

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 5th February, 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT H.Tennant (Chairman), Mrs. D.Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs. D.Burrough, W.Foster, A.Tasker, P.Pearse, N.Yool, Devon CC Councillor A.Moulding and one parishioner.

APOLOGIES: Miss S.Little, K.Pearse

1. THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 4th December 2012 were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING

The court case concerning the Membury resident detained under the Mental Health Act had been deferred until 8th February.

Councillors felt compromised regarding consideration of planning applications while a Councillor was living in a mobile home without seeking planning permission.

The Councillor concerned agreed to withdraw from Council business until the matter was resolved.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Axminster DAPC : Request for Membury to host 30th April meeting - refreshments needed.

"What's on" website - open to advertise village events.

EDDC : request for EDDC Chairman to attend 19th March meeting.

The Chairman and Mrs. Burrough reported on a recent DAPC meeting.

4. PLANNING

EDDC Approval:

Burrough, Godworthy - agricultural building

Pearse, New House Farm - covered yard

Arend, Luggs Farm - barn and access track

Dyer, Crawley Farm - livestock building (retrospective)

Parish Council Planning Committee Approval:

Burrough, Lake Farm - extension

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

Mr. B.Staines - the owner of the land behind the Village Shop - had written to EDDC asking for his field to be considered as a site suitable for residential development. Clerk to write to Mr. Staines outlining the Council's concerns regarding flooding.

"Fight for Feniton's Future" campaign - a planning inspector had rejected EDDC's view that there was a six year supply of land suitable for housing development. It was said that this will make it much harder for EDDC to refuse applications for such development. Councillor Moulding reported that one reason for this situation was the delay in development of the new town Cranbrook, which was now proceeding rapidly.

5. FINANCE

Payments for Approval:	£
711 W.Foster - footpath notice board materials	22.00
712 W.Foster - materials to replace 3 missing fingerposts	40.00
713 Membury P.O. - EA meeting refreshments	17.50

Balances at 31st December, 2012	£
General Funds	4,287.52
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>581.50</u>
	13,466.50

EDDC had advised that our 2013/14 precept would be reduced to £3,343 to take account of a Council Tax Discount Grant of £157.

A VAT refund of £432.50 had been obtained.

EDDC had approved a joint Axminster Town Council/Membury Parish Council application for a "Parishes Together" grant in respect of the Ring and Ride service.

6. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

Blocked ditch between Webble Green and Godworthy Farm entrance.

Potholes:

Hunthay Lane (Axminster Parish) James's Lane, Beckford Lane, Cott Lane, Greendown, Moneypit Lane, Yarty Farm entrance off Kilmington- Stockland road and on the Membury-Axminster road near the top of Lewsley Lane.

Grit bins need filling.

Blocked culvert between Springfield and Hallendale.

Highways Correspondence

Devon CC - Longbridge to North Grays road closed 11 - 15 February.

Unable to salt Longbridge Hill - Councillor Moulding to investigate.

May Gurney - Chaplecroft road closed 19 - 21 March.

Northleigh PC - concerns with lengthsman service. Councillor Moulding reported that this was under review.

Devon CC - Axminster police had contacted Neighbourhood Highway Officer Richard Brown following complaints of road closure to allow hedge work. "It is illegal for anyone to close or obstruct the public highway without the relevant authority....if this happens again it should in the first place be reported to the police.... also to the My Devon team on 0845 155 1004".

Blackdown Hills Parish Network Transport & Highways Action Group - consultation on issue priorities. It was agreed that the Chairman, Clerk, Mr. Foster and Mrs. Simmonds should complete the questionnaire on Membury's behalf.

7. FOOTPATHS

Annual returns to be completed by 13th February.

Footpath Warden Mr. Foster suggested that an updated walk leaflet should be produced. He had repaired the display cabinet containing the footpath map in the car park.

A pedestrian gate was needed on FP23 at East Membury Farm.

Finger post missing from FP31, Hares Farm.

Flood damage to FP's 10 and 42 alongside River Yarty.

Safety rail missing on FP11 bridge.

8. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Mr. Tasker reported that more flooding occurred on the evening of 25th January. The siren had not sounded and it was felt that the trigger point for the siren should be 1.75m and that for the autodialler 1.40 m. He had updated the Emergency Plan, adding 6 names to the autodialler list and one property to the At Risk list.

A meeting was held with new EA officer Tony Levey on 29th January.

A proposal by the owners of Battens and Westerly to create a concrete channel, at their own expense, to carry flood water on the eastern and southern sides of the car park was approved.

Miss Little was thanked for distributing bags of salt during the recent icy weather. It was agreed that she should claim for the cost of fuel.

Mrs. S.Clemens was thanked for providing refreshments to those dealing with the flooding.

9. FIRST AID COURSE

Mr. Martin had established that Membury was on the Red Cross waiting list and that the course should proceed shortly. Councillor Moulding reported that he had attended recently an excellent course run by Ian Hutchings of Moorland First Aid.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

EDDC Chairman's visit.

First Aid Course

11. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesdays

19th March, 23rd April (Annual Parish Meeting)

21st May (AGM), 2nd July, 20th August, 8th October
and 3rd December.

All at 7.30 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. F. Pearse said that he thought that a condition of planning consent for the new dwelling at Waterhouse was that the old bungalow must be demolished. The Chairman explained that permission had been granted to convert this into a garage.