

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held in Membury Village Hall on  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** H. Tennant (Parish Council Chairman), Councillors A. Moulding (Devon CC) and P. Diviani (EDDC) and 30 Parishioners.

**APOLOGIES:** Mr & Mrs N Bruzon, Mrs J. Hawkins, Mr & Mrs D. Horsey, Mrs A. Tennant and PCSO A. Wooster.

**1. THE MINUTES** of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were confirmed and signed as correct.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

Mr R. Martin was organising a First Aid course.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

Written reports were received from Councillors Andrew Moulding (Devon CC) and Paul Diviani (EDDC), Parish Council Chairman Harry Tennant, PCSO Amanda Wooster (Devon & Cornwall Police) and Caroline Hallett (School Governor). Robbi Robson (History Society Chairman) gave a verbal report. Mr J. Wallace proposed a vote of thanks to the Parish Council Chairman.

**4. A MOBILE PHONE MAST FOR MEMBURY**

Mr A. Tasker reported that a company had carried out a survey of possible sites for a mobile phone mast as part of a government scheme. A discussion, including the importance of good coverage for, in particular, business and emergency use, followed. 16 of those present said that they had no signal in their homes.

Mr J. Wallace proposed that a public meeting be held if a site for a mast was identified and confirmed.

**5. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Mr A. Tasker reported that the Parish Council had decided to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan and explained the process. This would give the community the opportunity of having a say in how it should develop over the next 15 years.

**6. FLOOD PREVENTION – volunteers or paid workers?**

It was felt that as local government services are reduced due to budget cuts more would have to be done by Parishioners themselves. If volunteers did not come forward the Parish Council would have to employ someone.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

The discussion concerning 6. above continued in relation to minor road maintenance, ditch clearing etc. Mr K. Pearse pointed out that there were insurance implications if such work was undertaken by Parishioners. Mr P. Pearse felt that a local person would take more pride in such work than an "outsider".