

**DENBURY & TORBRYAN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at Denbury Village Hall**  
**Meeting Commenced 6.30pm**

**Present** – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson, Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy, Cllr J Adams, Cllr T Brownhill, Cllr T Rudall, C Cllr D Smith

**In Attendance** – 5 members of the Public & WPC Diana Ashley

**Apologies for Absence** – Cllr M Atkinson, Cllr C Stacey, Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr Ms L Barnett

Co-Option of New Parish Councillor - Mr T Rudall - welcomed by the Chairman – the declaration of office was duly signed.

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

a) Many thanks to Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy for speaking at the TDC planning meeting regards the proposed new homes at Fairfield Road / Moorland Avenue. Health and Safety issues have occurred on site - a bonfire was lit and guttering being burnt. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson - nothing yet heard but building works have started on site, but nothing yet has been received in writing regards the Planning decision although it has been passed by TDC.

b) Mrs P Howe - The Green repairs - Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed another lorry driven over the Green about 10 days ago, representatives from the firm have been met on site and they have agreed not to use that route again. They will be reinstating the green and re positioning the stones before May Day.

c) Mrs P Howe - With regards to the Village Hall Committee - they have always responded to any comments from the Parish Council and did not receive any communication about the doors, the letter written to the Parish Council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb regards their comments was not mentioned in the March 2010 minutes. The Chairman – Cllr D Wilson apologised that there had been some misunderstanding and Mrs Howes comments have been noted by the Parish Council.

d) PC Diana Ashley - Tarmac layers in the area, they are working for themselves and no guarantees or comeback on their work. Car parking in the village hall entrance been noted. 3 thefts reported. Car Parked on the green has been there for a number of weeks without moving – this will be investigated.

**2) Minutes** – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010. Have been distributed and read. They were proposed by Cllr T Brownhill and seconded by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr D Wilson.

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

a) Application no 10/00824/FUL – Denbury Parish Hall Charity – Details of multi court to include flood lighting. No objection from the Parish Council – all in agreement.

b) Application no 10/00999/FUL – Mr & Mrs D Cady - 1 Fairview Road – Single storey front extension - no objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy and seconded by Cllr T Brownhill with all in agreement.

**Decisions received from TDC –**

a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 10/00261/FUL – Mr A Voss – Court Barn, West Street – Retention of summerhouse, retaining wall and patio.

- b) Chairman – Cllr D Wilton - Fairview / Moorland Avenue site - the fence is now at 8 foot high and no planning application has been received - letter to go to the enforcement officer at TDC. Work has started and letter to go to TDC on this matter also - as many items needed attention on site before work started.

4) **Matters Arising**

- a) Parish Plan - nothing to report.
- b) Parish Cluster Meeting - nothing to report - no meeting held.
- c) Village Green - dealt with in Public Time (see item 1b).

5) **Correspondence.**

- a) TDC – Unauthorised Vehicular Access – Land North of Norden Farm, Woodland Road – a letter has been received from Carol Walters - confirming that no planning permission has been received and a letter has been sent to the land owners. TDC are looking into having the access closed at present.
- b) Rural Aid 2010/2011 - AGM was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Village Hall and maybe Cricket or Football Club possibly to apply for a Grant.
- c) TDC – Acknowledgement letter from Nicola Bulbeck has been received - an e-mail has been received 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010 meeting with Planning at TDC - Chairman – Cllr D Wilson and Cllr T Brownhill to attend.
- d) TDC - Play workshop on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

