

DENBURY & TORBRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 7th April 2008 at Denbury Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 6.30pm

Present – Cllr D Wilson (Chairman), Cllr B Clatworthy (Vice-Chairman), Cllr T Brownhill, Cllr S Bryan, Cllr A Deacon, D Cllr Mrs M Colclough.

In Attendance – 1 Member of the Public.

Apologies for Absence – WPC Diane Ashley from Newton Abbot Police and PSCO Warren Palmer

1) **Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes).**

- a) Mrs P Howe - Litter Newton Cross onwards towards Newton abbot – appeared over the weekend – this has been reported to TDC blitz team.
- b) Chairman – Cllr D Wilson reported he had received an e-mail from the Police who could not be in attendance tonight. They are still looking into the incident that occurred in the Village during a party at the Village Hall.

- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes of the Meeting held Monday 3rd March 2008 have been distributed and read. They were proposed by Cllr T Brownhill and seconded by Cllr S Bryan with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr D Wilson.

3) **Planning Applications Received from TDC.**

- a) Application no 08/01189/FUL – Mr D Pearce – 9 Orchard Close, Denbury – Loft conversion including extension to roof, dormer and increase in roof height. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy & seconded by Cllr S Bryan with all in agreement.
- b) Application no 08/00135/FUL – Mr P Tidman – Southfields, South Street – Erection of summerhouse/shed on front garden. Cllr S Bryan has declared an interest and left the room. The Parish Council Refuse this application – proposed by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy and seconded by Cllr T Brownhill with all in agreement. We feel it's detrimental to the street scene and will affect the outlook of the neighbouring property.
- c) Application no 08/01070/FUL – Ms B Stone-Parker – Clennon, Denbury Cross – Extension and alterations to dwelling. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr T Brownhill and seconded by Cllr S Bryan with all in agreement.
- d) Application no 08/01266/LBC – Mr D Thomas – Barn at Poole Farm, Orley Road – Repairs to roof – no objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr T Brownhill & seconded by Cllr S Bryan. D Cllr Mrs M Colclough confirmed that the application has been withdrawn.

Decisions received from TDC

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Approval – Application no 07/05326/FUL – Mr R Dunk – Land at Simpsons Farm, Broadhempston – Stable block to form three loose boxes, corner store and tack room.

Planning Matters

- a) Oakwod, Heathfield Road – Static Caravan – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson – it has been noted that people are in residence in the Caravan which has recently been granted under a Certificate of Lawfulness to be moved 10 metres. The original application was granted in 2005. Letter to go to TDC and ask if its legally allowed to be lived in as a permanent residence – letter to Steve Hobbs – enforcement.
- b) Woodland in Heathfield Road – Possible occupation – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson – reported to him that there is possible occupation in the woodland – lights been seen at night – Steve Hobbs TDC to be enformed – map reference SX 812694.
- c) Yellow Planning Notices Displayed for Applications – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson – brought to Parish Councillors attention that TDC have stopped putting up notices and will be writing to neighbours in the vicinity of the application to inform them of any applications which will affect them. D Cllr M Colclough – TDC considers that this will be an improved service – the yellow notices are not always seen and can get taken down. TDC – letter to Steve Robinson – This is wrong and a step back as a recent incident proves that an adjacent neighbour was not informed. South Street – now many letters went out and to who?? Proposed Cllr T Brownhill and seconded by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy with all in agreement.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Parish Councillors Vacancies – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson reported one possible interest in the vacancies.
- b) Village Green Stones – Invoice from Matt Fice to be paid for setting in the stones – the total amount paid to be sent to Mr S Dowler to confirm his kind donation. Cllr A Deacon noted a large lorry moved a stone on the green recently. This has now been replaced.
- c) New Village Hall Land – Trustees – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that he has spoken to Tony Osborne – Windeatts Solicitors – named members still have to be shown – providing that the Parish Council does not cause the demise of the Village Hall site there will be no come back on the signed-up members of the Parish Council, there can only be 4 members named – now this to go ahead.
- d) Parish Plan – nothing further to report.
- e) Village Allotments – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson reported that a letter had been received after the last PC meeting asking if Rural Aid could be gained. Unfortunately allocation of the Rural Aid forms had already been decided by the Parish Council at the last Parish Council meeting and the Allotments Association has been informed, they have also confirmed that they are trying to contact the owners of the field to ascertain rent or purchase price.
- f) New Noticeboards – these are ready and are made of the same timber that has been used on The Cottage – A price for these is awaited from P Collins and then it will be decided if they are to be purchased when the price will be shared by the Church and the Parish Council.

