

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL** held in the **Village Hall** on **Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2011** at **7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT** H.Tennant (chairman) Mrs. D.Troake (Vice Chairman) Mrs. D. Burrough, W.Foster  
Miss S.Little, K.Pearse, P.Pearse, A.Tasker, N.Yool, EDDC Councillor P.Diviani  
and 3 parishioners.

**APOLOGIES** Devon CC Councillor A.Moulding and PCSO Amanda Wooster

**1. THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 were confirmed and signed as correct.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Burrough had attended a training course at Offwell.

Councillor Moulding indicated that he would be supporting causes other than salt spreaders from his Locality Budget. He had already received 2 requests from Membury and anyway his budget would not stretch to supplying salt spreaders to all his parishes.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

BT - Fibre optic cable to school cannot be used to increase broadband speed in parish – Stockland exchange not suitable.

RHS - Britain in Bloom campaign – passed to Flower Show Committee.  
Queens’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons – information passed to Merry-makers.

EDDC - Rural Housing Seminar 6<sup>th</sup> October 4 – 6 p.m.

Samantha Dare – Volunteer Lifeguards required for swimming pool.

Project Cosmic – meeting at 2 p.m. August 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss broadband speed.

PCSO Amanda Wooster – 2 cases of “burglary other” since last meeting – sheds and outbuildings should be locked.

- will be at Post Office on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

DALC - Councillor Refresher Course Honiton 13<sup>th</sup> October.

**4. PLANNING**

EDDC Approval

Pearse, Park Farm – agricultural building (details of levels required)

Symington, Haccombe – solar panels

Parish Council Planning Committee Approval

Membury School – convert old toilet block into classrooms and staff room.

Foster, Beckford Farm – pond.

**Planning Correspondence**

EDDC - New homes balancing act.

- LDF strategy for villages and rural areas meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

Councillor Diviani gave details of discussions at this meeting.

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

Parish Council Planning Committee members had been taking too long to respond to planning applications. It was suggested that members should email the next on the list when the envelope was placed in their pigeonhole.

**5. FINANCE**

	£
Payments for approval	
655 Axminster DAPC subs	10.00
656 Hall hire	20.00
657 Ayre Contractors – footpaths	603.92
658 J.Wallace – footpaths	185.00
659 A.Pritchard – war memorial wall	392.00

	£
Balance 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2011	
General Funds	8,922.28
Footpath Funds	2,942.73
Parish Plan	124.61
Flood Grant	387.64
War Memorial	<u>250.00</u>
	12,597.26

Clerk had reviewed expenditure to date against 2011/12 budget. Detailed figures would be provided at the November meeting.

**6. HIGHWAYS**

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

Broken surface and subsidence at the bottom of Policeman’s Hill.

Highways Correspondence

- Devon CC - confirmed that Membury is registered for Snow Warden Scheme.
- salt spreaders available via County Councillors’ Locality Budgets.
  - road closure at Rock Farm for drainage work.

It was agreed to raise the subject of a salt spreader at the Annual Parish Meeting. It was felt that if some roads were salted and some not this could lead to discord.

Devon CC’s offer of 5 tonnes of salt to be taken up – to be delivered to New House Farm. It was felt that if parish councils are to take responsibility for topping up grit bins and salting minor roads on the County Council’s behalf, a spreader should be provided. Clerk to communicate this view to the Highways Department.

**7. FOOTPATHS**

Devon CC had appointed a contractor to undertake FP/21 Winsor Lane drainage work and made a £200 payment to Membury PC as the work was more expensive than expected.

Mrs. J.Andrew sent a letter of thanks.

Gates erected to replace stiles on Membury Castle – more people using footpath.

**8. PLAYING FIELD**

Agreement to be signed by landowner, Parish Council Chairman and Playing Field Association representative. Mr. K.Pearse agreed to lease the land for 15 years at a nominal rent of £20 p.a. Councillors thanked Mr. Pearse for his generosity.

**9. EMERGENCY PLANNING**

Mr. Tasker reported that he is trying to arrange a meeting with the Environment Agency officers to discuss the siren, autodialler and provision of electricity at the car park. It was felt that another pole should be avoided if possible, as per the Parish Plan.

Mr. P.Pearse reported that some drainage work had been carried out at Challenger Farm but that he had not been able to raise the subject of maize cultivation. It was agreed that the Chairman, K.Pearse, P.Pearse and Mrs. Burrough should arrange a meeting at Challenger Farm to discuss flooding concerns. It was felt that a collection pond at the top of Bond's Lane was needed as soon as possible.

**10. WAR MEMORIAL**

Wall repointing had been carried out by Mr. Pritchard at a cost of £392.

£250 donation received from Mr. & Mrs. Hosking.

Shortfall covered by VAT reclaimed from previous conservators' bills.

Also an offer from Merrymakers to have a reduced Parish Council Mercury contribution.

Mrs. Burrough thanked Mr. Tennant on behalf of the Church for all his work on this project.

**11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Bond's Lane collection pond.

**12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS\***

Tuesdays 27<sup>th</sup> September and 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m.

Later postponed.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No matters were raised.