6) **Main Agenda.**

- a) Report from County Councillor D Smith – report in Annual Parish Meeting.
- b) Report from District Cllr Mrs M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith - Community engagement deadline 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010.
- c) Playing Field Management Report – report in Annual Parish Meeting.
- d) Village Hall Management Committee Report – report in Annual Parish Meeting.
- e) New Parish Hall Steering Group – report in Annual Parish Meeting.
- f) Report on Teignbridge Association of Local Councils – Cllr T Brownhill attended - speaker Simon Barnes - TDC budget and Exeter unitary and how it will impact Teignbridge. Budget concern areas, leisure centres, car parking. Public Engagement consultation to take place. Council tax 1.9% below the Devon average. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson – TALC meetings - 52 councils get invited in the Teignbridge area and only 6 in attendance at the last meeting.
- g) Footpath Reports - nothing to report.
- h) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings attended – nothing to report.
- i) Highways Matters.
  - 1) Newton Cross – Flytipping and suggestion of sign - this has been noted as received by a Paishioner.
  - 2) Letter from DCC - letter received from Emma Stamp regards the recent Cluster meeting. Prison flooding will be attended to later this year only if any money left.
  - 3) Pothole Village Green and Norden Farm.
  - 4) School bus coming to school at 3.45pm and backing into Downview Road, this is dangerous when it could drive around the block to turn around - Moor to See Buses.
- j) Denbury Paintball - Letter to Steven Hobbs again as no reply received on this and the sign is still up.

7) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 658 - £12.00 – Denbury Village Hall (Hall Hire).  
Cheque no 659 - £50.00 – Tony Beard (Annual Parish Meeting).

Current Bank Balance – Parish Council – April 2010 - £3,316.76  
Current Bank Balance – Playing Field - April 2010 - £395.78

Proposed by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy & seconded by Cllr T Brownhill with all in agreement.

8) **Any Items to go onto next Parish Council meeting Agenda –** None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20pm

Next Meeting & AGM - Denbury Village Hall - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 7.30pm.

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**DENBURY & TORBRYAN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING - HELD AT DENBURY VILLAGE HALL**

**ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 @ 7.30pm**

**Present** – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson, Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy, Cllr J Adams, Cllr T Brownhill, Cllr T Rudall, C Cllr D Smith

**In Attendance** – 18 members of the Public.

**Apologies for Absence** – Cllr M Atkinson, Cllr C Stacey, Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr Ms L Barnett

**Guest Speaker – Mr Tony Beard** – welcomed by the Chairman – Cllr D Wilson. Tony gave all present an interesting talk on Village Life.

**Guest Speaker – Mr Martin Rich** - Community Council of Devon – Parish Plans - Community Led planning is something that a parish does its roots are in and its for the community. The CCD is a charitable organisation promoting rural life - community shops, post offices, workers, gardening allotments all these are dealt with, currently working on revitalising local pubs. Community planning is a forward plan covering aspects that the community want to address - parish halls, transport, dog fouling, environmental issues, conservation can all be dealt with in this way. 60% of the parishes now have plans over the 10 years that it has been running. Things that crop up in the plan some can be dealt with by the PC but others have to involve the police, DCC, district councils and others. The parish plan replaces the old village appraisals - the plan covers a wider range of items and identifies items that need to be taken forward. Plans are now being recognised by the various organisations and a dialogue between these organisations is essential. To get a plan together firstly a steering group needs to be organised, this should represent the Parish - maybe some Parish Councillors, groups in the Parish and people with various skills needed. 8 to 10 people would be a reasonable number for the steering group, an open meeting would then be advisable for comments on various points can be written down, a questionnaire then can be sent out to all Parishioners - young people are essential to be spoken to they are the ones to take the Parish forward in the future. Discussion groups are a good idea to get people in the Parish talking. Even if a Parish is happy with its communities its good to get it written down to identify whats good about the Parish. In Denbury the plan would help to move forward with the development of the new proposed Village Hall. When all the consultation documents have been collated the parish plan can be formed to make a document which can be used for the good of the Parish. It is very important as more organisations are starting to use the information written in Parish Plans. Community projects - it can be a very useful documents to enable grants to be obtained as the thoughts of the community are written down and its proves a need. Some parishes are now revising their plans to take them forward for another 5 to 7 years having achieved some of the items in their original parish plan. The return rate for questionnaires is good and the whole process would take about 16 to 18 months normally. This would give you a document and the Parish Council will become custodians of the plan making them more proactive in helping the community and they will know what they want. Local Government in Devon is changing and the budget is tight which in turn will have an impact on the village communities. Cost - should be around £1,200 to produce - the hiring of facilities, printing and producing he plan would be the principle costs - the plan can be very simple and easy to understand and not necessarily glossy. Money can be obtained from District and County Councils - sponsorship and fund raisers can also be undertaken.

