

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 10th March 2015 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: H. Tennant (Chairman), Mrs D. Troake (Vice Chairman), Mrs D. Burrough, P. Pearse, A. Tasker, N. Yool, Councillor P. Diviani and 2 Parishioners.

APOLOGIES: W. foster, Miss S. Little, K. Pearse, Councillor A. Moulding and PCSO A Trott.

1. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 27th January 2015 were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. **Matters Arising:** Blocked sewer – work had been completed.

3. **JANICE ALEXANDER, RURAL HOUSING ENABLER**

Analysis of the housing needs survey questionnaire responses identified a need for only 2 affordable houses. This would not be viable and a possible solution would be to combine with a neighbouring parish for a joint venture. A general discussion concerning Membury's future housing needs then took place.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

EDDC – 7th May election timetable and nomination papers.

Councillors Moulding and Diviani – reports.

PCSO Andrew Trott – no crime reported in Membury in February.

- PC Simon Aldred to be Axminster Neighbourhood Beat Manager from 11th March.

Police and Crime Commissioner – meeting at Honiton Beehive 31st March 6.30pm.

Blackdown Hills AONB – Community nature projects

AONB planning workshop Thursday 19th March 10am – 3pm Yarcombe village hall.

5. **PLANNING**

New application: Bell, Bowditch Farm – dwelling and garage.

Appeal dismissed: Johnson, Treblehayes – wind turbine.

Planning Correspondence:

S. Tetlow North Grays Farm – “extremely disappointed to hear that the Parish Council has responded to a complaint by a neighbour without the courtesy or

decency to discuss with us first". It was agreed to accept an invitation to visit the site.

Mr Tasker reported on a Neighbourhood Plan and Section 106 meeting he had attended on March 4th.

6. FINANCE

Payments for Approval:	£
805 Axminster Printing Co.	52.85
806 Society of Clerks	48.00
807 Devon Air Ambulance	100.00
808 Membury Merrymakers	300.00
809 Citizens Advice Bureau	50.00
810 Axe Valley Ring & Ride	50.00
811 Playing Field Rent	20.00
Balances at 28 th February 2015:	
General Funds	5243.90
Clerks' Salary Contingency	6,000.00
Footpath Funds	1,047.34
Flood Grant	207.64
Total	<u>12,498.88</u>

7. HIGHWAYS

Problems to be reported to Devon CC:

- Potholes
- Between Godworthy and Furley
 - between Kingsleaze and Case Bridge
 - at the entrance to Yarty Farm
 - between Longbridge and Lake Farm
 - at the top of James Lane
 - westwards from Furley Cross
 - near Rock Mill entrance.

Mr P. Pearse agreed to attend to the drainage problem to the North of Star Cross.

8. FOOTPATHS

A local volunteer had carried out a survey of all Membury's public rights of way.

9. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

Mrs S. Tennant attended the meeting and confirmed her interest in the post. Details of contract and remuneration to be finalised. Suggested starting date April 1st.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mr Tasker reported on the progress of the draft plan.

11. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Councillor Tasker to give Neighbourhood Plan update.

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

AGM – new Council to elect officers

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS – to be arranged by the new Council and clerk.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs D. Hosking asked if a new Snow Warden was needed – Yes.
Mr K. Hosking now enjoys a greatly increased broadband speed.