

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall on Friday, 26th October, 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: H.Tennant (Chairman), Mrs.D.Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs.D.Burrough, W.Foster, K.Pearse, A.Tasker, N.Yool, Devon CC Councillor A.Moulding, and 3 parishioners.

APOLOGIES: Miss S.Little, P.Pearse, EDDC Councillor P.Diviani and PCSO A.Wooster

1. THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 28th August, 2012 were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- a) First Aid - Mr. Martin had contacted the Red Cross and is making progress - awaiting available dates.
- b) Code of Conduct - all Councillors had signed forms which had been forwarded to EDDC.
- c) Parishes Together Grant - Mr. Yool attended a meeting at Axminster. There was some interest in employing a lengthsman but it was agreed there were many complications, it would not be possible in the current financial year and that the Ring & Ride Service should be supported.
- d) Mr. K. Pearse agreed to remove the fallen tree at the Quaker Burial Ground.

3. MEETINGS WITH DEVON PARTNERSHIP NHS TRUST OFFICIALS

Following completion of their investigation a public meeting with senior members of the Devon Partnership NHS Trust took place in the Village Hall on 16 October 2012. During this meeting shortcomings in the execution of existing procedures within the Trust were acknowledged and firm assurances given that these problems were already being attended to. Lines of communication within the Trust were explained and possible scenarios for the future were discussed. The Trust promised to provide a list of contact telephone numbers for the community to use should the need arise.

Numerous contributions were made by parishioners expressing their concerns and these were answered or noted to inform future decision making. The Chief Executive had said that he apologised for unexpectedly not being able to attend but confirmed that he was available for future contact should that be requested. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Devon CC	-	new Devon Heritage Centre at the Devon Record Office.
EDDC	-	offer of empty sandbags - 200 delivered to Clerk.
	-	Police & Crime Commissioner Election 15th November.
Axminster DAPC		meeting Tuesday 30th October, 7.30 pm at Farway.
Western Power	-	consultation at Exeter 13th November 9.30 am.
PCSO Wooster	-	3 crimes since the last meeting: 2 thefts, (heating oil and church lead) and a cannabis warning.

5. PLANNING

EDDC Approval

Burrough, Lake Farm - agricultural building
May, Greendown House - extensions
Pearse, New House Farm - agricultural building extension
Strawbridge, Hill Mead - stable extension
Symington, Haccombe - extension

EDDC Refusal

Waterton Land Farm - workshop and garage (LBC)

Parish Council Planning Committee Approval

Pearse, New House Farm - agricultural building*
Strawbridge, Hill Mead - stable extension
Symington, Haccombe - extension
Pearse, Challenger Farm - agricultural building *
*subject to satisfactory surface water disposal

New Applications

Arend, Luggs Farm - barn & access track
Hamilton, Ford House - removal of modern extension etc.(LBC)
Burrough, Godworthy - agricultural building

Further to reference to an alleged unauthorised mobile home at the last meeting, EDDC had confirmed that a planning application had been received but that this had been returned to the applicant for further information. Chairman to speak to the Parish Councillor concerned.

Housing Development in Membury 2011-2026

Following attendance at an EDDC training course by Councillors Tennant, Foster and Yool, it was decided to send a questionnaire to every household in the parish. EDDC is undertaking a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) to identify land which could potentially be used to provide developments of 5 houses or more. Such sites have to meet various criteria, including being 0.15 ha (0.37 acre) or more. At present no such sites in Membury had been identified.

Parishioners were asked whether this was acceptable or if not to suggest suitable sites. 28 forms had been returned by 26th October. 24 were in favour of no such development, 4 against. A public meeting will be held in November, after which the results of the survey and the Parish Council's response will be communicated to EDDC.

6. FINANCE

Payments for Approval		£
702	Audit Commission fee	144.00
703	Hall hire	12.00
704	Membury PCC - flag donation	20.00
705	Clerk's Expenses	30.99
706	R. Martin - war memorial & car park	70.00

6. FINANCE continued.....

Balances at 30th September, 2012	£
General Funds	4,724.49
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>
	13,706.94

Parishes Together Grant

It was decided to join Axminster Town Council and some other parishes in passing the grant to the Ring & Ride Service. Councillor Moulding said that the Axminster Town Clerk would deal with the administration.

The Audit Commission had certified the Parish Council's annual return.
The statutory notice was displayed on the notice board.

7. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:-

Potholes: James's Lane, Cott Lane, New House Farm entrance,
between Webble Green and Godworthy and on Greendown.
Surface breaking up and subsidence on Policeman's Hill.

Highways Correspondence

Devon CC - the Parish Council would have to pay for replacing missing fingerposts.

Mr. B.Hoare, County Council Highway Superintendent, is to retire in November.
Councillor Moulding agreed to bring his successor, Mr. R.Brown, to Membury.
A parishioner had sent copies of correspondence and photographs concerning
damaged hedgebanks. Councillor Moulding said that he and Councillor Diviani
were pursuing the matter.

8. FOOTPATHS

Mr. Watkins had resigned as Membury's Footpath Warden due to pressure of work.
Mr. W.Foster agreed to take over.
Annual survey to be returned to Devon CC by 13th February.

9. PLAYING FIELD

New equipment to be installed in the New Year.

10. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Keys to siren cabinet had been distributed to keyholders. Councillor Tasker had
made keyfobs which included instructions for use.

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

SHLAA consultation

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4th December at 7.30 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. D. Burrough reported that the village hall locks would be changed.

Mrs. D.Hosking asked whether any progress had been made concerning a defibrillator.
Clerk to contact Dalwood Parish Council again.

Mr. K. Pearse said that the saturated ground conditions meant that flooding was possible.