1) Report of District Cllr M Colclough & Cllr D Smith -

**DCC report April 10** -It would seem that Exeter will become a Unitary Authority and may be known simply as Exeter Council. This is still subject to a judicial review scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> April, however DCC have already started preliminary work with Exeter with a view to them being a new Authority by May 2011. There will be another “Walk to School Week” held this year on 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May. This is to encourage children and parents to get to know their local neighbourhood and to promote independence in children by walking to school.

Also there has recently been a further 24 School Travel Plans received and assuming they are all approved for quality, it will mean that Devon has achieved 99% of maintained schools with a written Plan. The findings of two health care reports were presented at Devon County Council Cabinet meeting on Wednesday 14 April. The reports, from the Council's independent Health and Adults' Services Scrutiny Committee, examine the way mental health services are delivered in Devon; and rural access to health across the county. The report into mental health services concentrates on services associated with dementia care and follows on from the publication of the National Dementia Strategy in early 2009. Work has already commenced with the County Council's Adult and Community Services directorate and the NHS Trusts in Devon to implement the strategy. A number of recommendations are made in the report, including providing support for patients when choosing their treatment and care, and to continue to work towards providing services to people on basis of need, rather than just age. The second report examines access to health care for those who live in rural areas, including the availability of public transport and outreach services. The report recommends partnership working between NHS Devon, the County Council and public transport providers to ensure that health facilities are more accessible. This is particularly important to the 14% of Devon's rural population who do not have transport of their own. A further recommendation asks that people with complex needs who are isolated not only by their condition but also by living in rural areas, should be recognised. These reports have given the scrutiny committee the opportunity to contribute to both the mental health strategy and service development in rural areas. The evidence collated from many people and organisations to compile the reports has been invaluable and as well as working alongside practitioners in order to improve healthcare services for the people in Devon. I have received numerous emails with regard to the Littlehempston - Totnes Cyclepath as part of National Cycle Network Route 2. DCC have agreed to be supportive of this initiative and are corresponding with the various landowners including SWW in an attempt to open up a way leave.

**Annual Report – Ambrook Ward** – Despite the lengthy wait for the Boundary Commission findings the District Council has continued to work hard for and on behalf of the residents of Teignbridge. The delay in coming forward with a decision was not helpful. Of particular concern was the effect on morale within the staff of the organisation and this is still a concern especially when you take into account the potential for 10 – 15% cuts in public spending being purported to become policy after the General Election. The granting of unitary status to Exeter was somewhat surprising given that virtually nine of the criteria are met. To take at least one positive from the whole exercise the Chief Executives and leaders of the County and District Councils are now working much more closely to find further sharing of services where practical. In preparation for the Councils February Budget report close to £1,000,000 of cost cutting was found within the various departments and the way they operate. This was mainly due to operational changes and doubling up on staff responsibilities where possible without affecting front line services. Approximately ½ million savings were made by staff reductions. As always members are very conscious of their responsibilities and are actively encouraged to look at areas where savings can be made. The Devon Building Control Partnership has continued to be successful and the success of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership has far outstripped expectancy in keeping levels of crime down. Recycling figures have again improved and generally the Council has been hitting its targets. There has been a slight improvement in the provision of affordable housing compared to previous years but needless to say that the recession has had a severe effect on the construction industry making delivery of housing of all types a difficult problem for all. Not all has been doom and gloom however, the well publicised charity concerts in Teignmouth by local band Muse were a great success thanks to a special team put together by the Council. Teignbridge has been short listed and Commended in the national and very prestigious Municipal Journal (MJ) Achievement Awards 2010, Commended in the Best Achieving Council of the year category and short listed for Excellence in Democratic Services Achievement of the Year. Teignbridge put forward five very strong submissions in the categories – Best Achieving Council, Diversity, Public Protection, Total Place and Excellence in Democratic Services. After beating tough competition to attain a place in the top six Teignbridge is now hoping to scoop the top award in the Excellence in Democratic Services category. The hard work and dedication of our democratic services team provides councillors with the support they need to excel in their council and community roles. The excellence in democratic services award commends staff that deliver valuable services to Teignbridge Councillors and provide innovative ways of engaging the public in the local democratic process. Teignbridge may be asked to support its submission by making a presentation to the MJ awards Judges in April. The winner will be announced at the MJ gala awards night on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at the Hilton Hotel on Londons Park Lane. The awards short lists along with all successful submissions under each category can be found at the Local Gov website.

