

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL** held in the  
**Village Hall on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.30pm**

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

**APOLOGIES:** K. Pearse, Councillors A. Moulding and P. Diviani.

**1. THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were confirmed and signed as correct.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

- Blocked Sewer – no progress. Mr J. Tuck had asked Mr Neil Parish MP to investigate.
- Newhouse entrance – EDDC had installed a 9 inch culvert.
- Mobile telephone coverage – no progress.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Devon CC – broadband speed improvement
  - A30 & A303 exhibition in Chard 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Membury Primary School – swimming pool closure. Clerk to ask for a stay of execution to give time for finding a way of saving the pool.
- Stockland PC – defibrillator. It was agreed to contact doctors at Axminster Medical Practice for advice.

**4. PLANNING**

Parish Council Planning Committee and EDDC Approval:

- Taylor & Hawkes, Red Lion – extension and alterations
- Stanbury, Bracken – extension.

Still awaiting EDDC decision:

- Johnson, Trebblehayes – wind turbine.

It was agreed to make a site visit at Challenger Farm to check on agricultural building construction.

Clerk to check on conditions of consent for Waterhouse planning application.

**5. FINANCE**

Payments for approval:	£
765 CPRE subscription	36.00
766 Membury PO – Neighbourhood Plan	320.89
767 A. Tasker re court transcript	31.68
768 J. Wallace – footpaths and playing field	438.00
769 R. Martin – car park and war memorial	125.00

770 Axminster Printing - NP	12.72
771 Hall hire	40.50
772 N. Yool – Clerks expenses	82.12
773 Membury School Prize	30.00
774 Mrs S. Winskill – NP	10.00
775 CCD – Neighbourhood Plan	30.00
776 CCD – Subscription	24.00
777 W. Foster – footpaths	22.70

#### Balances at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014

General Funds	5,632.90
Clerk’s Salary Contingency	6,000.00
Footpath Funds	1,360.81
Flood Grant	292.64
Neighbourhood Plan Funds	4,179.11
Car Park Grant	<u>465.00</u>
Total	17,930.46

£465 had been received from Councillor Moulding’s Locality Budget for repairs to the car park. Also a £2000 grant from EDDC for the Neighbourhood Plan and £6300 from the Government.

#### Parishes Together Grant

Mr Yool had attended a Ward Meeting chaired by Councillor Moulding in Axminster on 30<sup>th</sup> May. Suggestions included employing a dog warden, producing a map showing cycle routes, purchase of projection equipment, support for a Youth Club, purchase of no parking cones, employing a lengthsman and purchasing equipment for Axminster Library. Stockland and Yarcombe had indicated that they might be interested in joining Membury to employ a lengthsman. Clerk to contact them.

#### Internal Audit

Mrs J. Tuck had made the following comments:

- More active steps should be made to reduce the year end surplus.
- Footpath Warden should give better details of location and type of work to be undertaken. This to be reflected in contractors’ invoices.
- Professional advice should be sought relating to the Data Protection Act regarding the Membury website. Any reports providing personal details of Membury residents should be removed.
- For this reason the Emergency Plan had already been removed from the website.

## 6. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

Mr Yool confirmed his intention to retire in May next year having taken over in an honorary capacity after the previous clerk, Mrs P. Pegg became ill in 1996. The Chairman agreed to write an article for the next edition of the Membury Mercury.

## **7. HIGHWAYS**

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

- Potholes southwards from Longbridge Cross, between Kingsleaze and Case Bridge, northwards from Selah, westwards from Furley Cross and on James's Lane.

P.Pearse to liaise with Messrs Tristram re drainage north of Star Cross.

White paint had been applied to defects in Waterhouse Lane. This was not thought to be of high priority – Devon CC to be advised.

Highways Correspondence

- Devon CC:
  - No decision on resurrecting the lengthsman service.
  - Posts holding signs outside Lachooga to be replaced.

## **8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

An exhibition had been held in the Village Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June. This had been well attended. Responses had been analysed and a questionnaire to be sent to all on the Electoral Roll was being prepared. A draft document should be ready in the autumn, when a public meeting would be held.

## **9. FOOTPATHS**

Footpath Warden W. Foster reported that:

- A fallen tree had been removed and a bridge repaired on FP3, Oxenways.
- FP10
  - New gates and stiles installed at Waterhouse
  - Overgrowth cut back near Case Bridge
  - Some gates and bridges need repair.
- FP22 – stile and steps replaced/repared near Butcher's Lane
- BW28 – northern end at Yarty Farm blocked by felled timber. P. Pearse to take action.

## **10. QUAKER BURIAL GROUND**

This was in need of maintenance. Clerk to see Mr. J. Wallace.

## **11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Swimming Pool

## **12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesdays 19<sup>th</sup> August, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no comments.