

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT:** H. Tennant (Chairman), Mrs D. Burrough, W. Foster, Miss S. Little, P. Pearse, A Tasker, N. Yool and 1 Parishioner.

**APOLOGIES:** Mrs D. Troake (Vice Chairman), K. Pearse, and Councillors A Moulding and P. Diviani.

1. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. **Matters Arising:** Blocked sewer – work to commence on 16<sup>th</sup> March.  
Minute Books – no response from Mercury article re copying.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

NHS – Urgent and Necessary Measures: changes.

Axminster Hospital in-patient beds closed.

Stockland P.C. – Defibrillator emergency telephone scheme.

Councillors Moulding and Diviani – Reports.

Membury Primary School – intention to convert into an Academy.

PCSO Amada Wooster – Moved to other duties, replaced by Hayley Widger.

PCSO Hayley Widger – no rime reported in Membury in past 2 months.

Devon CC – Public Transport Review. Membury Fare Car Service to be reduced.

EDDC – Meeting for prospective new Councillors at Axminster Guildhall on 12<sup>th</sup> February 6.30 – 7.30pm

Axminster Town Council – Hospital meeting 29<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm at Axminster Guildhall.

**4. PLANNING**

EDDC Refusal:

Pearse, Challenger Farm, agricultural dwelling (layout, scale, external appearance and access) – outline consent having been granted previously.

Planning Correspondence:

EDDC – changes in government guidance.

Mr B. Foyster – concerns regarding Middle Grays outbuildings and road access to proposed developments at North Grays and Luggs. The Planning Committee attended a site visit on 21<sup>st</sup> January. Awaiting advice from EDDC.

Mr M. Burrough outlined his proposal for residential development at the former chicken farm at the top of Lewsley Lane. It was agreed that no action could be taken until the planning application had been received.

## 5. FINANCE

Payments for Approval:	£
800 Membury PO – NP	82.80
801 Stuart Todd Associates – NP	3,360.00
802 Axminster Drainage Services	85.00
803 Hall Hire	47.00
804 Membury PO – NP	54.75
Balances at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2014:	
General Funds	5,439.91
Clerks' Salary Contingency	6,000.00
Footpath Funds	1,045.44
Flood Grant	292.64
Neighbourhood Plan Grants	0.00
Total	<u>12,777.99</u>

## 2015/16 Precept

Taking into account the forthcoming retirement of the honorary clerk and the need to pay his successor, it was agreed to increase the precept figure to £4610.

External audit process to be replaced by a “transparency code for smaller authorities.” Items of expenditure above £100, end of year accounts, minutes, agendas etc. to be published on Parish Council website.

## 6. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

- Potholes
- at the top of James's Lane
  - northwards from Chardstock Cross
  - between Kingsleaze and Case Bridge
  - at the entrance to Yarty Farm
  - at the top of Longbridge Hill
  - between Longbridge and Lake Farm
  - between Godworthy and Furley
  - westwards from Furley Cross.

P. Pearse agreed to attend to water lying to the north of Star Cross.

## **7. FOOTPATHS**

P. Pearse agreed to straighten a sign at Park Farm.

A partially blocked channel allowing rainfall run-off to flow into the old glebe field off Church Lane was unblocked. The owners of Membury House (the former vicarage) are concerned about flood risk, as are the church authorities. County Council footpath officers advised that run-off could be reduced by changes to farming practices and soft landscaping.

## **8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

A. Tasker reported that work was progressing on the draft plan.

## **9. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK**

Mrs Sarah Tennant, of Inglenook Cottage, Rock, had expressed an interest in the post. It was suggested that she should attend the next meeting.

## **10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Annual Parish Meeting  
Appointment of Clerk

## **11. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April (APM), 7.30pm  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May (AGM), 7.30pm  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30pm  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 7.30pm

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