

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the **Village Hall** on **Tuesday, 28th August, 2012** at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT H.Tennant (Chairman), Mrs. D.Burrough, W.Foster, Miss S.Little, A.Tasker, Mrs. D.Troake, P.Pearse, N.Yool and EDDC Councillor P.Diviani, PCSO Amanda Wooster and 3 Parishioners.

APOLOGIES K.Pearse and Devon County Councillor A.Moulding

1. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on 3rd July 2012 were confirmed and signed as correct.
2. **MATTERS ARISING**
First Aid Course - St. John Ambulance charges £30 per person, minimum of 10.
Another company charges £300 - no minimum attendance. Clerk has supplied Mr. Martin with a list of those who had expressed interest. D.Everett of Chardstock PC gave details of a Red Cross course. The Parish Council would pay for a course if necessary.
Quaker Burial Ground - K.Pearse to remove fallen tree. Landowner L.Dugdale not prepared to pay for hedge laying at present.
3. **CORRESPONDENCE**
EDDC - Council Tax Benefit Consultation
- "Working Together" meeting 14th September 9.30 a.m.
DALC - Conference 6th October 10 a.m.
Blackdown Hills - invitation to join Planning Action Group
Devon & Cornwall Police - Police Commissioner election 15th November.
Natural England - eradication of Himalayan balsam.
4. **MEETINGS WITH DEVON NHS PARTNERSHIP TRUST OFFICIALS**
Concerned parishioners had met Jo Hammond, Root Cause Analysis Lead, Devon Partnership Trust and felt that their views had been taken into consideration. No date had been arranged for a public meeting with the Chief Executive. It was agreed to offer the date of the next Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday, October 16th.
5. **CODE OF CONDUCT/REGISTER OF INTERESTS**
Councillors Foster and Yool attended a training course on 18th July.
The new forms had been completed by 7 Councillors.
The adoption of the EDDC code was confirmed.
6. **PLANNING**
EDDC Approval
Johnson, Treblehayes - covered yard
Morgan, Middle Grays - extension
Pearse, Challenger Farm - agricultural building
Welfare, Thatch - workshop
Wootton, Passlands - garage

6. PLANNING continued.....

Parish Council Planning Committee Approval

Johnson, Trebblehayes - covered yard
Morgan, Middle Grays - extension
Pearse, Challenger Farm - agricultural building
Burrough, Lake Farm - agricultural building*
May, Greendown House - extension

* Mrs. Burrough declared her personal interest and took no part in the consultation process.

New Applications

Pearse, New House Farm - agricultural building
Strawbridge, Hill Mead Bungalow - stable extension
Symington, Haccombe - extension

Parish Council Planning Committee Recommendation of Refusal

Waterton, Land Farm - garage and workshop (LBC)
It was felt that the proposal would be detrimental to and out of keeping with the existing listed buildings.

Planning Correspondence

EDDC - Review of Village Boundaries/ Neighbourhood Plans/Planning Development Documents - these topics were discussed with EDDC Councillor Paul Diviani and Chardstock Parish Councillor David Everett.

Mr. Diviani reported that Local Development Framework had been replaced by the EDDC Local Plan. Mr. Everett recommended the Blackdown Hills Office's Design Guidance booklet. It was agreed that Councillors Tennant, Foster and Yool should attend an EDDC training course at Axmouth on Monday 17th September after which the Parish Council's response to the consultation exercise could be considered.

The subject of a Parish Councillor living in an unauthorised mobile home was raised. The Councillor concerned reported that a planning application had been submitted.

7. FINANCE

		£
697	Hall Hire	18.50
698	W.Foster - notice board repairs	94.92
699	Axminster DAPC sub	10.00
700	J.Wallace - playing field	188.00
701	R.Martin - car park & war memorial	75.00

7. FINANCE continued.....

Balances at 31st July, 2012	£
General Funds	3,341.85
Clerk's Salary Contingency	6,000.00
Footpath Funds	2,186.81
Parish Plan Grant	22.80
Flood Grant	387.64
Playing Field Grant	<u>385.20</u>
	12,324.30

Parishes Together Grant

Axminster Town Council had suggested that this grant could be used to employ a lengthsman for the area.

It was suggested that it would be simpler to continue with the present situation whereby the County Council provided the lengthsman and that the grant could be used to support the Ring and Ride Scheme. Mr. Yool to attend a meeting on the subject in Axminster on Tuesday, 18th September.

8. **HIGHWAYS**

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:-

Membury signs missing from fingerposts at Challenger Cross, Clarence Cross and Chardstock Cross.

Potholes/poor surface at Bedlam Lane, Greendown, Policeman's Hill, James's Lane, Butcher's Lane, Cott Lane, Beckford Lane.

Water lying to north of Star Cross - a major hazard on a relatively major road.

Ditch opposite Membury Court entrance needs clearing - ice hazard in winter.

Chapplecroft Road to be closed 20th to 23rd November.

9. **FOOTPATHS**

It was reported that a good job had been made of cutting the Mill Lane hedges.

10. **PLAYING FIELD**

Internal Auditor Mrs. J.Tuck had asked for clarification of the status of the Playing Field Committee. It was confirmed that this a a Parish Council Committee.

11. **EMERGENCY PLANNING**

It was reported that despite record rainfall during the weekend of 7th/8th July there had been no flooding in the village and that the siren had not been triggered.

12. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

First Aid/Defibrillator

13. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS** Tuesdays 16th October* and 4th December at 7.30 p.m.

*Unless date used for NHS meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. D.Everett of Chardstock Parish Council attended the meeting. He expressed a wish for a loose association with other local Parish Councils including an exchange of ideas, minutes and agendas. This was agreed.

PCSO Amanda Wooster reported that a theft from a dwelling in Membury was under investigation. Stephen Paynter had been appointed Sergeant for the Axminster and Seaton area.

Mr. & Mrs. K.Hosking reported that the holes in the flood scheme covers were blocked with debris.

Mr. D.Yapp asked if keys for the flood warning siren had been distributed. He still considers the siren to be a potential danger to hearing.

Mrs. D.Hosking asked if further thought had been given to the purchase of a defibrillator.
Clerk to contact Dalwood P.C.

Mr. P. Pearse raised the subjects of an overgrown hedge opposite Springfield, a wall encroaching into the road above the Retreat in Rock and ragwort in the Old Vicarage Field.