

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the **Village Hall** on **Tuesday, 17th May, 2011** at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mrs. D.Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs. D.Burrough, Miss S.Little, K.Pearse, P.Pearse, N.Yool and 1 Parishioner

APOLOGIES: H.Tennant (Chairman), W.Foster, A.Tasker, A.Moulding (Devon C.C.)
P.Diviani (EDDC), Amanda Jones (PCSO)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

H.Tennant and Mrs. D.Burrough 3 votes each.

It was agreed to vote again at the next meeting when the missing Councillors have returned from holiday and hospital.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. D.Troake – who chaired the remainder of the meeting.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK:

N.Yool

4. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Village Hall	-	W.Foster
Playing Field	-	K.Pearse, P.Pearse
Membury Charities	-	H.Tennant
Emergency Officer	-	Miss S.Little
Planning Committee	-	H.Tennant
		A.Tasker
		Mrs. D.Burrough
		K.Pearse
		reserve Miss S.Little

5. THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 12th April 2011 were confirmed and signed as correct.

6. MATTERS ARISING:

Parish Council election results:

N.Yool 195, Mrs. D.Burrough 190, K.Pearse 170, H.Tennant 153, Mrs. D.Troake 152, A.Tasker 151, Miss S.Little 139, P.Pearse 131, W.Foster 127, Mrs. L.Warren 122*

K.Hosking 70*

*not elected

There was a turnout of 64.7%

The result of the referendum was a vote against the proposed change to the voting system for U.K. parliamentary elections.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- EDDC - Councillors' Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests forms – these were completed by those present.
- Cardboard Recycling
- Sex Establishment Licensing Policy
- DALC - Training Courses – new councillors 30th June, Tiverton
- Mr.L.Dugdale – written permission for the Parish Council to access the Quaker Burial Ground for maintenance purposes.
- PCSO Amanda Jones – no crimes reported since the last meeting, but intruders at New House Farm on the evening of May 16th. Police would appreciate registration numbers of scrap metal dealers.
- “Otter Rotters” – possibility of extending garden waste collection service.
- NHS - Health services in East Devon now under Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust.
- Devon CC - new funding for community transport.

8. PLANNING:

- EDDC Approval
- Devon CC, Membury Primary School – solar panels
- Dyer, Crawley Farm – retention of portacabin

Parish Council Planning Committee Approval
Foyster, Gray's Farm – solar panels

EDDC had advised that Waterhouse Bungalow interior walls had been removed and electricity disconnected.

Mr. H.Pearse had said that surface water drains at Challenger Farm has been connected.
Mr. F. Pearse had said that he had not applied for planning permission for a mobile home but that he was considering applying for permission for a house.

9. FINANCE

	£
Payments for Approval	
643 Membury PO – APM meeting refreshments	95.94
644 J.Wallace – playing field, footpaths & QBG	229.50
645 R.Martin – war memorial and car park	70.00
646 Membury School prize	30.00
647 Community First – insurance	227.23
648 Clerk's Expenses	58.90

Balance at 30 April 2011	9,199.16
General Funds	2,992.23
Footpath Funds	124.61
Flood Grant	<u>387.64</u>
	12,703.64

FINANCE continued.....

New Councillors to be added to bank signatories list, former Councillors to be removed.

Following the retirement of Mr. W. van der Byl, Mrs. J. Tuck had kindly agreed to take on the duties of Internal Auditor. Mrs. Tuck indicated that she would be looking closely at procedures and processes. Councillors agreed that this would strengthen the Parish Council's already excellent internal audit system.

It was agreed to adopt the 2010 NALC model standing orders for Local Councils

10. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

Potholes : northwards from Longbridge
: from Yarty Farm to lower entrance
: from Waybeers to Rock Farm
: Water leak at bottom of Winsor Lane.

11. FOOTPATHS

4 new gates to replace stiles to be delivered by Devon CC.

It was suggested that a policy should be formulated regarding the awarding of contracts for footpath work.

12. WAR MEMORIAL

Village Hall Committee secretary had confirmed the previous offer of £250 towards the plinth repair (not needed). She would ask if the offer still stood for wall repointing at 13th June meeting.

13. PLAYING FIELD

Slide auctioned for £65 at Annual Parish Meeting.

Clerk awaiting details of bank account for the payment of the £50 grant agreed at the last meeting.

14. EMERGENCY PLANNING

There had been 4 votes at the Annual Parish Meeting concerning the proposed flood siren:

- a) to accept the concept of an Environment Agency siren
39 for 2 against.
- b) that the sensor should remain at 75% of the level of the Bond's Lane hump
39 for 1 against
- c) that the Environment Agency be asked to incorporate a telephone autodialler which would alert the households most prone to flooding
43 for 0 against

EMERGENCY PLANNING continued.....

- d) that the siren should NOT be “soft start”
11 for 23 against

These results had been communicated to the Environmental Agency.

Wayleave agreement had been sent to BT who has sent a cheque for £38.25.

15. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Election of Chairman

16. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesdays 5th July
 16th August
 17th September
 15th November at 7.30 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

Councillors were asked whether the Playing Field Committee was “part of the Parish Council”. It was felt that at present the Committee acts on behalf of the Parish Council but that the long term aim was for the Committee to become a separate, self-financing entity which would still have the support of the Parish Council – as had happened in the past.