

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the **Village Hall** on **Tuesday 22nd April 2014** after the **Annual Parish Meeting**

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

APOLOGIES: Mrs. D. Troake (Vice Chairman)

This meeting was called to select consultants to assist with Membury's Neighbourhood Plan. This process would require technical expertise beyond the experience of Parish Councillors and Working Group members. The matter needed to be resolved urgently to allow for a grant application to be made and could not wait until the next scheduled Council meeting.

Councillors Tasker and Yool had attended meetings organised by Dunkeswell Parish Council and Axminster Town Council. The Dunkeswell meeting was attended by local consultants Stuart Todd and Paul Weston, the Axminster meeting by Action for Market Towns, based in Suffolk.

Although both sets of consultants were impressive and would have charged the same amount, Councillors Tasker and Yool recommended Mr. Todd and Mr Weston on the basis of their local knowledge and availability to attend meetings. The nearest Action for Market Towns representative lived in Hampshire.

This recommendation was accepted and it was agreed to employ Mr. Todd and Mr. Weston.