

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

PRESENT H.Tennant (Chairman), Mrs. D. Troake, (Vice Chairman), Mrs .D. Burrough,
W.Foster, A.Tasker, N.Yool and 3 parishioners.

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

1. THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 4th October, 2011 were confirmed and signed
as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Mr. Yool had attended the County Council's Community Choice Meeting on 24th
November and EDDC's Working Together meeting on 2nd December.

Mr. Tasker has attended a meeting about faster broadband.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Devon CC – Changes to Fare Care service. Councillor Moulding was thanked for
helping Mrs. E. Power in this regard.

EDDC – Open space consultation – Clerk had completed questionnaire.

Blackdown Hills – request for endorsement of Community Plan and for a financial
contribution.

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority – liaison meetings discontinued but are prepared to
visit communities.

DALC – reported that the County Council would grant £1 per elector to each parish to
fund community projects. EDDC to grant 10p per elector.

Mr. B. Packer – request for copies of minutes and correspondence regarding noisy flood
scheme covers.

Councillor Moulding – invitation to broadband meeting Axminster 5th December 2.30 pm.

Mr. H.Tennant – details of website for negotiating heating oil prices.

4. PLANNING

EDDC Approval:

Burrough, Godworthy – covered yard.

Burrough, Hare's Farm – manure heap cover.

Denny, Membury Court – solar panels

Galloway, Clodes – extension

Strong, 7 Springfield - extension

Parish Council Planning Committee Approval:

The above plus

Tetlow, North Grays – solar panels

Pearse, Challenger Farm – covered yard

Parish Council Planning Committee non-approval
Galloway, Clodes – extension. For design reasons.

New Application
Pearse, Park Farm – covered yard.

Planning Correspondence
EDDC - 2006 – 2026 Local Plan Consultation
- QR barcodes used on planning applications
CPRE - Thank you for contacting MP re planning reforms
Neil Parish MP – Response to the above.

It was reported that Waterhouse Bungalow was “virtually demolished”

5. FINANCE

Payments for Approval	£
665 Hall hire	12.00
666 Meeting refreshments	6.80
667 J.Wallace – playing field & QBG	247.50
668 R.Martin – war memorial & car park	85.00
669 B.Griffin – typing	50.00
670 N.Yool – clerk’s expenses	55.05

Balance 30th November 2011

General Funds	10,139.65
Footpath Funds	2,281.81
Parish Plan	124.61
Flood Grant	<u>387.64</u>
	12,933.71

2012/13 Precept - It was agreed that this should be £3,500

It was agreed that a contingency of £6000 was needed to cover the cost of a paid clerk.

The bank’s form, confirming the 2 new signatories was signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

6. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

Deep drop near Brinscombe Cottage entrance.

Subsidence outside Sportley Cottage

James’s Lane surface still very poor.

Water lying to north of Star Cross

Mud between Case Bridge and Telephone Exchange – also boulder in gateway.

Highways Correspondence

Devon CC - response to problems reported at the last meeting.

- "Travelling in Winter 2011/12" leaflet

Mr. S. Birks - poor road surface in Sportley/Potters Pit area

7. FOOTPATHS

Annual Report forms received from Devon CC – to be completed by Clerk and Footpath Warden, Mr. Watkins.

Mr. Watkins had attended a County Council "workshop".

Mr. Watkins reported that the County Council's footpaths team had again been very helpful – but there would be a reduction in Membury's grant.

2 stiles to be replaced by gates.

Gate near Brinscombe Cottage in need of attention.

8. PLAYING FIELD

It has been decided to purchase a "Pony Seesaw" for £1,963. The Committee had managed to raise £400 and Councillor Moulding had kindly provided a grant for the balance. As a Parish Council Committee, it would be legal to reclaim the VAT.

The lease agreement had been signed by all 3 parties. One copy to be kept by the Parish Council Clerk, one by the Playing Field Committee and one by the landowner, Mr. K.Pearse.

Mr. J.Stevenson was thanked for all his hard work.

9. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Flood warning siren work due to commence on 14th December. Clerk had signed and returned Western Power Wayleave agreement. BT had confirmed that it would be possible to transfer their equipment to the new pole. "This work would be chargeable to yourselves".

Highway Superintendent Mr, B. Hoare had visited the clerk and cleared up some misunderstandings regarding the Snow Warden Scheme. The Clerk had submitted a revised "Snow Plan" to Devon CC, as required.

Bags of salt had been delivered to vulnerable sites without grit bins.

Clerk had contacted Axminster Councillor and engineer John Jeffrey who has obtained a towable salt spreader on the internet for £400. He was unable to source one for Membury but recommended Peacock Salt of Ayr, Scotland.

There was considerable debate about the feasibility of a floodwater retention pond. A balance had to be found between the need for urgent action and the best use of public money. County and District Council engineers to be contacted.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Flood prevention

11. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

To be arranged

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. D. Hosking reported on affordable housing in Ottery St. Mary.