5) Correspondence.

- a) Letter from Denbury Archive Group – Village Green – The Parish Council agree to an examination of the Green by 2 Metal Detectorists but not to any excavations – if any thing of interest is found please refer them back to the Parish Council.
- b) Letter from Sarah Jewers – Village Green Use for a 20 minute Wedding Ceremony in July – No objections from the Parish Council but please let us have a date.
- c) Letter from Denbury Village Hall Committee – Trolley for Chairs – Can the PC purchase the chair trolley and claim back the VAT – all in agreement that this can be done. However where the chairs are stored is very congested and needs to be kept clear to ensure that the trolley can be used to pick up the chairs.

- d) Letter from Denbury New Parish Hall Committee – Site Hut – Car Park now complete and drainage trial holes are being carried out, site hut being of continuing use but could be moved to make it less prominent.
- e) DAPC – Questionnaire – What do you think – Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy will complete.
- f) CCD – Visit 14th July 08 – Multi use Community Buildings – Given to Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy for New Village Hall Committee.
- g) Ipplepen Parish Council – Beating the Bounds – 5th May 08 – 9.30am at the gateway of Orley House, Orley Road – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson and as many Parish Councillors as possible to attend.
- h) May Fair Banner on Denbury Green – all in agreement that this was in order as previous years.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the envelope to be circulated (4 Envelopes).

6) Main Agenda.

- a) Report from County Cllr P L Cook – (to report at Annual Parish meeting).
- b) Report from District Cllr Mrs M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – (to report at Annual Parish meeting).
- c) Playing Field Management Committee Report – Cllr B Clatworthy – (to report at Annual Parish Meeting). Next Field meeting Monday 21st April 2008.
 - 1) Skateboard Ramp – urgent repairs needed – Cllr B Clatworthy reported that he has attended to the bolts sticking up – The 3 ramps need removing as they are broken and the plastic one which has appeared which does not belong to the Parish Council needs to be removed.
- d) Village Hall Management Committee Report – Cllr T Brownhill (report at Annual Parish Meeting by Chairman – Mrs P Howe).
- e) New Village Hall Steering Group – (to report at Annual Parish Meeting).
- f) Report on Teignbridge Association of Local Councils – Cllr T Brownhill and Chairman – Cllr D Wilson attended – subjects were ring and ride and shop mobility – details placed into the envelope. Corporate plan for TDC and structure review for Devon – details of this will also be placed into the envelope. New standing orders – consultation.
- g) Footpath Reports – nothing to report.
- h) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings attended – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson reported that he had attended the meet the team by the New Village Hall Committee.
- i) Highways Matters.
 - a) DCC – why was Wrenwell cross to A38 road been closed for a week without notice.
 - b) Chairman – Cllr D Wilson large lorry in North Street took ½ hour to reverse back to the Cistern and another ½ hour to get him back to the Green where he turned around without doing any damage. Letter again to DCC and ask for one sign coming from Newton – Totnes road and another coming in from the A38. The Lorry was Robsons of Spalding.
 - c) West Street repairs done but clearing of lanes from Union Inn down to Wrenwell and Courtlands Cross have not been done.
 - d) Monterey Pines at Wrenwell – one has been taken down and possibly another one will be taken down.
 - e) Cllr Brownhill to meet with Emma Stamp to highlight outstanding items of Highway Maintenance.

7) Cheques for Signature.

Cheque no 568 = £17.50 – Denbury Village Hall (Hall Hire for meetings).
 Cheque no 569 = £158.63 – Audit Commission (Annual Audit Fee).
 Cheque no 570 = £13.50 – DAPC (Annual LCR Sub).
 Cheque no 571 = £15.00 – DPFA (Annual Sub).

Proposed by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy and seconded by Cllr S Bryan.

Current Bank Balance – Parish Council – April 2008 - £1,958.10
Current Bank Balance – Playing Field - April 2008 - £308.48

8) Any Items to go onto next Parish Council meeting Agenda.

