

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the
Village Hall on Tuesday, 8th OCTOBER, 2013 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: H. Tennant (Chairman), Mrs. D. Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs. D. Burrough, W. Foster, K. Pearse, P. Pearse, N. Yool, Councillor P. Diviani (EDDC) and 1 Parishioner.

APOLOGIES: Councillor A. Moulding (Devon CC), PCSO Amanda Wooster, Miss S. Little, and A. Tasker

1. THE MINUTES of meeting held on 20th August 2013 were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Damaged Water Trough: repairs complete, awaiting compensation.

Rural Services Network Petition: petition sent to Graham Stuart, MP.
Parliamentary debate to take place on 10th October.

Blocked Sewer: South West Water to provide an update on 11th October.

Councillor Little had collected the sandbags from EDDC.

Newhouse Farm site visit had not taken place – to be arranged in the next few days. EDDC officers had instructed their contractor to visit.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

EDDC – By election cost increase
- Working together meeting Friday 11th October 9.30-2.30
- Small business Saturday 7th December

Councillor Diviani – Budget cuts

Community Council of Devon – confirmation of membership.

Community Council of Devon – Affordable Housing meeting Wednesday 13th
November 6.30pm

Blackdown Hills – Funding Fair Tuesday 22nd October 6pm
General Meeting Wednesday 13th November 7.30pm

Devon CC – New Fare Car operator

DALC - New NALC model standing orders. These were adopted.

PCSO Amanda Wooster – Horse trailer stolen from Membury.

4.PLANNING

EDDC Approval:

- Parris, Moxhayes – livestock building extension
- Smith, Sunnyside - extension.

Application withdrawn

- Hurford, land south of Playstreet – agricultural building

Parish Council Planning Committee recommendation of approval:

- Parris, Moxhayes – livestock building extension
- Smith, Sunnyside - extension.

Parish Council Planning Committee recommendation of refusal:

- Hurford, former Tolcis Tip – change of land use (retrospective). It was felt that the narrow access lane was totally inadequate for the large lorries required.

Planning Correspondence

EDDC Planning training session arranged for 3rd October postponed until mid November.

- Enforcement officers had investigated building work at Oxenways and concluded that this constituted permitted development
- Planning permission for clay pigeon shooting at High Lea not required if this does not exceed 28 days in any calendar year

4. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The next stage is to complete the Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area form.

5. FINANCE

Payments for approval:

	£
738 J. Wallace – footpaths	427.00
739 J. Wallace – playing fields	290.00
740 J. Wallace – water trough repair	249.50
741 Hall hire	12.00
242 R. Martin – war memorial posts	75.00
243 N. Yool – clerk’s expenses	41.00
744 R. Martin – car park & war memorial	100.00

Balances at 30th September 2013

General Funds	5,180.22
Clerk’s Salary Contingency	6,000.00
Footpath Funds	1,639.81
Flood Grant	<u>387.64</u>
Total	13,207.67

Councillors Tennant and Yool had attended a meeting at Axminster Guildhall to discuss the Parishes Together grant with other parishes. Suggestions included the Ring and Ride services, a mental health charity and the community project to buy the Kings Arms, Stockland. It was agreed to contribute £50 to the Kings Arms project, the remainder to be divided between Ring & Ride and the mental health charity.

Half Year Budget Review

Budget figures were compared to actual expenditure at 30th September and were found to be in line, apart from some exceptional items such as repairs to the car park railings and the water trough at the top of the village street. We had been compensated for the railings and were awaiting reimbursement for the trough repair.

6. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

- Case Bridge – damaged parapet
- Bedlam Lane, west of Furley Cross – potholes, water lying
- Court Place Farm Ford and Yarty Farm entrance bridge – rails missing
- Potholes – Butcher’s Hill, Lewsley Lane

7. FOOTPATHS

Footpath Warden, Mr Foster, reported on various works in progress including replacement of stiles with gates, foliage clearance and the investigation of a tree which had been planted on FP42, causing an obstruction.

8. EMERGENCY PLANNING

The Parish Clerk had been copied into correspondence between parishioners and the Environment Agency, including a request to change the position of the flood warning sensor, which had been refused.

9. PLAYING FIELD

Nothing to report.

10. CAR PARK

The Land Registry had turned down the Parish Council’s appeal and the title remains possessory, not absolute. Conversion can be applied for after 12 years.

A letter had been received from Mr. A Davies of St George’s Cottage, whose family keeps up to 5 cars in the car park. He says: “I am quite prepared to make a financial contribution to the maintenance cost providing everyone else does”. It was agreed that the Clerk would write an article in the Mercury asking for volunteer work parties. It was felt that local residents should remove their vehicles during such occasions as weddings, funerals and pantomime shows.

11. WORLD WAR ONE 100th ANNIVERSARY COMMENORATION

It was felt that this should be a project for all Membury organisations including the Parish Council, Merrymakers, School and History Society.

Clerk to ask Mr J. Wallace to fix a second hook on the war memorial for a Parish Council wreath,

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

World War One 100th Anniversary Commemoration.

13. DATES OF 2014 MEETINGS: to be arranged. Next meeting: 3rd December at 7.30pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs D. Burrough agreed to continue as the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.