2) Report Denbury Primary School Head Teacher – Mrs T Hart – not in attendance – the school is currently on half term holiday.

3) Chairmans Report – Cllr D Wilson - to be reported at May AGM.

4)Denbury Village Hall Management Committee – Chairmans Report – Mrs P Howe - Expensive year as so much to be done in the hall, the annual maintainance included - roof repairs, floor now been sanded and polished, gents toilets leak, kitchen health and safety inspection meant it needs a total refurbishment which is currently ongoing. Electrical fire in the meter cupboard meant that smoke/fire detection system needs attention - 3 quotes have been provided and grant asked for from Mayfair. Other grant funders this year, Denis Smith & Mary Colclough many thanks. Hall Insurance - The Parish Council paid 50% this year. The hall needs to be kept going until Denbury gets a new Hall.

5)Denbury New **PARISH** Hall Committee – Acting Chairman: Paul Austin - Took over Chairmanship end of last year when we were looking at potential plans for the hall. Would be interesting to see Parishioners views on the Parish Plan. Funding some grants have been applied for this year but even the 1<sup>st</sup> phase could cost about £400,000 so its a matter of keeping the applications going. Drainage being looked into on site - Mayfair grant has allowed for percolation tests and a design of a drainage system for the site. Carpark and entrance this is shortly to be improved with the offer of some hardcore. Also awaiting the outcome of the multicourt application.

6)Denbury Cricket Club Report – The Cricket Club had a successful season in 2009, despite losing a disappointing number of games to the weather. As in previous years, the Club played friendly matches against local village teams, plus a couple of touring sides, and in terms of winning and losing, achieved an overall result better than break-even.2010 has started on a positive note for the Club. The indoor net practice facility at Seale-Hayne (last year was effectively withdrawn by Plymouth University) was reinstated by its new owners, so DVCC was able to run Sunday morning sessions as in previous years, up until Easter. These were very well attended.The new permanent outdoor practice net at the Playing Fields has been completed, with the assistance of a grant from Teignbridge Rural Aid, and is ready for use. The Club intends to hold regular practice and training sessions this year: the first starting on Thursday 15 April. All existing and prospective members are encouraged to go along: details of future session dates will be publicised on the Club's website news section [www.denburycricket.co.uk](http://www.denburycricket.co.uk). DVCC is actively seeking to recruit new playing members from the village and surrounding areas. To help with this the Club are restricting themselves to weekend matches only in 2010: the usual mid-week match will be replaced with at least one (hopefully two) net practice session per week, open to all. Publicity for the Club is being sought with local newspapers, websites, and our own Denbury Diary, with the aim of encouraging *real* village cricket. The Club's membership fee is being kept low to attract new members: £25 for seniors, £10 for juniors (there will be a £5 match fee per player). Two members of the Club have qualified as ECB Cricket Coaches, and we will aim to have at least one of these on hand for each practice and training session.Pitch preparation is now underway at the Playing Fields: the first home match is on Sunday 6 June.

