

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the
Village Hall on Tuesday, 28th January 2014 at 7.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: Mrs. D. Troake (Vice Chairman), P. Pearse, Councillors A. Moulding (Devon CC) and P. Diviani (EDDC) and PCSO Amanda Wooster

1. THE MINUTES of meeting held on 3rd December 2013 were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- Blocked Sewer: Mr D Pateman, SWW engineer, puts in a request for funding every month – unsuccessful so far.
- Newhouse Farm entrance – Clerk to remind EDDC.
- IT equipment for planning committee – Councillor Tasker reported that Mr J. Swarbrick had kindly offered the use of his A3 printer.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- Councillor Hull – concern at bed reduction at Axminster Hospital.
- Devon Best Kept Village Competition
- Notice of public meeting concerning broadband – Upottery 7th February
- Devon Countryside Access Forum – recruitment of members
- Councillor Moulding – Axminster skateboard launch invitation
- PCSO Wooster – 2 attempted burglaries.

4. PLANNING

EDDC Approval:

- Pearse, Park Farm – agricultural dwelling (outline).
- Riley, Twist Farm Cottage – replacement dwelling (resubmission)
- Yates-Hayes, 3 Heath Common – fell one yew tree (TPO)
- Arend – Luggs Farm – barn conversion

EDDC refusal

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

New Application

- Tetlow – North Grays – innovative dwelling. Councillors felt that they were not qualified to pronounce on whether the quality of architecture was enough to outweigh other considerations such as the very poor access to the site and precedents of new houses and access tracks having been refused in the past.

Planning Correspondence

EDDC – Draft Villages Development Plan Document consultation. Membury section mentions bus service – clerk to point out there is not one. No development

site identified due to need to protect high quality AONB landscape and constraints imposed by local topography and flood risk.

All Saints PC – copy of email to EDDC Planning Dept - expression of concern at the lack of attention given to local knowledge and comments.

EDDC – Development Management Committee to consider Folly Cottage holiday let application on 4th February. Planning Officer has recommended refusal.

EDDC – Consultation re proposed agricultural building south of Homeleigh (Axminster parish). It was agreed to support this application although concern was expressed at the impact of such clusters of large agricultural buildings on the AONB.

5. FINANCE

Payments for approval:

	£
746 Hall Hire	12.00
747 R. Martin – flood debris clearance	95.00
748 Society of Clerks	48.00
749 W Foster – footpaths	15.00
750 Clerk’s expenses	43.00

Balances at 31st December 2013

General Funds	5,087.53
Clerk’s Salary Contingency	6,000.00
Footpath Funds	1,639.81
Flood Grant	<u>387.64</u>
Total	13,124.98

£266.00 VAT claim had been submitted.

Parishes Together Grant. Closing date: 1st March for £1.10 per Membury elector. £1.10 x 420 = £462.

It was agreed that £50 should go to the Kings Arms Stockland community pub fund and the remainder to “the Project” – a mental health charity in Axminster. Clerk to liaise with Axminster Town Council.

2014/15 Precept

It was agreed to ask for £3,500. Provision may need to be made in the future for flood debris and culvert clearance if the County Council reduces its levels of service.

6. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

Potholes at Playstreet, Butcher’s Hill, Waybeers and below Godworthy entrance.

It was reported that a resident had blocked a channel off Church Lane – Councillor Burrough to investigate.

Highways Correspondence – DevonCC:

Gulley cleaning, lengthsman visits, routing patching and clearing of ditches and easements suspended until at least 31st March to allow staff to concentrate on recent storm damage.

Village street to be closed 7th -10th February for drainage work.

7. FOOTPATHS

Annual finance return to be submitted to Devon CC by 24th February.

Fallen tree removed and non-slip matting fitted to bridge on FP3 (Oxenways)

FP10 (Waterhouse) – 4 stiles need attention

FP25 (Webble Green) – damaged sign replaced.

Fps 22, 23 & 24 – new gates to be installed.

8. EMERGENCY PLANNING

No flooding of houses had been reported despite 220mm (8.67 ins) of rain in December and 251 mm (nearly 10 ins) in January so far. Volunteers had kept the outlet pipe from the collection pit at the southern end of Bonds Lane free of debris. Volunteering to be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

9. WORLD WAR ONE 100th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

To be considered at 3th February Membury Local History Society Committee meeting.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Blocked sewer

Newhouse farm entrance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr and Mrs B Foyster expressed their opposition to the planning application at North Grays.