

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the **Village Hall**
on **Tuesday, 5th July, 2011 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT Mrs. D.Burrough, W.Foster, Miss S.Little, P.Pearse, A.Tasker, H.Tennant, Mrs. D.Troake, N.Yool and 4 Parishioners

APOLOGIES K.Pearse, A. Moulding (Devon C.C.) P.Diviani (EDDC).

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

H.Tennant, who was the only nomination.

Mr. Tennant welcomed the two new Councillors, thanked Mrs. Troake for chairing the last meeting during his absence in hospital and thanked all Councillors for their work over the past year.

2. THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 17th May, 2011 were confirmed and signed as correct.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor training – courses available are:

Standards in Public Life	-	EDDC July 6 th	(free)
New Councillors	-	DAPC, Offwell July 14 th	(£20)*
Chairmanship	-	Exeter July 26 th	(£25)
New Councillors	-	Exeter July 28 th	(£55)

* Clerk to ascertain whether vacancies are still available.
Councillor Foster to sign bank signatories form.

Mr. Foster asked that Mrs. Burrough remain on the Village Hall Committee. This was agreed. Clerk to advise Committee Secretary.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- EDDC
- Awards for All grants available
 - Review of Polling Stations – it was agreed that the present arrangement was the logical solution.
 - Councillors Diviani and Moulding elected Leader and Deputy Leader of EDDC.
 - Cardboard and plastic recycling – not possible at present
 - Chairman's Garden Party 13th August.
 - Cancellation of Thursday bus saved £3,097.

Village Hall Committee – new booking system

Axminster DAPC – next meeting Colyton Town Hall 26th July at 7.30 p.m.

“Otter Rotters” – possibility of collecting garden waste.

Lloyds TSB – not holding any documents on behalf of the Council, including car park conveyance.

Milford & Dormor – car park conveyance records destroyed.

- cost of registration approx. £500.*

4. CORRESPONDENCE continued.....

* It was suggested that Tom Moran or other local land agents might be prepared to help with registration.

5. PLANNING

EDDC Approval
Foyster, Grays Farm – solar panels – with condition

New Application
Pearse, Park Farm – agricultural building

Planning Correspondence
EDDC – Blackmores planting condition had been complied with.

Mr. Foster had attended a useful EDDC planning course and gave a brief report thereon. P.Pearse reported that further progress had been made with the demolition of Waterhouse Bungalow.

6. FINANCE

Payments for Approval		£
649	Hall hire	12.00
650	CPRE	29.00
651	Membury Playing Field	50.00 *
652	J.Wallace – playing field	225.00
653	R.Martin – car park and War Memorial	65.00
654	Clerk’s expenses	68.17
*	Payment agreed at 12 th April meeting.	

	£
Balance 31 st May 2011	
General Funds	8,671.53
Footpath Funds	2,942.73
Parish Plan	124.61
Flood Grant	<u>387.64</u>
Total	12,126.51

2010/11 Annual Return sent to Audit Commission, duly completed by new internal auditor, Mrs. J.Tuck.

Letter from Mrs. Tuck: “accounts are well organised and meet all legal requirements”
High contingency fund in case for the need to pay a clerk “reasonable”. Review after 3
6 and 9 months of financial year, noting any over or under spends. Offer to attend Council
meeting.

Councillors said that they would find a 6 month budget review useful.

£669.36 VAT refund received.

7. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon C.C. :

Potholes – Mill Lane

- From Yarty Farm to Stockland – Kilmington Road.

Highways Correspondence

Devon CC - offer of salt spreader from locality budget.

- prioritising of winter damage repairs

Mr. P.Hartnell - roads may be closed in daytime for car rallies.

Devon CC - Highways Dept. has been re-organised. Brian Hoare is now the Neighbourhood Highway Inspector for the East Devon Neighbourhood Team.

8. FOOTPATHS

Devon CC to appoint a contractor to tackle surface water on Winsor Lane (FP21).

Payment to come from our PPP budget.

Clerk to thank Richard Spurway of Devon CC for all his recent help.

Clerk to compile list of parishioners interested in footpath work.

9. PLAYING FIELD

Written agreement with landowner needed.

Playing Field Committee's bank account open.

Public consultation had taken place.

It was hoped to purchase equipment costing £15,552 from Komplan.

10. EMERGENCY PLANNING

BT telephone line had been installed in car park for siren.

EA still reluctant to provide a telephone autodialler warning. Meeting with EA needed.

It was noted that most of the valley from Challenger Farm southwards had been planted with maize. Late harvesting could lead to soil compaction and increased flood risk.

Councillor P.Pearse offered to talk to the farmers concerned.

More effort needed to obtain funding for floodwater storage ponds.

11. WAR MEMORIAL

Winter damage to pointing has been repaired.

New Village Hall Committee considers that to contribute to the repointing of wall below the Memorial would be "out with the terms of the Village Hall Trust Deed."

It was agreed to ask Mr. Pritchard to proceed with the work and to encourage the Hall Committee to contribute.

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Emergency planning – farming practice report from P.Pearse.

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

- Tuesdays 16th August, 27th Sept. 15th Nov. at 7.30 pm

PUBLIC FORM

Mrs. Burrough raised the subject of affordable housing. Clerk to remind Councillor Diviani to arrange a ward meeting to assess need.