

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 19th August, 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. D.Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs. D.Burrough, W.Foster, K.Pearse, P.Pearse, A.Tasker and N.Yool

APOLOGIES: H.Tennant (Chairman), Miss S.Little, Councillor A.Moulding, PCSO Amanda Wooster

1. THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 8th July were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Defibrillator - Emergency Officer Mr. R. Martin had contacted Axminster Doctors Surgery. He was given the contact details of Mrs. D. Ledger, an NHS defibrillator instructor, who provided useful information. Mr. Martin had also contacted the Stockland co-ordinator, Mr. C. Holme.

Blocked Sewer - no progress

Mobile telephone coverage - Arquiva have stated (unofficially) that Membury is no longer classified as a "not spot".

Appointment of Clerk - Chairman had written an article for the next edition of the Membury Mercury.

Quaker Burial Ground - Mr. J.Wallace had undertaken maintenance.

Car Park - R.B. Lawrence had completed the improvements.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Devon CC - Devon Waste Plan Consultation

EDDC - Changes to Electoral Registration

PCSO Amanda Wooster - 1 crime reported since the last meeting: common assault - "dealt with by way of restorative justice"

DALC - Annual Report

Greenslade Taylor Hunt - Membury Castle sale.

4. PLANNING

Parish Council Planning Committee Approval:

Johnson, Treblehayes - agricultural building extension.

Challenger Farm Site Visit - Planning Committee members were satisfied that the new agricultural buildings complied with EDDC's conditions of planning consent.

The Treblehayes wind turbine was still awaiting decision from EDDC.

Tree felling licences had been granted at Godworthy and Yarty Farm.

Clerk to check conditions of Waterhouse Bungalow (Old Orchard) planning consent.

5. FINANCE

| Payments for Approval: | | £ |
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| 778 | A.Tasker - Neighbourhood Plan | 117.27 |
| 779 | W.Foster - Footpaths | 11.46 |
| 780 | Membury P.O. - NP | 55.60 |
| 781 | S. Todd - Neighbourhood Plan | 1,000.00 |
| 782 | Axminster Printing - NP | 30.00 |
| 783 | A. Hawkes - Footpaths | 35.00 |
| 784 | J.Wallace - Footpaths and Playing Field | 197.00 |
| 785 | R.Martin - War Memorial | 45.00 |

Balances at 31 July 2014

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| General Funds | 5,128.24 |
| Clerk's Salary Contingency | 6,000.00 |
| Footpath Funds | 1,143.90 |
| Flood Grant | 292.64 |
| Neighbourhood Plan Grant | 6,085.91 |
| Car Park Grant | 465.00 |
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| | 19,115.69 |

The 2013/14 audit process had been completed to the Audit Commission's satisfaction

Parishes Together Grant

Axminster TC, Colyton PC, Kilmington PC, Membury PC, Musbury PC and Uplyme PC had together obtained a grant of £21,269.40 from EDDC towards a new bus for The Axe Valley Ring and Ride Service.

Stockland and Yarcombe had decided not to join Membury in employing a lengthsman.

Stockland had suggested the joint purchase of a digital projector.
It was felt better for Membury to have its own projector.

Axminster TC had suggested a contribution to the Axe Invasives Project - controlling non native species including Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed.
It was agreed to support Axminster's alternative suggestion of "Chapter 8" highways training.

6. SWIMMING POOL

EDDC Councillor David Cox was unable to assist. Mrs. S. Dare, School Governor, had written to say that the school was in an "untenable situation". The school children would not be allowed to use the pool even if the community was to take it over.
Arrangements had been made to use the Flamingo Pool in Axminster from next term.

7. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

Potholes at the top of Longbridge Hill and southwards from Longbridge.

Surface breaking above Lewsley Farm.

Mr. P. Pearse reported an overgrowing hedge outside Castle House.

Highways Correspondence

Devon CC - Highways Conferences 17th and 29th September.

Mr. J. Hawkes - Lorry damage, Beckford Lane.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There had been a good turn-out for the exhibition held on 20th and 21st June.

Responses from the exhibition had been analysed.

Questionnaires had been sent to every household.

A draft working document would be produced in the autumn and a public meeting would be held.

9. FOOTPATHS

Footpath Warden Mr. W. Foster reported that Devon CC had confirmed that volunteers working on footpaths were covered by Parish Council public liability insurance, provided that they had attended an approved safety course. Contractors need their own insurance.

There are grants available for the purchase of strimmers.

10. BROADBAND

BT had stated that their faster "Infinity" service should be available in 2-3 months.

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

As for this meeting.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesdays, 14th October and 2nd December

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.59 p.m.