- a) Caravan use at Wrenwell.
- b) Grass Cutting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40pm to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Next Meeting - Denbury Village Hall – AGM- Monday 12th May 2008 @ 7.30pm.

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DENBURY & TORBRYAN PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
& ANNUAL PLAYING FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING - HELD AT DENBURY VILLAGE HALL

ON MONDAY 7th April 2008 @ 7.30pm

Present - Chairman – Cllr D Wilson, Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy, Cllr S Bryan, Cllr T Brownhill, Cllr A Deacon, D Cllr Mrs M Colclough, D Cllr D Smith, C Cllr P Cook.

Attended by – 5 members of the public

Apologies for absence – Mr Mick Sutherland-Cook, Mrs Jean Duggan, Mrs Carol Borlase, Mrs Karren Lambert, Mr Gerry Nield, Mrs Clare Ray, Ms Tracey Hart.

- 1) Report of C Cllr P L Cook – The Future of Local Government in Devon – The Government has asked the Boundary Commission to report on proposals for the future of local government in Devon following rejection of Exeter City Councils bid for unitary status. It is clear that the two tier system will not be permitted to continue and consequently the county and district councils are to be replaced by unitary councils. Discussions and consultation with all stakeholders will take place over the coming months. The new system is forecast to be in place by April 2010 but it is not clear when elections for the new councils will take place. It is possible but not certain that these will be held in May 2009 when county council elections are due. The commission will report on the feasibility of splitting Devon into a small number of unitary councils and the advisability of a revision of the Torbay and Plymouth boundaries. A proposal for an enlarged Exeter unitary council could result. A single unitary council for Devon not including Torbay and Plymouth is another possibility. It appears that there are three feasible options which will command a degree of support for a system of unitary councils in Devon comprising three, four or five councils including the two in existence in Plymouth and Torbay with Plymouth and Torbay on their current boundaries. In addition Torbay has suggested an enlarged area and probably Plymouth would have similar aspirations.
 - (i) – Three Councils – The one additional council would encompass the present county council area with marginal adjustments for Torbay and Plymouth. This would be based at County Hall and would result in favourable economics because of the economies of scale and avoiding duplication of officer posts. Proposals related to community governance would be necessary in order to bring local government closer to the people with increased powers for parish and town councils. The three council proposal has received some support from district councils partnership but DCC Social Services and Health Trust must be continued in the new system.
 - (ii) – Four Councils – In this case the county council area would be split in two either into western and eastern halves or northern and southern halves. An extended Exeter could form an eastern half although East Devon DC is opposed to this.
 - (iii) – Five Councils – The county council area would be split into three. One suggestion is for most of Teignbridge, South Hams and West Devon; North Devon Torridge and part of Mid-Devon; East Devon, Exeter, part of Mid-Devon and part of Teignbridge.Torbay Proposals – Torbay Council has put forward two proposals, one for largely the present area with some modifications, and one for an expanded Council taking in much of the South Hams and Teignbridge. The Boundary Commission will consider expanded boundaries for Torbay and Plymouth. Timetable – The County Council are currently inviting the submission of views from stakeholders, including Parish Councils. These are needed urgently, in time for the County Council to put its initial proposals to the Boundary Committee by April 11th. The Boundary Committee will publish its draft proposals including its preferred option on July 4th 2008. There will then be a period of public consultation on the draft proposals. Conclusion – The Parish Council may wish to give its initial views in order to inform the County Council prior to its submission on April 11th 2008. Revenue Budget and Council Tax – 2008/2009 – This was approved by the County Council on Feb 14th 2008. There was an increase in the Councils formula grant allocation by the Government of 7% which has had an effect of lessening the pressure on the budget in contrast to the settlements of recent years. In contrast the funding of Devon Schools is

significantly below the national average. The budget includes an additional £500,000 for the Youth Service to combat anti-social behaviour and an additional £500,000 for gully emptying to assist in offsetting highways flooding. There have been and continue to be pressures on the Children and Young Peoples Services Budget and on the Adult and Community Services Budget. The Government demanded increases in Council Tax of significantly less than 5% and because of the increase in formula grant and by means of cost-cutting measures it has been possible to restrict the Council Tax increase to one of 3.9%. Minerals Core Strategy – Draft Strategy to be published for consultation shortly. I have stressed two points – (1) Mineral Consultation Area designated to protect mineral deposits from sterilization by non-minerals development should not be used in those cases where quarrying should not take place – gives the wrong message to minerals companies. (2) Policies for environmental protection in the current Minerals Local Plan should be retained in new document, eg for Nature Conservation, Archaeology, Geology, Ground and Surface Water. In a future Unitary System it will be important to pursue these aspects.

