

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the
Village Hall on Tuesday, 19th March, 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

The Chairman called for a short period of silence in memory of the late Diana Byrde, Parish Councillor 1978 - 2003, Chairman 1985 - 1991.

PRESENT H.Tennant (Chairman), Mrs. D.Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs. D.Burrough, W.Foster, P.Pearse, A.Tasker, N.Yool, EDDC Chairman Councillor Peter Halse and 2 Parishioners.

APOLOGIES Miss S.Little, K.Pearse, Councillors Moulding and P.Diviani and PCSO Amanda Wooster.

1. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on 5th February, 2013 were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

At Exeter Crown Court the Membury resident detained under the Mental Health Act in April 2012 was ordered to be detained at a mental health hospital, having been rated as a danger to the public. He would not be released without the consent of the Secretary of State for Justice and would not be allowed to return home without consultation with fellow residents.

A planning application had been submitted to regularise the living arrangements of the Parish Councillor who had withdrawn from Council business at the previous meeting. He was, therefore, able to attend this meeting and resume his duties as a Councillor.

DAPC meeting 30th April - refreshments to be provided.

Mr. B.Staines had replied to the Clerk's letter about his field behind the Village Shop. He hoped that whoever was using the field would cut the boundary hedge. Clerk to confirm with Mr. Staines.

3. **VISIT OF EDDC CHAIRMAN PETER HALSE**

Mr. Halse apologised for the recent allegations in the national press concerning EDDC Councillor Graham Brown. The matter had been referred to the police by the EDDC Monitoring Officer but it was not thought that Councillor Brown was in a position to subvert the planning process.

The Local Plan would be submitted in May which would clear up recent confusion concerning the 5 year supply of housing land in East Devon.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

EDDC - Community Safety Partnership : contact wanted.

Mr. J.Tuck - Membury sewer to be investigated for possible blockage.

PCSO Wooster - 1 crime since last meeting - attempted theft from motor vehicle.

Dr. David Evans - Intention to retire on 10th April - it was agreed to offer up to £100 for refreshments at the Annual Parish Meeting at which there would be a presentation to Dr. Evans. The date and time of the APM was changed to Saturday, 27th April at 7 p.m.

5. PLANNING

EDDC Approval:

Burrough, Lake Farm - extension

Parish Council Planning Committee Recommendation:

Pearse, Park Farm - agricultural dwelling.

Approval in principle, but it was felt that the proposed dwelling should be sited nearer the existing farmhouse and farm buildings.

New Applications

Yates-Hayes, 3 Heath Common - garage conversion

Davis, Long Orchard, Furley - porch

6. FINANCE

Payments for Approval

	£
714 Playdale - Playing Field Equipment	1,177.80
715 Hall Hire	19.75
716 Devon Air Ambulance	100.00
717 Membury Merrymakers	300.00
718 Citizens Advice Bureau	50.00
719 Playing Field Rent	20.00

Balances at 28th February, 2013

General Funds	4,050.21
Clerk's Salary Contingency	6,000.00
Footpath Funds	2,186.81
Parish Plan Grant	22.80
Flood Grant	<u>387.64</u>
	12,647.46

7. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon C.C.:

Potholes:

James's Lane - Councillor Halse offered to contact County Council officer Mr. L. Wilmington.

Greendown: On Membury-Axminster road near the top of Lewsley Lane.

Between Rock Mill and the war memorial.

Westwards from Furley Cross

Northwards from Longbridge Cross.

The Stockland arm had fallen off the signpost at Longbridge Cross.

Highway Correspondence

Devon CC : Lengthsmen due on 11-12 April and 9-10 July (2 men for 1.5 days each time).

8. FOOTPATHS

The Footpath Warden Councillor Foster reported that the County Council had agreed to pay for repairs to damaged bridges.

Progress had been made on producing a new walk leaflet.

9. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Councillors Tasker and Yool had met with EDDC Street Scene Manager Tim Harris who had agreed to replace some flood scheme covers with grilles and to install a grille at the mouth of the pipe at Newhouse Farm entrance, subject to funds being available in the 2013/14 budget.

Councillor Tasker was thanked for updating the Emergency Plan after recent flooding. The siren trigger had been lowered to 1.75m, the autodialler sequence amended and the autodialler trigger lowered to 1.3 m. The amended plan was adopted.

The filter strip to the north of Bond's Lane and the fact that Bond's Lane was overgrown had reduced the speed of run-off and thus reduced the risk of flooding. With the knowledge gained from the exceptional conditions in 2012 and early 2013 it was felt that landscaping work in the fields above Bond's Lane to divert or hold back floodwater was no longer a priority. In any case there were no funds available for such work. Councillors Tasker and Yool to see concerned resident Mr. J.Tuck.

10. PLAYING FIELD

At the recent AGM Mr. J. Stevenson retired as Chairman and a new committee was formed. Councillors thanked Mr. Stevenson for all his work over the years, particularly seeing the new equipment project to its conclusion. The playing field had passed its ROSPA safety check. It was agreed that Mr. J.Wallace should continue to cut the grass and that the Parish Council would pay for this in the 2013/14 financial year.

11. FIRST AID COURSE

Mr. Martin had made progress and the date of the course would be announced shortly.

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Annual election of officers at AGM.

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Saturday 27th April	-	Annual Parish Meeting and Dr. Evans presentation 7p.m.
Tuesdays 21st May	-	Annual General Meeting
2nd July		
20th August		
8th October		
3rd December		all at 7.30 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. K. Hosking pointed out that the floodwater at Battens had come from the east, not down the street.