

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the **Village Hall**
on **Tuesday, 4th October, 2011** at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: H.Tennant (Chairman), Mrs.D.Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs. D.Burrough,
W.Foster, P.Pearse, A.Tasker, N.Yool and 6 Parishioners.
30+ Parishioners attended Flood Warning Siren Presentation.

APOLOGIES: Miss S.Little, K.Pearse, P.Diviani (EDDC), A.Moulding (Devon CC)

1. FLOOD WARNING SIREN PRESENTATION – A.Tasker

This presentation was to fulfil the Parish Council's pledge to brief parishioners when the Environment Agency's plans were finalised and before work began.

Trigger to be located at storm sump on Bond's Lane, at 75% of the height of the ramp.
May be adjusted according to experience. Alarm sent wirelessly to receiver in car park.
Receiver connected to a 141 dB soft start siren mounted on a 5m demountable pole.
Telephone autodialler co-located with receiver activated at the same time.

Community will be added to EA's "Floodline Warnings Direct".
Sensor will continually monitor water level and feedback information to the EA.
Parish Council's long term plans still include a holding pond below Challenger Farm
and a landscaped soakaway in the old chalk pit.

Mr. Wallace proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Tasker and the others who had worked on the project.

There were no objections to the EA's proposals.

2. THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 16th August, 2011 were confirmed and signed as correct.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Councillors Tasker and Yool, Mr. K.Hosking, and Mr .D.Dodd had met with Fiona Glasspoole of Project Cosmic to discuss broadband speeds in the parish. There was little positive outcome.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

EDDC - Affordable Rural Housing Seminars date changed to 3rd October. Attended by Councillors Burrough, Foster and Tennant. Mrs. Burrough gave a report

EDDC - Car Park Review

Blackdown Hills – Community Plan 2011

Citizens Advice Bureau – appeal for Board members

Environment Agency – domestic septic tanks do not require registration.

PCSO Amanda Wooster – new non-emergency police number – 101. No crimes reported since last meeting.

EDDC - Councillor Refresher Course Honiton 6.30 p.m. 13th October.

EDDC - Reminder to complete Register of Electors forms.

4. Correspondence continued.....

Merrymakers – possibility of purchasing a digital projector jointly with P.C.
Devon CC - Community Choice meeting Axminster Guild Hall 6.30 p.m. 24th
November.
K.Hosking & R.Robson – interested in “Otter Rotters” collection service.
J.Tuck, Mr. & Mrs. D. Horsey, Mrs. J.Andrew and others – interested in restoration of
bus service.
DALC - meeting notices no longer being produced.

5. PLANNING

EDDC Approval
Devon CC, Membury School – conversion of former toilet block to classrooms.
Foster, Beckford Farm – solar panels.

Parish Council Planning Committee Approval
Denny, Membury Court – solar panels

Current Applications
Strong, 7 Springfield – replace extension
Burrough, Godworthy – covered yard
Mrs. Burrough had declared her interest and would take no part in consultation process.

Planning Correspondence

DALC - proposed simplification of planning system.
CPRE - request for parish council to voice concerns re the above.
CPRE - “How to respond to planning applications” booklet
Devon CC - Roadside hedge and tree management leaflet.
CCD - Handling Planning Applications course, Kenn, 6.30 p.m . 21st November
P. Smith - Concern at proposed wedding venue at Rock Mill
EDDC - Neighbourhood Planning meeting Sidmouth 6 p.m. 1st November

6. FINANCE

Payments for Approval	£
660 Offwell Parish Council – training course	18.92
661 Audit Commission	144.00
662 F. D. Board – footpaths	72.00
663 J.Wallace – playing field	270.00
664 EDVSA – projector hire	30.00

Balance 31st August, 2011

General Funds	8,720.54
Footpath Funds	2,353.81
Parish Plan	124.61
Flood Grant	<u>387.64</u>
	11,586.60

2010/11 audit process complete with no queries from Audit Commission.
Statutory Notice was displayed.

The Clerk gave details of the budgeted position at the half year.

Everything was as expected, apart from there having been no EDDC election charge and the insurance premium was lower than that of the previous 3 years. There had been no need to draw on the £251 contingency. The playing field account was nearing its budget figure but summer grass cutting had finished.

7. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

James's Lane surface very poor.

Potholes on Beckford Lane, between Yarty Bridge and Yarty Farm and on Bewley Down north of Chardstock Cross.

Railings missing at Case Bridge and Beckford and Moxhayes fords.

8. FOOTPATHS

£2,353.81 in bank account

£200+ needed to replace 2 more stiles with gates/

£500+ needed for routine maintenance

£500 available for Bond's Lane flood relief.

9. PLAYING FIELD

Mr. Pearse had signed 15 year agreement.

Preparations being made for siting of new equipment

£450 in bank account..

10. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Clerk had been liaising with Devon CC re salt/grit.

Councillor Little had obtained information on salt spreaders – many different types depending on exact specification of material used.

It was agreed to accept Challenger Farm's offer of a loan of a spreader.

Mr. Foster offered to make any necessary adjustments.

New EDDC Emergency Planning Officer – Pam Harvey.

Mr. Tasker thanked again and congratulated on the outcome of his flood warning siren work.

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA 2012/13 Precept

12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS To be arranged for late November/early December

13. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. D.Yapp – suggested that the salt spreader may need wheel chains

- asked about the timescale for digging flood prevention ponds
- reminded the meeting that some parishioners had offered to contribute to the cost of these ponds and was it possible to tap into the school's fibre optic cable to improve broad band speed? The Clerk reported that BT had said this was not possible.