Last season lost 21 games to the weather. 11 years ago club set up, looking for more youngsters and young parents to join. Full season of fixtures booked for this year. George Gooding bench is yet to be purchased but it will be put alongside the other bench when done. Anyone who would like to come along to play is welcome. Outdoor nets will be taking place and anyone can come along and take part - early evening next few weeks. Football Club Relationship is very good.

7)Denbury AFC Report. Paul Marino - 2 senior sides and 3 junior sides at present - had a good season - the seniors laying in a cup match tonight and also the finals of the herald cup to be played which is a major achievement - they should be promoted this year. Junior sides - under 12s and under 13s doing very well getting through to the cup final of their league. Fund raising - a successful tournament was held another will be held at the start of next season, grants also given from Abbfest and Mayfair and other grants looking into. Upkeep - responsible for looking after the grounds but would like more junior members currently around 100 members but leasing some pitches to Torquay United at Present. Car parking - the hard surfacing could be made larger and also looking into floodlighting to enable further usage. FA charter standard club with CRB checked and first aid trained coaches - any new members please point them in our direction.

### Invited Speakers from Village Organisations.

Mr Jim Peck – Denbury Neighbourhood Watch – I am pleased to report that I have only had two minor incidents reported to me in the past month, one being a house alarm which was dealt with by the police very quickly, the other a scam sent via the post offering a resident the services to trace a large quantity of money left to them in a Chinese bank here again the resident also spoke to Newton Abbot police and although not a lot can be done, you may have read in a local paper recently warning people of this scam. Our local PCSO Debbie McCaffery visited Denbury in March, travelling by bus, then walked around and talked to some residents, her only concern was that cars were parked even only for a short time whilst children were collected from school, in a way that may cause problems to other vehicles passing through, otherwise she was very impressed with the village.

Mr David Law – Chairman of the May Fayre Committee – Many of you, if not all, will be familiar with the format of the May Fair, and I suspect that the content of the report that you wish me to make here would concern the finances and solvency of the Fair. The May Fair of 2009 had the highest takings on record at £7534.69, the previous best was in 2008 when it was £7,332.64. Of course, inflation can cause record figures as the years go by and so a more proper reflection of the situation may be gained by the May Fair's ability in its disbursements. The grants disbursed was also the highest on record at £5,021.17, the previous best being in 2006 when it was £4,906.17. Preparations for the 2010 May Fair are, as you would expect, at an advanced stage, with the expectation of another successful occasion. Thanks from the May Fair Committee to the Parish Council must be recorded, for the use of The Green to stage the event and for allowing the signage through the village.

Mrs Jean Duggan – Denbury Archive Group – no report given.

Mrs M Griffin – Denbury Gardening Club – Spring has arrived at last just in time for our Spring Show and the start of our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. Until this week we wondered if we would have any daffodils out at all. What a contrast to two years ago when the daffodils were almost over. Firstly, we want to thank you, our members for making this another good year for our club. We do value your continued support, your encouragement and your suggestions. Special thanks go to our members who have helped in so many ways with refreshments, clearing away the hall and with the raffle including making cakes and donating prizes. We currently have 45 members and we are hoping to increase our membership to 50 this year. I have been extremely well supported by the Committee who have continued to work so hard, often behind the scenes. A very big thank you to you the Team – to Jan for her encouragement and ideas our publicity through the magazine entries and attractive posters, to Maureen and Pat for running the raffle which is an important source of income, to Amanda for spearheading our plant sales, to Mavis who provides our judges and our refreshments, to Pat for her support with the programme. We have a sound financial statement as you will hear from Sandra and we thank Alan Lambert who has very kindly audited the accounts once again. We were pleased to be able to make donations to Shelter Box from proceeds from the Christmas Raffle and to the Parish Church through the Christmas Tree festival. Congratulations to the tree decorating team, Sandra, Alison, Amanda and Jan – We won second prize! Our programme for the past year has been well received. We delved into propagation with Julian Sutton, summer bulbs with Mike Wash and the running of Greenway Gardens with the headgardener – Nick Howarth. The very successful summer social was held indoors because of the rain but the Suttons trial grounds visit for once was on a fine day. But the highlights of our programme have been the evenings run by our members, Alison and Mark Morley on Gardeners from amateur to professional, David and Sancha Dryden on Gardening with a Greenhouse and Pat Powell with help from Rob in the wings on Growing for Drying. A special round of applause for them. We had three projects for last year and we managed to fulfil each one. More of our members supported the flower and produce show. We are using the prize winning photos which you chose for our spring show certificates. You may remember Jeans snowdrop photo was the winning entry and is our first prize certificate. Thirdly we have our digital projector which was a very generous gift from the May Fayre Committee. This has been invaluable for us especially for meetings led by our members. An additional bonus is that we now have a shredder for members use which was kindly donated by Tom and Joan new. Our main focus for 2010 is to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with our festivities this evening, our trip to Highgrove, the summer garden social and the subsidised trip for members to Rosemoor. We also wish to strengthen our plant stall – more of this at our May meeting. Finally, I think we can be proud of a very successful ten years of achievement. We have become a significant