2) Report of District Cllr Mrs M Colclough & Cllr D Smith.

District Cllr Mrs M Colclough – The 2007 election produced 17 new Councillors out of 46, the breakdown being 21 Liberal Democrats, 19 Conservatives and 6 Independents and a change for the Ambrook Ward with Dennis Smith replacing John Holl and joining me in this two member Ward. It takes a little while for a new Council to settle in and in the meantime business continues as usual. The Chairman this year has been Anne Klinkenberg and the Leader continues to be Alan Connett. I suppose the Council Tax is the thing that affects people the most and this year has seen a District Council rise of 4.9% and is the first rise above 3% for Teignbridge since 2004. This means that the average Band D property will pay the District £6.65 more, going from £135.64 to £142.29. A substantial burden for Teignbridge is the cost of the Concessionary Bus Fares scheme, which is being significantly under funded by Government. This year alone the Council is pumping in nearly £700,000 extra above Government funding, and expects costs to rise further now that the new national scheme started on April 1st. The provision for carers of disabled people to travel free continues at a projected cost of £21,000. The overall rise in Council Tax for a Band D property is 4.7% with the following breakdown – Devon County Council 3.9% - Devon and Cornwall Police Authority 7.94% - Devon and Somerset Fire and rescue 4.93% - District Council 4.9% - Parish Council Precept 15.89% on average. This results in a Band D property in Denbury and Torbryan paying a total of £1,436.73. Parking charges rise by 10p across the district with permit costs rising by £5, a move expected to generate another £100,000 this year. It was thought that it might be necessary to close a small number of toilets in the winter, but with the 4.9% rise all toilets can remain open. Also, there is good news for Rural and Urban Aid. A rise of £20,000 split to give Rural another £15,000 and Urban another £5,000 brings the total for Rural Aid to £65,000. I think the biggest disappointment of the year was the rejection of the LDF or Local Development Framework, following the report by the inspector on the Teignbridge Core Strategy Development Plan. This has serious consequences for planning within the District. The Council now has only outdated policies in the Local Plan for guidance. Whereas the Northern Option or land around Kingsteignton was thought to be the preferred option for the bulk of future housing development in the Newton Abbot area, this is now not necessarily the case, and throws open development opportunities in other areas. Development in the Southern Option would affect land to the South of Newton Abbot in the vicinity of Coach Road, stretching to the boundaries of Abbotskerswell, and already an application has been submitted for the Mile End area of Newton Abbot and is being decided on appeal. A new committee has been established to prepare a new Local Development Framework document and work on this has already commenced. Provision of affordable housing is high on the Agenda with the Council pushing for 40 to 50% on all major applications and indeed Teignbridge is working very closely with South Hams District Council and West Devon where priorities for this South Devon cluster and affordable housing, environment protection and opportunities for children and young people. The Council is responsible for delivering a wide range of services and support to 125,500 residents, businesses and communities living and working in market towns and villages across 250 square miles of coastal areas and countryside. From extensive local consultations and research five interlinked goals have been identified which will continue to the delivery of what is important to local people, communities and local business. These are – 1 – Prosperity. 2 –

Health and Wellbeing. 3 - Well managed. 4 – Sustainable Communities. 5 – Environment. I can only touch on the very broad scope of the work of TDC. I could go on and mention refuse collection and the fact that TDC is now the 7th best recycling council in the country, street sweeping, the dog wardens duties, boundary reviews, homelessness strategy, a land bank for affordable housing etc but I will close now and should you have any questions I will try to answer them.

District Cllr D Smith – I have been a District Councillor for 11 months now and its taken a few months to get to grips with it. I was disappointed with the outcome of the Denbury Garage report and unable to get the urban posts in South Street removed. A lot has been said about the Bus Pass Scheme which is not technically free as we all have to pay for it. Decoy Lakes – been over to the water feature and many people come to use it. Newton Abbot Market Development the new pannier market is a first class piece of work we can be proud of. Dawlish Warren needs protection and this will be an expensive job. Generally been a good year for TDC. Local Government Review – TDC has 7 proposed concepts – 3 to 5 unitaries. Hope that the rural communities are not forgotten in this new proposed infrastructure. Many thanks to D Cllr Mary Colclough for all her help.

