 16th August

Tuesday 27th September

Tuesday 15th November

All at 7.30 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

PCSO Amanda Jones said that no crimes had been reported in Membury since the last meeting. Night patrols were taking place.

Mr. K. Hosking raised concerns regarding noise levels from the proposed flood warning siren. He considered that ear damage could result from 141 db. The Clerk reported that this concern had already been passed to the Environment Agency and thanked Mr. Hosking for his comments.

Mr. W.Foster said that the warning posts between the Pottery and Hall entrance were damaged or missing and needed replacing.

He reported that the Village Hall A.G.M. would take place on 25th October.