

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the
Village Hall on Tuesday, 1st March, 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. D.Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs. D.Burrough, Miss S.Little, R.Steele, A.Tasker, J.Wallace and N.Yool Councillors A.Moulding and P.Diviani and 5 Parishioners.

APOLOGIES: H.Tennant (chairman), K.Pearse, PCSO Amanda Jones.
Mrs. Troake chaired the meeting in Mr. Tennant's absence.

1. **THE MINUTES** of the Meeting held on 17th January 2011 were confirmed and signed as correct..

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

Membury and Dalwood Schools – proposed federation. Dalwood had withdrawn from the project..

BT poles – removed by BT. Clerk had thanked BT and Blackdown Hills Office.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

EDDC - election timetable

Honiton Pottery – mugs for royal wedding (not required).

Blackdown Hills Parishes Network – community plan meetings.

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority – objections to Police Reform Bill.

Devon CC – reduction in bus and fare car services. Mrs. E. Power, who has depended on these services, is most concerned.

4. **PLANNING**

EDDC Approval

Dare, Little Goslins – polytunnel (soakaway condition)

Forster, Clarence Farm – access and garage (slope stability and stockproofing conditions)

Lunney, Willowhayes – extension (tree protection condition)

Wootton, Passlands – conservatory and porch.

Under consideration – Brimscombe Cottage – demolish and replace.

Planning Correspondence

Devon CC re: Pearse, Challenger Farm, tipping of waste material – any new proposal may need planning permission and Environment Agency waste permit.

Clerk to ascertain again the current situations regarding Waterhouse Bungalow bats and Challenger Farm drainage from EDDC Enforcement Officer.

5. FINANCE

	£
Cheques for Payment	
628 A.Tasker – flood alarm batteries	14.50
629 J.Wallace – footpaths	50.00
630 Hall hire	12.00
631 Duff Engineering – re Flood alarm	126.00
632 Clerk’s Expenses	76.16
633 J.Wallace – playing fields and QBG	87.00
Balances at 31 January 2011	
General Fund	8,506.43*
Footpath Funds	2,412.23
Parish Plan	220.55
Flood Grant	<u>528.14</u>
	11,667.35

*including Clerk’s salary contingency

6. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

Potholes northwards from Longbridge, at Rock Farm and on Money pit Lane.

Councillor Moulding said that the Government had announced more funding for pothole repairs but it was not yet known how much would be given to Devon.

Mr. S. Birks of Sportley had written to report damage to the road outside his property and again to express thanks for the work undertaken.

The Clerk had attended a Devon CC course “Community self help during winter” and was now considered by the County Council to be Membury’s trained Snow Warden. Further consideration would be given to empowering communities to take local action.

Parishioners assisting the Snow Warden would be covered by the County Council’s insurance.

7. FOOTPATHS

Annual report to Devon CC completed by Footpath Warden and Clerk.

BW33 (Bond’s Lane) closure order extended for another 6 months.

8. PLAYING FIELD

A questionnaire will go out with the next edition of the Mercury to assess what is wanted by the community.

9. EMERGENCY PLANNING

In view of the concerns raised by Mr. Yapp at the last meeting regarding the decibel level of the proposed flood warning siren, the Environment Agency had been approached to see how these concerns could be addressed. They proposed a demonstration of the siren on 2nd March, 2011. An EDDC Environmental Health officer would attend with a decibel meter. Mr. K. Hosking had made a formal request to cancel the test on safety grounds. It

9. Emergency Planning continued.....

was agreed that the test would provide an ideal opportunity for those concerned to talk to the EA and siren manufacturer and that it should proceed. Mr. Hosking agreed. Councillors were satisfied that they had acted properly and openly throughout the consultation process. This was supported by Councillors Moulding and Diviani.

10. WAR MEMORIAL

Wall below memorial still needs repointing.

11. MEMBURY WEBSITE

The company running the website seemed to have disappeared. Mr. Dodd was working with Mr. R. Spencer to create a new website. Mr. Dodd said that he felt it should be an information based website. Councillors agreed, and felt that it should be independent of the Council.

12. QUAKER BURIAL GROUND

Councillor Little to ask Mr. Dugdale for written permission to undertake work. Hedge laying may be required next year.

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Annual Parish Meeting
Challenger Farm drainage
Waterhouse Bungalow bats

14. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12th April
Tuesday 19th April (Annual Parish Meeting)

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Hosking warned of credit card fraud.