Questions –

Recycling – now that 50% has been achieved can the statistics include the reduction of the waste that goes to landfill, this needs to be reported to the PC and also reported publically. D Cllr Mrs M Colclough – will try and get some figures and report it to the next PC meeting. C Cllr P Cook – waste generated has stabilised over the last 3 years with population increasing and waste slightly reduced. Waste minimisation should be looked at – eg – packaging regulations which are stipulated and some packaging exists to increase sales and this should be cracked down on. All recycling adverts should be backed up by waste reduction. Landfill waste has reduced slightly in line with the recycling and regulations state that this should be the case. Incineration is being looked at and is the preferred option, this does not combat the waste arising just dealing with the outcome of it. Waste should be eliminated from the system and not adding to landfill but incineration will satisfy the European Landfill Directive.

- 3) Report Denbury Primary School Head Teacher – Mrs T Hart – not in attendance – apologies received.
- 4) Chairmans Report – Cllr D Wilson – When I gave my first Chairman’s report last year I stood here divest of any official badge of office and didn’t have any inkling that three months later at Torbryan I would be presented with this wonderful medallion which I gladly and proudly accepted on behalf of the Parish Council. This was presented by Mr. & Mrs. Stinton and I would like to thank them once again publicly on behalf of the Parish Council for this very generous gift. For the past 12 months we have been a very depleted Parish Council of only 5 and we are still looking for another 3 members of the public to join our ranks. This will not only reduce the workload on all our shoulders but also bring new ideas, suggestions and blood into our midsts which in turn will help us to achieve a friendly, happy and attractive Parish for us all to live in. So please if anyone would like to join us or you know anyone who you think would make a good Parish Councillor then please let one of us know. We again have had another very busy year with planning applications. The Parish Council again fought against the development of the garage site on the grounds of bulk and urbanisation but this time we failed. The height and bulk have been reduced slightly since last year as requested by the appeal inspector and hopefully the development won’t be too overpowering for the village. When will work start? I hear people ask. Sooner rather than later we all hope. For quite a long time now the Parish Council has had considerable problems with Teignbridge District Council regarding receiving satisfactory communication from them in reply to our queries and problems and we were determined this year to sort out where the delays and sometimes the total non-response to our letters were occurring. Having hounded the necessary departments, mostly to no avail, we decided to go directly to the chief executive. Consequently every letter of complaint or query that we sent to Teignbridge a copy of that same letter was sent to the chief executive. This I am happy to report has worked and we now have far better and faster communication with all departments. We have had a very informative meeting with two of the planning officers, one being an enforcement officer, and the queries we raised with them that couldn’t be answered at the time have since been satisfactorily addressed. Since that

