

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village  
Hall on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2011**

**PRESENT** H.Tennant (Chairman) Mrs. D.Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs. D.Burrough,  
R.Steele, A.Tasker, J.Wallace, N.Yool, Devon CC Councillor A.Moulding,  
PCSO Amanda Jones and 5 parishioners.

**APOLOGIES** Miss S.Little, K.Pearse and EDDC Councillor P.Diviani

1. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

Membury and Dalwood Primary Schools federation consultation –  
Following a meeting at the school on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2010 and assurance from County Councillor Andrew Moulding that this was “very much a move in the right direction” it was agreed to support the proposal – clerk to write to Chairman of Governors.  
New BT poles – clerk to contact Blackdown Hills office.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Devon CC - changes to mobile library service, new timetable  
EDDC - Parish Councils are not statutory “interested parties” under the Licensing Act 2003.  
DALC - Localism Bill information.  
Axminster DAPC - next meeting Branscombe 25<sup>th</sup> January  
Devon & Cornwall Police Authority – conference Exeter 16<sup>th</sup> February.  
Tree Council - grants to Parish Councils for tree planting.  
D. Yapp - various requests for information including proposed flood warning siren, playing field insurance and audit procedure.

4. **PLANNING**

EDDC Approval  
Confrey, Furley Cottage - tree removal (TPO)  
Hunter-Cox, North Mill - internal alterations (LBC)  
Tetlow, North Grays - roof and window alterations (LBC)

Parish Council Planning Committee Approval  
Lunney, Willowhayes - extension  
Forster, Clarence Farm - new access

Under consideration  
Forster, Clarence Farm - amended plan for new access\*  
Wootton, Passlands - porch, conservatory and garage changes

### Planning Correspondence

EDDC - re Crawley Farm portacabin temporary permission  
South West Water – “The (sewage) works at Membury is operating satisfactorily. We shall be keeping an eye on its performance and any future developments”.

\* It was felt that digging footings for the proposed wall could loosen the unstable bank below Heath Common. Clerk to quote previous planning conditions and ask for them to be included. Gates needed. Previous consent for garages should be rescinded.

Clerk to ascertain from EDDC the current position concerning Waterhouse Bungalow bats and Challenger Farm drains.

### 5. FINANCE

	£
Payments for Approval	
625 S & L Kelland – war memorial (balance)	1,667.91
626 Society of Local Council Clerks	30.00
627 Supply Zone – road salt	234.41

Balances at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010

General Funds	7,190.56*
Footpath Funds	2,412.23
Parish Plan	220.55
Flood Grants	<u>528.14</u>
	10,351.48

\*including clerk's salary contingency fund

2011/12 Precept

It was agreed to ask for £3,800

### 6. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

Grounding outside Sportley Cottage getting worse.

Road collapsed near Yarty Farm entrance.

Potholes: Axminster Road, Rock Farm, Greendown, between Webble Green and Furley and near Trimshayes Farm entrance (Stockland Parish)

Lake formed to the north of Star Cross.

Councillor Wallace reported that he had rodded the pipe on Greendown and it was working satisfactorily.

The pipe below Newhouse Farm entrance which had been blocked for many years had been successfully cleared by the County Council's jetting machine.

South West Water had inspected the manhole covers in the street. The road surface was damaged but the brickwork was sound.

Councillor Moulding read out a County Council statement on gritting policy. 15,000 tons of salt had been used by 24<sup>th</sup> December. If the severe weather continues only primary routes (mainly A and B roads) will be gritted.

## **Highways continued.....**

Councillors felt that parishioners should be reminded that the contents of grit bins are for use only on the public highway, not on private property.

The proprietors on the Village Shop, Mr. & Mrs. J. Wallace, were thanked for all their efforts during the period of severe weather before and during Christmas.

It was reported that there had been another flow of slurry down James's Lane. There had been considerable damage to the hedgebanks on Policeman's Hill. Chairman to meet with the landowner, Mr. L. Dugdale.

### **7. FOOTPATHS**

Warden's Report:

Survey forms completed.

Clerk to assist with finance forms.

Stiles could be replaced with self-closing gates – Devon CC policy.

Some councillors and Mr. K. Hosking said they preferred stiles.

Storm damage to BW38 NNW of Hasland Farm – Devon CC coming to inspect.

### **8. PLAYING FIELD**

The goalpost had been fixed by Mr. Steele

### **9. EMERGENCY PLANNING**

Mr. D. Yapp raised concerns regarding the high (141 Db) decibel level of the Environment Agency's proposed flood warning siren. He felt that this could be damaging to hearing and that a line of smaller sirens would be more appropriate. Mr. Hosking said that the frequency of sound was important. Councillors agreed to go back to the EA to see how these concerns could be addressed, while bearing in mind the vote at the 2010 Annual Parish Meeting in favour of a siren.

Mr. D. Dodd and Mr. & Mrs. R. Cooke thanked the Council and particularly Councillor Tasker for their work on the flood warning systems.

Mr. Dodd asked if the proposed siren would have a back-up system if there is a power cut. Councillor Tasker replied that there would be battery back-up.

### **10. WAR MEMORIAL**

£1,389 grant received from War Memorials Trust, who recommend that we apply for listing of the memorial.

### **11. QUAKER BURIAL GROUND**

Mr. L. Dugdale had confirmed that he owns the land but that he was happy for the Parish Council to carry out any work thereon. It was agreed to ask Mr. Dugdale to confirm this in writing.

**12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Emergency Planning

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 1st March 2011 7.30 p.m.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

PCSO Amanda Jones said that no crimes had been reported since the last meeting. Axminster Police Station was closing to the public but would still be used by officers. Honiton Police Station would have longer opening hours. She will attend with the mobile library when possible and hold regular "cop shops" at the village shop.