

DENBURY & TORBRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 6th August 2007 at Denbury Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 7.30pm

Present – Cllr D Wilson (Chairman), Cllr S Bryan, Cllr T Brownhill, Cllr A Deacon, D Cllr D Smith.

In Attendance – 4 Members of the Public

Apologies for Absence – Newton Abbot Police, D Cllr Mrs M Colclough, C Cllr P Cook, Cllr B Clatworthy (Vice-Chairman).

Mr Steve Matson (Service Lead) from TDC had been in attendance before the meeting to talk to Cllrs about the White Paper – The Clerk will make contact with him regards the missing Wheelie Bin beside the Bottle Bank in South Street.

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

- a) Mrs C Vaughan-Burleigh – wished to draw attention to the document she handed to the Parish Council at the last PC meeting which was mentioned under item 5c) Correspondence in last months minutes. This was regards the visibility build-outs in South Street for the Court Park entrance and the use of the layby, which her family had maintained for 40 years. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson commented that ownership of this public layby has not been ascertained by TDC or DCC. The Land registry have also confirmed that they have no knowledge of the owners. Regards the visibility build-outs he will personally try to find out from TDC when the amendments to the plans were put in for these and who gave permission for them without PC consultation.
- b) Mrs P Howe – The Village Hall is being decorated this coming weekend – volunteers needed to help please.
- c) Mrs P Howe – Noticed a lot of litter on the roads again – Two Mile Oak & Newton Cross.
- d) Parish Plan – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson commented that this was going to be discussed again in September 07 as a lot of people were away in August.

- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes of the Meeting held Monday 2nd July 2007 have been distributed and read. The Clerk reported that she had amended some items on Mr Atkinsons report regards the Parish Plan and another amendment – Item 6d) The WI wanted a water butt outside the village hall but now they do not need one as they have the outside tap - they were proposed by Cllr S Bryan and seconded by Cllr T Brownhill and duly signed by Chairman – Cllr D Wilson.

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

- a) Application no 07/03191/FUL – Mr & Mrs Fearn – Haytor, Moorland Avenue, Denbury – Erection of a conservatory – No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr T Brownhill and seconded by Cllr A Deacon with all in agreement.
- b) Application no 07/02813/AGR – Mr V Wadling & Miss S Lidstone – Land at Simpsons Farm – Construction of livestock and dry store building – Proposed by Cllr S Bryan and seconded by Cllr T Brownhill – The Parish Council cannot comment on this as they wish to see further details of what the proposed building would look like as none are provided in the application.

Decisions received from TDC – None.

4) **Matters Arising**

- a) Denbury Garage Site – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson – nothing further to report at present – some clearance of Brambles has occurred on site.
- b) Village Green Grass Cutting – A letter has been received from Trevor Jones which was read to the Parish Council by the Chairman – Cllr D Wilson. The Clerk now has a copy of his public liability insurance.
- c) Paintballing – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson read a copy of a letter which was sent to TDC by Mrs P Stinton. A letter has also been received from Mr S Hobbs in reply to this and the Parish Council will confirm to him that although he has asked for the sign to be removed and only displayed on event days it is still in situ.
- d) Parish Councillors Vacancies – Nothing further to report.
- e) Court Park, South Street – Visibility Build Outs – A letter has been received from Mr & Mrs M Fice and this was read by the Chairman – Cllr D Wilson. Cllr T Brownhill who was mentioned in the letter confirmed that he had objected to the original application and had been a member of the public at the time not on the Parish Council. The visibility build outs could not have been commented on before the event of them being installed as the Parish Council were not notified by TDC. Cllr S Bryan questioned whether TDC have to find out the ownership of land before Planning Permission is granted on it? The Clerk will write to BT to find out who they pay the wayleave to for the phone box? A letter of reply also to go to Mr & Mrs Fice.
- f) Wheelie Bin next to Bottle Bank in South Street (disappearance) – No reply has been received regards this – Steve Matson is to receive a copy of the letter which he will look into and a letter to go to the Executive at TDC regards the Charter for answering enquires to TDC.
- g) Stable Block at Wrenwell adjacent to Caravan Field – Mr S Hobbs at TDC has confirmed that an application will be submitted. The Clerk to find out how long the applicant has got to submit this application.
- h) Chairmans Badge of Office – This has now been placed onto the Parish Council insurance and a letter of thanks has been placed into the Denbury Diary and Mid Devon Advertiser.

5) **Correspondence.**

- a) TDC – Review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations – Placed into the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- b) University of Plymouth – Questionnaire for the Chairman – Cllr D Wilson to complete.
- c) Letter from DCC – Greenhill Lane – The Parish Councils suggestion to close this road has now been placed on the Travel Plan.
- d) Letter from Mrs H Wills – This letter was read by the Chairman – Cllr D Wilson – and was regards the meeting held at the Church House Inn, Torbryan and the working party for the Denbury Garage site. Proposed by Chairman – Cllr D Wilson and seconded by Cllr S Bryan that a suitable reply be given in due course.
- e) Letter from Denbury Flower & Produce Show – This confirmed that they would place a sign as usual on the Green for the Show and requested that the PC write to the Prison to thank them for the plants in the cistern containers.
- f) Letter from Denbury New Village Hall – This requested another £1000 grant from the PC. A reply to confirm that the PC are unable to give another grant until they see the sets of accounts which have yet to be lodged with the Charities Commission. If they are not lodged within 3 years the charitable status will be lost.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the envelope to be circulated (2 Envelopes).

