

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBURY
PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 21st May, 2013 at
7.30pm**

PRESENT: H. Tennant (Chairman), Mrs. D. Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs. D. Burrough, W.Foster, Miss S.Little, K.Pearse, P.Pearse, A.Tasker, N.Yool, and 2 Parishioners.

APOLOGIES: Councillor A.Moulding (Devon CC). P.Diviani (EDDC) and PCSO Amanda Wooster

- 1. Election of Chairman:** H. Tennant
- 2. Election of Vice Chairman:** Mrs. D.Troake
- 3. Appointment of Clerk:** N. Yool. Mr Yool indicated his intention to retire in May 2015. Several other Councillors said that they were unlikely to stand at the May 2015 election.
- 4. Appointment of representatives:**

Village Hall:	Mrs D.Burrough
Playing Field:	P. Pearse
Charities:	H. Tennant
Emergency Officer:	Miss S. Little
Planning Committee:	H. Tennant
	A Tasker
	W Foster
	Mrs D. Burrough
- 5. THE MINUTES** of meeting held on 19th March 2013 were confirmed and signed as correct.

6. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk had spoken to Mr. Staines who was satisfied with the arrangement that Mr.N. Warren would have the use of his field behind the village shop and be responsible for the hedges.

A most successful event was held after the Annual Parish Meeting to mark the retirement of Membury's G.P., Dr David Evans.

A First Aid course was held on 27th April – participants reported that it was both useful and enjoyable. There may be another course in the autumn. The Village Hall Chairman had written to say the hall would be made available at no charge again.

7. CAR PARK

It was brought to the attention of Councillors that Mr Down and Mr Thomas, who had sought permission to create a shallow drainage channel along the eastern and southern boundaries of the car park, had changed their plans. They confirmed that

they wished to dig a deep trench and break into the EDDC culvert in the street. Councillors attended a site meeting and advised the gentlemen concerned that they would need permission from EDDC to break into the culvert and that a deep, open trench was not acceptable. EDDC granted permission, the work was undertaken and the trench filled in. Concerns were raised regarding the future maintenance of this scheme, particularly if the householders were to move. Chairman to see a local solicitor.

On 14th May the driver of a large Portuguese articulated lorry attempted to turn in the car park entrance. Damage was sustained to the railings. It was agreed that Mr.Wallace and Mr.Martin should repair and paint the railings – also the ones below the war memorial. Clerk to pursue the Portuguese transport company.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- EDDC-County Council election material. Councillor Moulding was re-elected.
- Community Council of Devon – invitation to join: agreed
- Blackdown Hills Parish Network – AGM 24th May 7.30pm
- CPRE – How to improve travel choices
- Dr. David Evans – thank you for presentation evening
- EDDC – Membury tree walk Monday 3rd June 6.30pm
- PCSO Amanda Wooster – 1 crime since last meeting, theft of cider press. She will be in the Village Shop on Friday 24th May

9. PLANNING

EDDC Approval:

- Davis, Long Orchard, Furley – porch
- Heeler, Quakers – heat pump (LBC)
- Johnson, Twist Farm – agricultural building
- Yates-Hayes, 3 Heath Common – garage conversion

Parish Council Planning Committee recommendation of refusal:

- Waterton, Land Farm – workshop and garage. It was felt that the new application did not address Planning Committee members objections to the previous application. It was felt that the mass of the proposed 2 storey garage was inappropriate because of its proximity to the listed farmhouse and that run-off from the proposed building could cause problems to the watercourse nearby.
- Hurford, land south of Playstreet – agricultural building. It was felt that the proposed building would block the extensive views from the Membury-Axminster road. The Parish Council had negotiated successfully recently with BT for overhead cables to be removed at the site for this reason.

Considered at the meeting:

- Foster, Beckford Farm – ground mounted solar panels. The Planning Committee agreed to undertake a site visit.

10 FINANCE

Councillors approved the 2012/13 accounts which were largely in line with the budget figures.

Year end (31 st March) balance:	£
General Funds	3,501.05
Clerk's Salary Contingency	6,000.00
Footpath Funds	2,186.81
Parish Plan Grant	22.80
Flood Grant	<u>387.64</u>
Total	12,098.30

Payments for approval:

720	Clerk's expenses	59.66
721	DALC Subscription	112.20
722	Playsafety – Inspection Fee	120.00
723	Hall Hire	14.50
724	Axminster DAPC	10.00
725	Membury PO - AGM refreshments	92.50
726	Community first – insurance	199.59
727	Clerk's expenses	48.97
728	Membury School Prize	30.00
729	Community Council of Devon	50.00

11.HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

- Potholes: James's Lane, Greendown, to the west of Furley Cross and on the hill leading up from the Village Shop towards Furley.
- It was reported that 2 lakes had formed on Goyle Acre Land where the County Council had placed road planings
- Drain covers at Newhouse Farm entrance broken
- New wall at Haycroft, Lewley Lane, possibly encroaching onto road.

Highways Correspondence

- Road Closure Order Membury Street 27th – 30th May to allow sewer survey
- Councillor Moulding – suggested dates for meeting with Highway Superintendent to discuss vehicle damage to properties in Rock etc.
- Mr K. Goodman – suggested weight restriction on James's Lane

12. FOOTPATHS

Letter of thanks from Mr & Mrs M Capper of East Membury farm for a new gate.

Footpath warden Mr W. Foster reported that he and 2 officers from the County Council had inspected FPs 3 and 7. They were shocked by the mess surrounding FP7.

Work was progressing on a walks leaflet

There would be no County Council grant until Membury's footpath balance fell below £500 – currently £2,186.81

13. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Several emails from parishioner and retired local government officer Mr J.Tuck were discussed. Mr Tuck was trying to identify funding for flood prevention work although the Parish Council had been advised by the Environment Agency that none would be forthcoming. He suggested some changes to the Membury Emergency Plan, particularly regarding Flood Wardens and liaison with the authorities.

14. PLAYING FIELD

A new committee had been formed:

Chairman: Elanor Jemison

Treasurer: Rose Shepherd

Members: Drew Yapp, Joy White, Sarah Tennant

Marilyn Burrough, Sarah Ward and Jakki Henderson would also like to be involved.

15. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Apologies from Councillors Mrs. D.Troake and W.Foster.

16. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesdays: 2nd July, 20th August, 8th October and 3rd December at 7.30pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr D. Dodd raised several issues concerning flooding. Mr Yool agreed to take County Councillor Andrew Moulding and Highway Superintendent Richard Brown to see him. Mr Dodd was advised to see Mr J Tuck (see item 13 above).