meeting we have had the chief executive, Nicola Bulbeck, at one of our Parish Council meetings and she expressed her thanks for keeping her informed of our problems and encouraged us to continue in the same way. At present, if an amendment is added to an existing granted planning application we, your Parish Council don't get advised by Teignbridge. We have now requested to be informed of any amendments that are raised and hopefully we will be advised in the future. If not we will continue to apply pressure to try and ensure that the Parish is kept fully informed of what is going on around us. We have now found out from a parishioner that planning applications are not going to be advertised by Teignbridge by using the yellow cards. Apparently anyone living in the close proximity of a future planning application will receive a letter from Teignbridge advising them accordingly. This we don't feel is satisfactory as only a very few people will know what might be about to happen in the locality. We will keep you informed. Speeding and large lorries in the village: The Parish Council continues to apply pressure on the authorities for not only a speed restriction in the village but also for a SAT NAV warning sign outside the village. Unfortunately so far to no avail. A speed restriction in the village would not only hopefully reduce the speed of some motorists but would also, believe it or not, allow the dog warden to prosecute for dog fouling offences. Without a speed restriction he is unable to do his job. Regarding the large lorries that continually try to use Denbury as a short cut through to the A38 via their Sat Nav instructions: Devon County have requested us to advise them of any such lorries with the name and address of the firm and they will write to them to say that the roads are not suitable for their lorries. We don't feel that this is the answer and we are going to press for a sign to be installed at the Newton Cross junction. The other night a huge articulated lorry tried to get along North Street. The loan driver didn't have a hope of getting out on his own and by the time I had got him down to the green and away over an hour had passed. Fortunately no damage was done but it could have been a very different story. We on the Parish Council do know that the roads in our area are not what they should be and we do continually badger away at Devon County for improvements. The great shout of no money keeps being made as the excuse but we still keep at it. We hope that the flooding problem we had down by the playing fields has now been satisfactorily dealt with. We are still working on the dip on the way to two mile oak and perhaps with enough pressure this will be sorted as well. The flooding that happens outside the school is still an ongoing issue and the fact that the drain at the cistern is blocked was reported last August and is still waiting to be unblocked shows what sort of service we are getting for our money. Fortunately we now have a contact at Devon County in the name of Emma Stamp who liaises with our own highways officer Councillor Brownhill every month after a Parish Council meeting and hopefully we will be able to get all the highway problems sorted out in due course. You will notice that there are now more stones around the green and some of these prevented damage being caused to the green by the lorry that I directed. These extra stones have been donated by Mr. Sturdy Dowler for which we sincerely thank him. Whilst down on the green I would also like to thank Trevor for the maintenance of the green and it's excellent condition. Also as you are probably all aware the Union is under new ownership and the Parish Council would like to welcome Anthony and Nicky Fusco to the village and wish them a long and successful time at the pub. I can tell you that the food is excellent. Moving away from the green to the playing fields we see from the newspaper reports that Denbury AFC continue to go from strength to strength and that the Cricket club continues to thrive. The field in general is looking very good and well cared for and it is good to see that the hedges have had a jolly good cut this year. A new wooden seat that was made by the prison will very shortly be installed outside the play area. This has been very generously donated by Mr. Paul Thompson, a relative of Joan Edwards who sadly passed away last year. Joan, who used to live in Orchard Close, used to exercise her dog on the playing fields and it was thought to be a suitable site for the seat in her memory. During the year new seats have been fitted to the swings and a copper beech tree has been planted in memory of Margaret Bailey who passed away two years ago. Coming back into the village we see that the New Village Hall site has been transformed since last year. Water and electricity have been brought in and a hedge planted around the perimeter. But what about the major works of laying the new drive and car park area? What an achievement having to raise all that money without touching any of the capital which has already been raised for the New Village Hall site. The chairman Claire Ray and her committee must be applauded for their achievements this year. Keep up the good work and maybe it won't be so long before we have a New Village Hall. The construction of this car park has allowed teachers to park their cars safely for the day and parents to drop off and pick up their children

safely thereby avoiding the terrible congestion that used to happen twice a day outside the school. Can we now request that anyone using Heathfield Road at drop off and pick up times does so with the greatest of caution and perhaps use the road as a one way route by exiting along Denbury Down Lane. The school still triumphs under the headship of Tracey Hart and as we have heard is going from strength to strength. As we all know Tracy has had a very serious operation and we all wish her well. Saying “don’t do too much” to her is probably a waste of time but we certainly all wish her a good, complete and full recovery. There was talk last year of allotments in Denbury possibly at the New Hall site. This won’t happen as the site is neither suitable or large enough to take the number required. However hopefully a field has been found and the Denbury Allotment Association under the chair of Ian Hocking is at present trying to negotiate suitable terms with the owner. Crime in the village has fortunately not been too evident. When it has happened we certainly don’t appear to be getting the support we need although I must say there seems to have been a greater Police presence in the village of late even if it hasn’t been at the right time. All I can say is that if anyone experiences anything untoward then please first of all report it to the Police by phoning the number on the back of the Diary. 08452 777 444. Do this before advising the neighbourhood watch or any other village body. The reason I say this is not because I think a police presence will be forthcoming but because I know that your call will be logged. If we get enough calls logged from Denbury then the Police will start to take more notice of us, or so I am told by our lady constable Diana Ashley. Having telephoned that number you can then also email Diana Ashley at Diana.ASHLEY@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk But please telephone first as this will ensure our complaint is noted even if this time it is not acted on. Unfortunately although the police are getting more funding the services we can expect from them are decreasing. As of now, for instance, they will no longer supply the cones for the May Fayre. This is now the responsibility of the local authority. Another drain on the council tax. From time to time the Parish Council get complaints from Parishioners relating to Police matters. When we ask “ have you reported it” we get the answer NO. Why is this? Please report any problems you may have and then perhaps we will get some support. Unfortunately I now come to a very disappointing situation: Denbury’s Parish Plan or total lack of it and or a committee to run it. This time last year I stated the importance of Denbury having its Parish Plan. A Parish Plan is like a business plan and when produced will show the Parish Council and the local authorities the exact needs and requirements of the people of the Parish. Not only what people want to change and why but what they want to keep the same as it is now. A good Parish Plan needs between 18 and 24 months from start to finish and therefore Denbury needs to try and get their Parish Plan off the ground as soon as possible in order for it to be operational by 2010. The Parish Council cannot run the Parish Plan but will assist wherever possible and adopt the Plan at its completion. The Parish Council would also wish to have at least one member on a Parish Plan Committee. The committee needs to be formed and should ideally consist of at least 8 members of our community and be chaired by someone who really understands the importance of having a Parish Plan in situ. If anyone here is interested please let us know as we have all the necessary paperwork and information at hand to pass over to help you get started. Now finally I want to thank all my fellow councillors for their sterling work and unswerving support over the past 12 months and I cannot close without giving my personal thanks to our clerk Sharon who has been a hive of information and kept us all on the straight and narrow over the past year. Thank you.