institution within the Village Community making contributions to many village events including the May Fayre, the Christmas Tree festival and the Flower and Produce Show.

Mrs K Lambert – Denbury Ramblers – no report given – a report is given monthly in the Denbury Diary.

Mrs P Stinton – Denbury WI – no report given.

Mr John Griffin – Chairman Trustees – We have already heard the reports from the working committees - the trustees have reorganised the governing approach of the 3 committees and they oversee and are responsible for the activities of these three committees (new parish hall, village hall & multicourt committee) the committees are answerable to the charities commission. All 3 committees have had a successful and hard time the new parish hall are having a hard time with grants and a parish plan should be able to help this. Many thanks to Mrs Howe for all the work she has done for the upkeep of the present hall it looks like it needs to keep going for another 10 years at present. The trustees are optimistic that all 3 committees can move forward.

Sarah Burford - Denbury Ladies Netball Team – no report given.

Nick Roberts - Chairman Multicourt Committee - busy year with some local fundraising events - many thanks to the Mayfair and district council locality budget the main funding is now with Sport England and a £40,000 grant has been approved provided that the court is floodlit to enable good use - planning permission has now gone in for this and together with another £20,000 raised it will be enough to install the multicourt.

Jane Gibson - Chairman Flower & Produce Show – no report given.

Miles Every - Chairman Parish Plan - A Community Meeting on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009 was kindly led by Martin Rich, the Community Projects Officer for the Community Council of Devon. The purpose of this meeting was to inform and motivate the parishioners of Denbury and Torbryan to proceed with a Parish Plan for Denbury and Torbryan. The meeting was attended by some fifty members of the community. During the meeting an evaluation form was given out, in order to ascertain the relevant skills that may be available within the parish, as well as seeking offers of help from all interested parishioners. To that end, both Jill Shipp and Jane Gibson offered their assistance. Together with myself, Lisa Barnett and Mike Atkinson from the Parish Council, the Denbury and Torbryan Parish Plan Steering Group was born. We have had three meetings since then – one attended by Martin Rich to help us discuss the function of the Steering Group and potential ways forward. There are many ideas in the pipeline, all of which are detailed in the minutes of the meetings, but the ultimate success of the Parish Plan relies very much on support from within the community. A recent plea in the Denbury Diary for members to offer additional support, ideas and enthusiasm has resulted in one additional offer of assistance from Thurston Head. It is with great regret that I now tender my resignation from the Steering Group, with immediate effect, due to my relocation to Ashburton and the responsibility of looking after a much larger garden and adopted chickens! I very much hope the parishioners of Denbury and Torbryan will support the Steering Group, and see the advantages of working together towards a Parish Plan; it promises to be an enjoyable, spirited and cohesive project. I wish all involved with the project every success for the future.

11) **Annual Report to all Parishioners** - This to now go out again this year in May 2010.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm