

**Membury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD STEERING GROUP  
16 July, 2014 AT 4.00 P.M. AT THE MEMBURY MEETING PLACE**

**Present:** Mark Burrough, Sam Dare, Jason Hawkes, Heather Pearce, Jeremy Wallace, John Watkins, Alex Tasker and Martin Parkes from Community Council of Devon

1. Apologies for Absence: Beryl Griffin, Nick Yool, Bryan Drew,
2. Alex welcomed Mark to Steering Group and Martin Parkes, responsible for preparing, posting and analysing the Questionnaire.

3. Firstly, we cleared the 2 outstanding questions. We agreed the wording should be:

Phone Mast: If you voted yes for either of the above are you prepared to accept the visual intrusion of a significant mast to achieve necessary coverage?

Farming: We recognise we live in a farming community which brings benefits and challenges to our community. What do you consider

1. the main benefits? .....
2. the main challenges? .....

4. We also agreed:-

- a. print run of 600
- b. two copies of each questionnaire with freepost return envelope to be sent by CCD to each household - approx 500 copies in total.
- c. The School has agreed to get KS2 pupils and staff to fill in the Questionnaire. We need 17 copies for the School on Monday (Tuesday latest). Martin to email press-ready copy to Alex and he or Jason will run them off at home and deliver to School.
- d. set return date for questionnaire to be 20th August 2014 - wanted a reasonable timescale in case people were away but not too far

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away as we then risked it being "put by for later".

- e. set up on-line completion (through Monkeysurvey) and extra copies (approx 100) available at Membury Post Office & Shop or downloaded from Parish web site [Alex to arrange with David Dodd]
- f. Martin to advise Alex web site address for monkeysurvey
- g. Alex to ask for link to questionnaire web site to be on Membury web site
- h. Membury questions to be merged within main questionnaire
- i. **NOTE: to keep Questionnaire to 8 sides, post meeting Alex agreed that Martin should combine the general questions on Walking and Cycling to one covering both (that is Q6 with 8 and Q7 with 9) and delete questions 10 & 11 plus para regarding "Splays" and delete Q23 - airfields.**

### 5. Eastern Group

Alex to attend the first Eastern group (Chardstock, Stockland, Yarcombe & us) on 22 July at Stockland VH 8.00pm

### 6.COMMUNICATIONS

Alex advised that had had unofficial feedback from sub-contractor that a mobile company (probably O<sub>2</sub>) had said they could offer coverage so Membury was no longer a "not-spot".

Outlined options for parish but after some discussion it was felt that improved mobile phone coverage was a current Parish Council responsibility and due to rate of technical change not feasible for us to define.

Our Plan should say no more than :-

"We are unable to predict future technology advances and therefore unable to prepare a 15 year plan. It is the responsibility of the parish Council to remain cognizant of developments in technology to secure the best advantage for the parish"

6. Next meeting: 23 July, 4pm at Meeting Place. Subject: Renewable Energy.