

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL** held in the **Village Hall** on **Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2012** at **7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** H.Tennant (Chairman), Mrs. D.Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs. D.Burrough, W.Foster, Miss S.Little, P.Pearse, A.Tasker, N.Yool and 7 parishioners including past Chairmen Mrs. D.Byrde and J.Wallace.

**APOLOGIES:** K.Pearse, A.Moulding (Devon C.C.) P.Diviani (EDDC) P.C. Simon Rodgers, PCSO Amanda Wooster, Mr. & Mrs. K.Stride

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN H.Tennant
2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN Mrs. D.Troake
3. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK N.Yool  
It was agreed that Mr. Yool should continue, despite being a Councillor.
4. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Village Hall Mrs. D.Burrough  
Playing Field K.Pearse & P.Pearse  
Membury Charities H.Tennant  
Emergency Planning Miss S.Little  
Planning Committee H.Tennant  
A.Tasker  
Mrs. D.Burrough  
W.Foster
5. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012 were confirmed and signed as correct.
6. **MATTERS ARISING**  
Devon Oil Collective – no DALC officer was available to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting – no interest was shown by those attending.  
St. John Ambulance – those attending the APM welcomed the opportunity for first aid training. Mr. Ron Martin had kindly agreed to contact St. John.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**  
EDDC - Parish Jubilee Awards meeting May 17<sup>th</sup> 6.15 pm .H.Tennant and N.Yool to attend.  
- Tree Walks – led by EDDC Tree Officers.  
Community First – Parish Council’s Jubilee celebrations, including beacon and fireworks are covered by our insurance as long as a risk assessment is carried out.  
Several Parishioners – concerns expressed regarding an incident after which a Membury resident was detained under the Mental Health Act. This matter was discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting, after which the Chairman sent a letter to the Chief Executive of the Devon Partnership NHS Trust.

## 7. Correspondence continued.....

There was a considerable discussion about the Devon NHS Partnership's wish to have a one to one meeting with the Chairman. Those who had been more closely involved with the person concerned felt that they should be included. The Chairman stressed that the meeting was to be a first step in the consultation process but agreed to ask for a second person to attend. Councillor Tasker was nominated and agreed.

## 8. PLANNING

EDDC Approval:

Pearse, Challenger Farm – agricultural dwelling (outline)

Parish Council Planning Committee Approval

Dyer, Crawley Farm – agricultural building

Dyer, Crawley Farm – wall

### Planning Correspondence

EDDC – Local Plan consultation, Axminster map.

Councillor Diviani – Neighbourhood Plans

The Clerk and Councillor Foster had investigated the report at the last meeting that a field boundary hedge had been removed at Passlands. Photographs forming part of a 2010 planning application showed no such hedge, and neighbours had confirmed that this was the case. Some garden shrubs had been removed and a new fence erected, perfectly legally.

## 9. FINANCE

Payments for Approval:

	£
684 Playdale – playing field equipment	1,177.80
685 Blackdown Hills Parish Network	50.00
686 Hall Hire	12.00
687 Membury P.O. A.P.M. Refreshments	101.81
688 Membury Merrymakers – Jubilee Fireworks	100.00
689 Community First – Insurance	192.06
690 J.Wallace – playing field	223.00
691 N.Yool – clerk's expenses	58.19
692 R.Martin – War memorial and car park	60.00
693 Membury School Prize	30.00

Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 (year end)

	£	
General Funds	2,837.80	
Clerk's Salary Contingency	6,000.00	
Footpath Funds	2,234.81	
Parish Plant Grant	124.61	
Flood Grant	387.64	
Playing Field Grant	<u>1,563.00</u>	<b>Total £13,147.86</b>

**9. Finance continued.....**

2011/2012 expenditure was compared to the budget figures and found to match almost exactly. The accounts were approved by the Council and Annual Governance Statement was agreed.

The Annual Return was completed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk – to be sent to the Audit Commission in Bolton by 11<sup>th</sup> June, after further completion by the Internal Auditor.

The statutory notice for the exercise of electors' rights had been displayed on the village noticeboard.

**10. HIGHWAYS**

Problems to be reported to Devon C.C.

Potholes between Furley Farm and Webble Green

- north of Longbridge
- south end of Mill Lane
- below Sandbanks
- near New House Farm entrance
- between Yarty Farm and the River Yarty

Road surface breaking up – between New House Farm entrance and former Clarence Garage.

- newly laid surface on the Axminster Road
- James's Lane.

The railings at the ford between Stotehayes and Court Place Farm had been swept away.

Highways Correspondence

Devon C.C. – Road Closure Order, Village Street, 4<sup>th</sup> June (Jubilee Celebrations)

Devon C.C./Mr. R.Strang – Beckford Irish Ford, too expensive to replace.

P.Pearse agreed to remove a tree stump from Bedlam Lane.

Concern was expressed regarding the activities of a firm providing a new water supply to Membury House and the Church. The wall below the war memorial and the surrounding grass had been damaged, the old culvert under the street smashed and the lower part of Church Lane, a public highway, had been dug up without permission.

Mrs. Burrough reported that the work has been organised by the owners of Membury House. The Chairman had spoken to a manager of the firm who had agreed to repair all the damage. The matter was reported to the County Council's Highways Department.

**11. FOOTPATHS**

It was reported that a fallen tree was partially blocking the footpath in Yarty Copse.

**2. EMERGENCY PLANNING**

Councillors approved the Flood Emergency Plan drafted by Mr. Tasker, who was thanked for his considerable efforts. Mr. Tasker reported that despite the recent heavy rain (47mm in one 24 hour period) the level below the siren sensor had risen by only 300 mm, nowhere near the 1.90 m trigger point.

**13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Several matters raised at this meeting.

**14. DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesdays at 7.30 pm - 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
28<sup>th</sup> August  
16<sup>th</sup> October  
4<sup>th</sup> December

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. J.Wallace drew attention to the forthcoming Merrymakers AGM – there were several vacancies on the committee.

Mr. D.Dodd asked if the public could speak after each agenda item. It was felt that this would not be possible but the Chairman would use his discretion to allow parishioners to speak if they had something important to contribute.