

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the
Village Hall on Tuesday, 3rd December 2013 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: H. Tennant (Chairman), Miss S. Little, P. Pearse, N. Yool,
Councillor A. Moulding (Devon CC), and 2 Parishioners.

APOLOGIES: Mrs. D. Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs D. Burrough, W. Foster,
K. Pearse, A. Tasker, Councillor P. Diviani (EDDC) and PCSO
Amanda Wooster

1. THE MINUTES of meeting held on 8th October 2013 were confirmed and signed
as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Damaged Water Trough: £249.50 cheque received from highways contractor.

Blocked Sewer: no notification of action from South West Water.

Newhouse Farm - site visit had taken place and work had commenced. Further
work needed to shore up new bank and improve drainage.

Car Park – no response yet to an article in the recently published Membury
Mercury suggesting that regular users might like to undertake some of the routine
maintenance on a voluntary basis.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- Devon CC – mobile library consultation. Membury service to continue.
- EDDC
 - By election cost increase
 - Working Together meeting Friday 11th October 9.30-2.30
 - Small Business Saturday 7th December
- Community Council of Devon – Energy Best Deal campaign.
- Harlequin/BT – intention to install broadband equipment.
- PCSO Amanda Wooster – 3 crimes since last meeting: criminal damage to gates,
theft of trailer (2 arrests) and one injury by dog.
- Blackdown Hills – Nature funding in Blackdown Hills AONB.
- CPRE – improve travel choices.

It had been reported that there had been a marked increase in clay pigeon shooting
at High Lea. Councillor Moulding to raise the issue with Axminster Town
Council.

4. PLANNING

EDDC Approval:

- Hurford, former Tolcis Tip – change of land use
- Hurford, land south of Stone Cottage – agricultural building (Axminster
Parish).

Parish Council Planning Committee recommendation of approval:

- Arend, Luggs Farm – barn conversion (LBC)
- Pearse, Park Farm – agricultural dwelling (new plan).

Parish Council Planning Committee objection in principle:

- Riley, Twist Farm Cottage – replacement dwelling

New Application:

- Gawne-Caine, Gappers Farm – replacement windows (LBC)

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.

Neighbourhood Planning

EDDC Senior Planning Officer Claire Rodway had given persuasive reasons for completing the application form. Grant money would be available for 5 years, giving a future Parish Council (election 2015) the opportunity to proceed even if no action is taken by the current Council. The offer to conduct the work by the Blackdown Hills parishes still stands. Clerk to apply.

Councillors Tennant, Tasker and Yool had attended the planning section of the annual EDDC meeting with Town and Parish Councils. They were informed that from April 2014 EDDC would no longer send paper copies of planning applications. This will necessitate the purchase of IT equipment, including an overhead projector, to enable plans to be seen by the Planning Committee. Grants are available from “Awards for All”. Councillor Tasker is liaising with the Village Hall Committee and Membury Merrymakers to ensure such equipment would be used by the wider community. It may be necessary to install a telephone line in the village hall.

5. FINANCE

Payments for approval:

	£
745 J. Wallace – playing field	105.00
Balances at 31 st October 2013	
General Funds	4,952.49
Clerk’s Salary Contingency	6,000.00
Footpath Funds	1,639.81
Flood Grant	<u>387.64</u>
Total	12,979.94

A decision would be required soon regarding the “Parishes Together Grant”. Awaiting information from Axminster Town Council regarding the Ring and Ride scheme.

Finance Correspondence

- EDDC – Council Tax Support (Reduction) scheme
- Society of Local Council Clerks – consideration of abolishing the two signatures on cheques rule.

6. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

- Potholes: Bedlam Lane, Waybeers
- Water lying: north of Star Cross – Mr F Pearse had agreed to talk to the landowner, Mrs P Bond.

Highways Correspondence

Devon CC - Highways Budget Review

- Safety Awareness Training, Rockbeare, 19th December
- Management Structure (this was thought to be top heavy, and that salaries would be better spent on maintenance workers)
- 2012 storm impact

7. FOOTPATHS

Footpath Warden Councillor Foster had attended a County Council footpaths session and learnt that there would be further spending cuts. However 6 gates had been provided.

8. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Devon Local Flood Management Strategy Consultation.

EDDC Flood History Questionnaire- to be completed by Clerk

Siren to be tested shortly – warning notices to be displayed and nearby residents will be contacted by email.

Another First Aid course would be arranged if 10 or more people are interested.

9. WORLD WAR ONE 100th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

Ms R Robson was leading the Local History Society's project and liaising with the school.

Awaiting the appointment of new Merrymakers Chairman.

To be considered when setting 2014/15 precept.

Councillor Moulding to provide poppy seed – Clerk to contact PCC Secretary.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Clay Pigeon Shooting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr K Hosking reported that he would contact the MP having had an unsatisfactory response from the County Council regarding his complaint concerning misleading HGV signs on the Axminster/Membury road.