

MEETING OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the **Village Hall**
on **Tuesday, 27th March, 2012** at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT H.Tennant (Chairman) W.Foster, P.Pearse, A.Tasker, N.Yool, PCSO Amanda Wooster and 4 Parishioners.

APOLOGIES Mrs. D.Troake (Vice Chairman), Ms. D.Burrough, Miss S.Little, K.Pearse, Councillors A. Moulding (Devon CC) and P.Diviani (EDDC)

1. THE MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday, 14th February, 2012 were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Queen's Diamond Jubilee – Merrymakers seeking a donation for fireworks. It was agreed to offer £100.

Private Water Supply Testing – EDDC obliged to undertake new duties under 2009 regulations. Costs the lowest in Devon.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

DALC - Devon Oil Collective – it was agreed to invite DALC officer to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.

St. John Ambulance – Offer of defibrillator and training to be put to those attending the Annual Parish Meeting.

DALC - Training Courses

Community Council of Devon – Invitation to join Members Forum.

4. PLANNING

EDDC Approval

Denny, Membury Court – convert outbuilding (LBC)

Parish Council Planning Committee Approval

Pearse, Challenger Farm – agricultural dwelling.

P.Pearse reported that a section of field hedge had been removed at Passlands. The lack of new planning applications was felt to be unsatisfactory.

5. FINANCE

	£
Payments for Approval	
680 EDDC Election Charge	262.24
681 DALC/NALC subs	109.09
682 Devon Playing Fields Association	36.50
683 Playsafety – inspection fee	117.60

Balances at 29th February 2012

General Funds	3,101.78
Footpath Funds	2,134.81
Clerk's Salary Contingency	6,000.00
Parish Plan	124.61
Flood Grant	387.64
Playing Field Grant	<u>1,563.00</u>
Total	13,331.84

Following the discussion at the last meeting the clerk had investigated interest rates provided by various banks. He had found no suitable accounts offering instant access. The best seemed to be the Lloyds account offering 1.57% for balances of £10,000 or more for a 12 month deposit which allowed one withdrawal of up to 20% of the total invested. It was agreed to leave the accounts as they are.

Letters of thanks had been received from Devon Air Ambulance and Axe Valley Ring and Ride Service for recent donations.

6. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

Potholes northwards from Longbridge.

Tree stump on verge on Bedlam Lane – P.Pearse to investigate.

“Lake” to north of Star Cross – Clerk to see landowner.

Highways Correspondence

Letter of complaint from Mr. S.Birks regarding the “abominable” surface of Policeman’s Hill.

7. FOOTPATHS

2012/13 grant of only £100 received from Devon CC.

A proposal to re-open Bond’s Lane had come to nothing – but top 2/3 is still open.

It was reported that a post had broken off near Cleave Hill.

Councillors expressed their appreciation to Footpath Warden John Watkins.

8. PLAYING FIELD

New equipment had been ordered.

Work party on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10 – 11 a.m.

Rotten boundary fence post needs replacing.

9. EMERGENCY PLANNING

The siren had been tested – a verbal tannoy warning to clear the area followed by the siren

A new ring around rota needed.

Environment Agency officer Steve Moore had provided details of a possible landscaping scheme to hold back flash floods. He was not keen on the idea of a pipe to the old chalk pit. It was agreed to seek advice from an EDDC or County engineer.

10 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
Election of Officers (AGM)

11. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesdays	24 th April	(APM)
	15 th May	(AGM)
	3 rd July	
	28 th August	
	16 th October	
	4 th December	– at 7.30 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

PCSO Amanda Wooster reported that there had been no crime in Membury since the last meeting but that there had been outbuilding break-ins in neighbouring parishes. P.C. Simon Rodgers had been appointed Neighbourhood Beat Manager.

Mr. D.Yapp asked if Mr. Tasker's flood prevention work was being discarded. It was explained that this work would form the basis of any future project, but it was felt that professional advice was needed, as well as funding, before work could begin.