

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held in Membury Village Hall on
Tuesday 21st April 2015 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: H. Tennant (Parish Council Chairman), Councillor P. Diviani (EDDC), Sarah Tennant (Clerk) and 33 Parishioners including the election candidates.

APOLOGIES: PCSO A. Trott and PCSO H. Widger, Nigel Cook (Chair of Membury Merrymakers), Sam Dare (Membury school).

1. THE MINUTES of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd April 2014 were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING

First Aid course has not yet taken place.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

Sarah Tennant of Inglenook Cottage, Rock, Membury has agreed to take on the role of clerk to the Parish Council. Contract began on 1st April 2015.

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Written reports were received from

- Roger Clemens (Tree Warden)
- Robbi Robson (History Society Chairman)
- Andrew Moulding (Devon County Council)
- Alex Tasker (Neighbourhood Plan)
- Richard Barrell (Village Hall Report)
- Nigel Cook (Merrymakers chair)
- Sam Dare (Membury school report)
- PCSO Hayley Widger

No questions or comments.

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT – MR A. TASKER

Mr A. Tasker presented an update on the neighbourhood plan. A parishioner commented that it has required a great deal of effort by Mr Tasker and the team and that the parishioners of Membury are very grateful for all the hard work gone into it. We will be very proud when it comes to fruition in 2031.

6. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

11 candidates are standing for 9 places on the Parish Council.

All candidates except Ruth Foster who was unable to attend gave a short introduction including any relevant skills and experience to the Parish.

7. DEFIBRILLATOR

Richard Barrell of the village hall committee commented that the village should have a defibrillator. Concerns were raised over where we would keep it but it was agreed it would be for the general good. Information from Heartsafe suggests it would be £3,000 for the defibrillator and safety cabinet but there may be grants available. Richard Barrell to take the lead on finding out more.

8. PUBLIC FORUM

- Mobile phone signal update was given by A. Tasker. According to O2 Membury is no longer a deadspot and there is a signal so we will have to organise a mast through the Parish Council if required. Mike Bell voiced concerns regarding radiation and health issues so careful consideration would be needed regarding where mast is positioned if it goes ahead.
- Robbi Robson thanked Harry Tennant, Nick Yool and all of the current Parish Council – the village owes them a debt of gratitude.
- Phil Pearse contested the information in the Membury Mercury that he had attended 9 PC meetings in the last year and that he had in fact attended more than that.
- Phil Pearse requested that all dog owners please worm their dogs as many lambs are catching tapeworm from dogs which means they can't be sold. Worms can also cause blindness in humans. He suggested Drontal or Milbemax as good wormers.
- Membury Mercury – 8th May 2015 is the next deadline. Suggested that Phil Pearse could write an article regarding the serious worming situation above.
- Harry Tennant thanked Paul Diviani for attending all the Parish Council meetings. If anyone is interested in receiving the information that Mr Diviani sends out, please email Paul@Diviani.net to be included in the mailing list.
- Mr D. Horsey (parishioner) mentioned a litter problem especially along the top road in ditches. Maybe a litter picking day could be organised. Streetscene may be able to help out with litter picking.
- Harry Tennant thanked all for attending and wished his new successor and the new Parish Council every success for the future.