

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the
Village Hall on Tuesday, 18th March 2014 at 7.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: Miss S. Little, K. Pearse, County Councillor A. Moulding

1. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on 28th January 2014 were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- Blocked Sewer - no progress.
- Newhouse Farm entrance – work should be carried out during the next 4 weeks.
- Annual Parish Meeting – Mr Tasker to lead on Neighbourhood Plan and mobile telephone mast.
- Church Lane drainage – Mrs Burrough had spoken to the resident concerned and resolved the matter.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- Councillor A. Moulding (Devon CC): Locality Budget - £400 grant available. It was agreed to ask for help with road drainage to the north of Star Cross.
- Dunkswell PC – Neighbourhood Planning meeting Monday 31st March 10am.
- Harlequin Ltd – intention to erect a mobile telephone mast in Membury. Meeting with Harlequin representatives was held on 27th February, who agreed to attend the annual parish meeting.
- Devon CC – invitation to funding meeting – Stockland 22th April 10-1. Community Council of Devon – request to attend July meeting to discuss affordable housing.

4. PLANNING

EDDC Approval:

- Steele, Folly cottage – holiday accommodation. Approved by Development Committee despite planning officer’s recommendation of refusal.

North Grays “innovative dwelling” – additional documentation had been submitted by the applicants. Available on the EDDC website.

Consultation - 24.8m wind turbine at Trebblehayes. Await a possible planning application

5. FINANCE

Payments for approval:

	£
751 Ring & Ride	50.00
752 Devon Air Ambulance	100.00

753 Membury Merry-makers	300.00
754 Citizens Advice Bureau	50.00
755 Playing Field rent	20.00
756 Clerk's expenses	31.98
Balances at 28 th February 2014	
General Funds	5,268.77
Clerk's Salary Contingency	6,000.00
Footpath Funds	1,624.81
Flood Grant	<u>292.64</u>
Total	13,186.22

VAT refund of £266.00 had been received.

2013/14 External Audit – return to be submitted by 9th June.

6. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

- Potholes at Yarty farm entrance, on Greendown, between Beckford Farm and Beckford Lane, Cott Lane, outside Waybeers (Rock), between Selah entrance and Chardstock Cross (Bewley Down), westwards and eastwards from Furley Cross, southwards from Longbridge Cross and between Newhouse Farm entrance and Clarence Cross. These sites would be included in the forthcoming highways inspection by County Councillor Andrew Moulding and Highways Officer Richard Brown.

Highways Correspondence

- Devon CC: “Unfortunately, with the significant backlog of work still being experienced, I cannot offer any timescales for repair of potholes.”

Councillor Moulding – tour of highway problems in Membury – Friday 11th April 2pm

7. FOOTPATHS

Mr. Foster reported that FP42 was partially obstructed by a newly planted tree. County Council Officers were investigating.

Mr. P. Pearse said that the surface of Goyle Acre Lane needed attention.

8. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Mr. Tasker reported that there had been no reports of surface water flooding despite continued record levels of rainfall throughout January and February. There had been some groundwater flooding in properties in Rock. It was agreed that the issue of volunteers / paid contractors should be addressed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

9. WW1 COMMEMORATION

Councillor Moulding had kindly provided several packets of poppy seeds. These had been distributed to various parishioners. It was agreed to ask Ms R Robson,

Chairman of Membury Local History Society, to speak about WW1 Commemoration at the annual Parish Meeting.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Election of Officers (AGM)

PUBLIC FORUM

PCSOs Amanda Wooster and Andy Trott said that no crimes had been reported in Membury since the last Council meeting, although there had been thefts from oil tanks nearby. Amanda was now working part time.