6) **Main Agenda.**

- a) Report from County Cllr P L Cook – not in attendance – no report given.
- b) Report from District Cllr D Smith - The Rural Aid Grants have now been determined. Some grants not claimed from 1999 to 2003 have been given 2 years to be claimed and any new grants now given will have 4 years to be claimed. Core Strategy – the option of a 10 year strategy by

- TDC. Any Planning Permissions now granted will have development rights removed. Paintball – Alison Slade – Countryside officer is dealing with the Habitat Survey.
- c) Playing Field Management Committee Report – Chairman - Cllr B Clatworthy was not present at the last meeting so Cllr S Bryan took the Chair and reported as follows – Flooding – DCC have confirmed that this is to be actioned in the Autumn. Dave Wakefield is looking into purchasing a Commemorative Tree. DAFC have had a good season and broken even this year and will be increasing their subs for next season. Sponsorboards are now going up, the ground is in good condition and a new kitchen has been fitted. New Dog Fouling signs have been purchased. The access path to the field is to be laid with woodchip – Local companies have been approached to donate this. DAFC new licence has been proved and signed – the hedges to be trimmed in the Autumn.
- d) Village Hall Committee – Cllr T Brownhill reported – meeting on the 23rd July 2007 – The outside tap has now been fitted and the leaking ladies toilet repaired. Tap in the kitchen done and outside window frames painted. The sheds at the rear need to be moved for further painting to take place. Hedge Cutting – someone needs to be found to do this and to cut the grass on a regular basis. Still awaiting the risk assessment to be carried out. A new kettle has been purchased and some bottles of wine have been donated for draw prizes.
- e) New Village Hall Steering Group – Cllr B Clatworthy was not in attendance – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson noted from the New Hall Committee Minutes provided – The accounts were mentioned and they are now being audited. Allotments – the allotments group may be asked to try and find a more suitable site as on the purchase documents for the new hall land it is mentioned that the former owner and trustees would need to be approached for any other use of the land other than the new hall.
- f) Parish Plan Committee – A date for a further meeting to be set up at the September 07 PC meeting.
- g) Teignbridge Association of Local Councils – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson and Cllr T Brownhill attended – speakers were Lesley Smith, Lynn Mcelleron regards the White Paper. The Policy of TDC regards revised plans and further submissions to plan already agreed was raised.
- h) Footpath Reports – Cllr S Bryan had nothing to report. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson reported that the Stile to Tornewton had brambles grown across.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors – Cllr T Brownhill reported that he had been to TDC and met with Mr Pinnegar regards the New Hall Land and the allotments proposed. The Parish Council are Trustees of the land and the Village Hall Committee own the Land. But on the deed of sales it has been signed by Harrison, Gooding, Howells and Bryan which means they are Trustees and not the Parish Council. He has suggested that the Parish Council go to an independent Solicitor and get a deed of appointment and ask those that signed the deed to resign. There is also a covenant on the schedule regards anything done on the property which may be a nuisance (this might apply to allotments). The old owner – ie: Mr Guppy would need to be approached if allotments were wanted.
- j) Highway Matters (Maintenance & Lengthsman) –
- 1) Drain at the Cistern immediately in West Street is blocked and outside 10 North Street blocked drain to the old tap stand.
 - 2) Shute Lane & Orchard Close – on the 23rd July 07 the holes by the junction of Orchard Close have been filled by the contractor but nothing has been done about the flooding in Shute Lane. Cllr T Brownhill confirmed that this had been carried out after a site meeting with the liaison officer from DCC.
 - 3) Currently surface dressing has been carried out and there are loose chippings on Moor Road, between Courtlands & Beech Trees Lane, Bramble Oak and Wrenwell Cross, this had made a very dangerous loose surface to drive on.
- k) New Code of Conduct to be adopted – Copies have been ordered but have not yet arrived.
- l) Denbury Stones – Standing Orders were raised to allow Mr S Dowler to speak – He commented that the new stones on the Green had done a good job in protecting the Green but more were needed and offered the Parish Council a donation of £200 to purchase some more. The Chairman – Cllr D Wilson thanked him for his offer and confirmed that the matter would be discussed further at the next PC meeting in September.
- m) Clerks Laptop – All were in agreement that this would be a good idea for the Clerk – several offers have been made regards 2nd hand machines.

n) Noticeboards – Cllr A Deacon will be the new Noticeboards officer.

7) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 534 - £20.00 Petty Cash

Cheque no 535 - £21.00 TSO – New Codes of Conduct

Cheque no 536 - £25.00 Denbury Village Hall (Hall Hire).

Cheque no 537 - £879.03 Thomas Fattorini Ltd (Chairmans Badge of Office).

The above cheques proposed by Cllr T Brownhill and seconded by Cllr S Bryan with all in agreement.

Current Bank Balance – Parish Council – August 2007 - £3,573.31

Current Bank Balance – Playing Field - August 2007 - £320.56

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

a) Letter regards the use of Stables at Wrenwell.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.48pm

Next Meeting - Denbury Village Hall – Monday 3rd September 2007 @ 7.30pm.

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