

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday, 14th February, 2012 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT H.Tennant (Chairman), Mrs. D.Burrough, W.Foster, K.Pearse, P.Pearse,
A.Tasker, N.Yool, Councillor P.Diviani and 6 Parishioners

APOLOGIES Mrs. D.Troake (Vice Chairman), Miss S.Little, Councillor A.Moulding,
PCSO Amanda Wooster

1. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on 5th December, 2011 were confirmed and signed
as correct.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

Clerk had supplied details of minutes and correspondence relating to noisy flood
scheme covers to Mr. Packer.

Broadband – Mr. Tasker urged those present to complete online questionnaires.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Devon CC Invitation to reception 24th February 6 p.m.

EDDC Invitation to reception 17th May 7 p.m.

Councillor P. Diviani – New Year’s Review

PCSO Wooster – 4 outbuilding burglaries on night of 26th/27 January.

Membury Merrymakers – Queen’s Diamond Jubilee

Mr. K. Goodman) concern at cost and principle of EDDC testing private water

Mr. C. Sochon) supplies – Councillor Diviani to investigate.

Northern Devon Healthcare Trust – foundation trust consultation.

4. **PLANNING**

EDDC Approval:

Tetlow, North Grays – solar panels

Pearse, Challenger Farm – covered yard

Pearse, Park Farm – covered yard

Churchill, Old Orchard – garage

Hornsby, Membury House – extensions*

Current Applications

Dyer, Crawley Farm – agricultural building

Denny, Membury Court – convert outbuilding (LBC)

Planning Correspondence

DALC “Planning System Explained” Tiverton 14th March 10 a.m.

CPRE Newsletter

* Councillor P.Pearse questioned the morality of extending already large houses. It was
felt that there was nothing in planning law to prevent this. Councillor Diviani said that
more affordable housing was needed. Councillor Key is the EDDC “Champion”.

5. FINANCE

	£
Payments for Approval	
671 Hall Hire	12.00
672 J.Wallace – footpaths	147.00
673 N.Yool – clerk’s expenses	23.15
674 Society of Clerks	46.00
675 Axe Valley Ring and Ride	50.00
676 Devon Air Ambulance	100.00
677 Membury Merrymakers	300.00
678 Citizens Advice Bureau	50.00
679 Playing field Rent	20.00

Balance 31st January 2012

General Funds	£9,702.65*
Footpath Funds	£2,281.81
Parish Plan	£124.61
Flood Grant	£387.64
Playing Field Grant	<u>£1,563.00</u>
	£14,059.71

* includes £6000 Clerk’s salary contingency

Lloyds Bank offering 1.8% on £10,000 for 1 year

3.3% on £10,000 for 2 years

This would give £180 or £330 annual interest instead of about £3.24 at present – but penalties for early withdrawal.

Another account gives 1.57% (£157 pa.) and allows one withdrawal up to 20% of the total invested – 32 days notice.

Clerk to investigate rates offered by other banks.

6. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon C.C.:

Damage to lane between Membury and Rock caused by a lorry.

James’s Lane – potholes and water.

Water on roads throughout the parish – possible job for lengthsman.

Potholes between Webble Green and James’s Lane Cross.

Verge crushed opposite Membury Court entrance and lower down.

Water lying north of Star Cross – Councillor P.Pearse agreed to investigate.

Two volunteers had been trained to assist the Snow Warden and were therefore covered by the County Council’s public liability insurance. It was agreed to add all Parish Councillors to the list, plus the Burrough family at Godworthy, the Pearse family at Park Farm, Mr. & Mrs. N. Warren, J.Wallace, B. Dare and the Pearse family at Challenger Farm. All would be trained before being added to the list.

7. FOOTPATHS

Footpath Warden Mr. Watkins reported that:

The stolen gate at Star Cross would be replaced by the County Council.

2 new gates would replace stiles on FP23

Annual forms had been submitted to the County Council.

2012/13 grant likely to be reduced.

8. PLAYING FIELD

£1,563 grant for new equipment obtained from the County Council by Councillor Moulding – equipment had been ordered costing £1,963. Balance of £400 had been raised by Playing Field Committee but another £200 needed for turfing.

9. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Mr. Tasker reported that the flood warning siren was due to be installed before the end of the month. He and Mr. C. Symington had surveyed the land between the ditch north of Bond's Lane and the old chalk pit and had identified a drop of 1.25 m. Mr. Symington had suggested a 2 foot pipe.

Mr. Yool suggested that a pipe would block and that a 2 foot pipe would not have nearly enough capacity. It was agreed to contact Steve Moore of the Environment Agency.

Mr. K.Pearse agreed to measure the length of the pipe required.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Flood Prevention

Annual Parish Meeting

11. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesdays – 27th March, 24th April (APM), 15th May (AGM), 3rd July, 28th August, 16th October, 4th December.

PUBLIC FORUM

Councillor Foster provided a written report on the recent Axminster Area DAPC meeting.

Mr. Dodd asked for details of the autodialler linked to the flood warning system – also about any progress on the production of a flood plan. It was agreed to continue with this.

Mr. K. Hosking reported that his broadband speed was decreasing.