- 5) Denbury Village Hall Management Committee – Chairmans Report – Mrs P Howe – Trying to keep the hall going as long as possible, and recently has been decorated, new curtains and all repairs done which can be done reasonably. D Cllr D Smith – many thanks for the outside tap donation and D Cllr M Colclough – many thanks for donation towards the renovation of the clock, it’s now ready to go back up. Trying to access small grants when ever available to keep going. Minutes posted on the web-site now. New wooden fencing done and a nice improvement – applied to the May Fayre for some monies for this. Management Committee Trustees of the New Hall Site so now have to pay for grass cutting and maintenance of this site also.
- 6) Denbury New Village Hall Committee – Chairmans Report – Mrs Clare Ray - apologies received – report read out by the Chairman of the Parish Council – We have had a busy year – I will run through some of the main events. In January 07 we took a big step forward as we were joined by two professionals Reg Burnham and Ed Chamberlain – an architect and a

chartered surveyor respectively. In March a working party made up of Villagers made a start on the planting scheme by planting a hedge along the boundary of the new hall land. We were able to negotiate a deal with Fermoys who gave us a large discount and with Devon Tree Services who supplied the mulch at no charge. In April we were offered a site hut which, although not currently sited to best advantage, will be of great use throughout the project. It will provide shelter and services to professional workers and working parties alike. We also intend to make use of it during functions and fund raisers. May brought the first section of road built with a grant from the Parish Council. It also brought the first meeting of the multi-court committee, the members of which have stepped up to take forward the work of funding and building this important village amenity as a separate project, allowing the new hall committee to concentrate on a more focused body of work. In November a meeting with the planning department resulted in the removal of their proscription that the building should be sited adjacent to the school field and their agreement in principle with the analysis that the New Hall would be better sited in the NE corner of the land in order to – 1) Make the building visible which should partially help to prevent vandalism. 2) Provide more flexible access to the building than the previous position in a narrow section of the plot. 3) Provide easier access for the elderly and disabled. 4) Provide a more flexible space which could be extended if required with a marquee or other temporary accommodation. 5) Reduce the cost of the provision of services such as drainage, electricity and water by reducing the length of the route that they would take. 6) Making the most of the fabulous view. In December plans for a car park were drawn up and estimates were requested from a contractor using predominately re-cycled materials. This allowed us to bring costs down to a point where with very welcome help from C Cllr P Cook and a Parish Council grant we were able to commission the work. The Car Park and access road were completed in January 2008 and a Grand Opening was staged with media and police support. It was agreed by the Parish Hall trustees that parents of school children should be able to use the car park to pick up and drop off children at either end of the school day. It is widely regarded that this has resulted in an enormous reduction in the traffic congestion outside the school and a significant improvement in road safety. The first Meet the Team was held in January providing a forum where parishioners can hear what is being done, ask questions and raise concerns. In February the work moved forward with applications for grants to analyse and tackle site drainage which with the heavy rains at that time is becoming an issue despite the action of the car park and road as a sizable soakaway. We have just received notification that the application to Teignbridge Rural Regeneration for £3,000 has been successful and we await the results of our other bids. In March another successful meet the team was held. Concerns were raised with regard to speeding traffic, site drainage and the potential construction of a play-area on the hall site. At present we are working hard to create proposals for a Hall which will meet all needs but be considerably cheaper than the existing plan. Throughout the year the fundraising teams have been hard at work, we will all have been aware of the Apple Event and the Christmas Markets and we would like to thank the Brownies the Flower Show Committee and several Pub Quizzes for organising events to raise funds for the New Village Hall. The team would also like to tender their wholehearted thanks to the Parish Council for supporting this project since its inception and without much of the work done this year would not have been possible. Altogether a Great Year.

