

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 4th December, 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: H.Tennant (Chairman), Mrs. D.Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs. D.Burrough, W.Foster, P.Pearse, A.Tasker, N.Yool and 8 Parishioners

APOLOGIES: Miss S.Little, K.Pearse, A.Moulding (Devon CC), P.Diviani (EDDC) and PCSO A.Wooster

1. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on 26th October, 2012 were confirmed and signed as correct.
2. **MATTERS ARISING**
Meetings with Devon Partnership NHS Trust officials - the court case involving the person concerned had been adjourned until January. The Chairman had sent a letter confirming details of the meeting to Trust officials.
Defibrillator - Clerk had liaised with Clerk of Dalwood PC. It was suggested to raise the matter with the Red Cross when the First Aid course had been organised.
3. **CORRESPONDENCE**
Devon County Council - Mobile Library time change.
Mrs. S. Dare - dog fouling
PCSO Wooster - 1 theft of heating oil since the last meeting.
4. **PLANNING**
EDDC Approval
Hamilton, Ford House - removal of modern extension etc. (LBC)
R. Pearse, Challenger Farm - agricultural building

Parish Council Planning Committee Approval
Arend, Luggs Farm - barn and access track
Burrough, Godworthy Farm - agricultural building*
*Mrs. D.Burrough had declared her personal interest and took no part in the consultation process.

New Applications
Dyer, Crawley Farm - livestock building (retrospective)
Arend, Luggs Farm - barn and access track (amended plan)
K. Pearse, New House Farm - covered yard.

EDDC Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Consultation
Parishioners had returned 42 questionnaires.
34 households were in favour of EDDC's current policy of not identifying any SHLAA sites which could be used for developments of 5 or more dwellings in Membury Parish.
7 disagreed and felt that such developments could make the community, school, shop, church and other services more viable.
1 household did not tick either box.
1 household said that a person was looking for a home in Membury
Nobody was looking for business premises in Membury.

EDDC's Strategic Housing continued.....

A public meeting was held in the Village Hall on Friday, 23rd November.

A vote at the end of the meeting was overwhelmingly in favour of EDDC's current policy.

2 parishioners indicated that they may apply for SHLAA sites in the future, one at the old chicken farm at the top of Lewsley Lane and one above Kinders. Neither site appeared to meet the SHLAA criteria (proximity to services, avoidance of sites within areas known to flood etc.)

It was agreed to support EDDC's policy of identifying no SHLAA sites in Membury Parish. However EDDC should be reminded of the aims of Membury's Parish Plan and Village Design Statement - particularly "to maintain the rural character of the parish allowing for some limited development of affordable and sheltered housing to meet the local needs". EDDC had granted a short extension of the closing date to allow consideration of this matter at this meeting.

East Devon Local Plan 2006-2026 Consultation: pages107-108, Membury linked with All Saints, Chardstock and Yarcombe for the assessment of affordable housing need.

EDDC Community Infrastructure Priorities Consultation

It was agreed that roads, flood prevention and drainage were the main priorities.

Unauthorised mobile home - the Chairman had spoken to the Councillor concerned, who was under the impression that a planning application had been re-submitted.

5. FINANCE

Payments for Approval	£
707 Axminster Printing - SHLAA questionnaires and siren key fobs.	42.00
708 J.Wallace - playing field	235.00
709 B. Griffin - typing	50.00
710 Society of Clerks	48.00

Balances at 31st October, 2012	£
General Funds	4,724.75
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>
Total	13,707.20

2012/13 Budget Review

Expenditure had been largely in line with expectations despite some unbudgeted sums including donations to Membury Merrymakers towards Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the Church towards the cost of a new flag, notice board repairs and the Blackdown Hills Parish Network.

FINANCE continued.....

2013/14 Budget and Precept

EDDC requires notification by 18th January 2013.

It was agreed to set next year's budget at £3,500, the same as the current year and less than 2009/10 and 2010/11.

The Clerk granted dispensation to all Councillors (apart from himself) to vote on this matter. Under the new Code of Conduct it is illegal for Councillors, as Council Tax payers, to vote without such dispensation.

6. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

Potholes on Greendown and outside Uphay Farm.

Flood damage on Beckford Lane and at Beckford Bridge.

Mr. Foster reported on a Blackdown Hills highways meeting he had attended with Mrs. J. Simmonds. It was agreed that participation at these meetings should be continued.

Mr. Foster offered to replace the missing arms from signposts.

It was agreed to pay for materials as the County Council had advised they had no funds for this purpose.

7. FOOTPATHS

Devon CC had supplied some new maps but there would be no grant money for 2013/14.

A small team had been assembled for checking all paths.

UV film for the notice board had been purchased.

8. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Mr. Tasker reported on a meeting held on 27th November to review actions needed following flooding on 21st and 24th November. The Minutes of the meeting are attached.

The Chairman opened the discussion to allow non-Councillor parishioners to participate.

Mr. Clemens offered his home as a base station where people could ring for help.

Mrs. Robson, Mr. Yapp and Mr. Down asked to be added to the autodialler list.

It was suggested that people at risk should advise neighbours when they were going away and where they kept their flood defence materials.

Mr. Thomas asked for permission to make a channel into the Parish Council owned car park - this was agreed.

Mr. Down reported broken drainage pipes at the base of the siren.

Mr. Dodd suggested that the camber of the village street should be adjusted the next time it is resurfaced and that some flood scheme covers should be replaced by grilles.

It was suggested to add a flood warning to the Church's new resident welcome pack.

Clerk to ask EDDC/Devon CC to make the grille at the bottom of Policeman's Hill more effective - much of the water misses it at present.

Mr. Robson thanked the Parish Council for its efforts on flood prevention.

9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

First Aid Course

10. DATES OF 2013 MEETINGS

Tuesdays

5th February, 19th March,
23rd April (Annual Parish Meeting)
21st May (AGM)
2nd July, 20th August
8th October, 3rd December - all at 7.30 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Hosking reported potholes and flood damage on Beckford Lane.