- 7) Denbury Playing Field Management Committee – Chairmans Report – Cllr B Clatworthy – Condition of the field is good – grass cutting going well, dog fouling still a worse than ever problem, football club rubbish bins do not seem to be emptied enough and is an ongoing problem also dog bags being put in them and not in the dog bins provided. Wooden changing rooms which came over from Ipplepen – they are not being used and in very bad weather the roof keeps blowing off. Football Club going from strength to strength winning matches and going up next year. Cricket and Football Club talking to each other and all going well – and hope this will continue. Thanks to Cllr A Deacon for his help in putting in a new footpath from the gate down beside the play area – thanks to Devon Trees for the Bark and Chippings supplied for free – 3 loads have been put in and 2 more needed. Skate park youngsters using again lately but the ramps have been moved leaving bolts sticking out of the ground which now have been removed – Cllr A Deacon will store the ramps at present. Awaiting ROSPA report. Memorial bench made by Channings Wood prison with a plaque in memory of Joan Edwards. Cricket Club also doing a bench for George Gooding and two benches to be together for spectators to use.

- 8) Denbury Cricket Club Report – Dr Simon Hickey - sad to lose George Gooding this year and bench in memory to be arranged – he will be sadly missed. 50% games lost to weather but games played best win rate for 10 years. New members and some under 10s coming along. Net square concrete to be layed by Matt Fice as soon as weather is dryer – to be used by Primary School also and hopefully some degree of coaching for the school will be available by the Cricket Club.
- 9) Denbury AFC Report – Mrs Carol Borlase was not in attendance but had submitted a written report as follows – It has been a successful season with 5 junior teams playing competitive league football. The season is drawing to a close now with only a few more league cup games to be played. The Mens Saturday side have been promoted to division 5 and there will be a second team also playing next season. The Grass cutting will be contracted out from May 08 and the problems with the over flowing rubbish bins is being addressed.
- 10) Invited Speakers from Village Organisations.

Mr Gerry Nield – Denbury Neighbourhood Watch – not in attendance.

Mr John Griffin – Outgoing Chairman of the May Fayre Committee – AGM in November 07 – Last years fayre was very successful- £4,000 paid out to 12 organisations in the village which was only possible by the hard work of the committee and the helpers on the day, this only just managed to cover what was needed on the day. Colin wills resigned at the AGM and also Rob Manuel also myself as Chairman and on the Committee. Also Chris Burford and Jason Smith resigned after the AGM which made the committee depleted. We are now pleased that Mick took over the Chairmanship and it now has a thriving committee and he reports that they are on schedule for this years planning. We are liasing together for this year and he is working very hard towards this years Fayre.

Mr Mick Sutherland-Cook – New Chairman of the May Fayre Committee – not in attendance.

Mrs Jean Duggan – Denbury Archive Group – not in attendance – Written report as follows – We have recently held a very well attended Archive Exhibition in the Village Hall. It included a display of the history of the May Fayre in Denbury, a history of Denbury Manor and an account of weaving heritage of Denbury in the 19th Century. We continue to record the reminiscences of Denbury people. Peter Head's video recordings are being transferred to DVD and thereby preserved. The Denbury website is also regularly updated, monitored and supplemented.

Mrs Jan Harris – Denbury Gardening Club – not in attendance.

Mrs K Lambert – Denbury Ramblers – not in attendance.

Mrs P Stinton – Denbury WI – not in attendance.

- 11) **Annual Report to all Parishioners** - This to now go out again this year in May 2008.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.16pm