

DENBURY & TORBRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 5th December 2011 at Denbury Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 7.30pm

Present – Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy, Vice-Chairman – Cllr J Adams, Cllr T Brownhill, Cllr C Stacey, Cllr M Atkinson, Cllr P Marino, Cllr M Ashford, D Cllr Mrs M Colclough.

In Attendance – Ben Ayres – TDC Active Villages Project.

Apologies for Absence – C Cllr D Smith.

1) Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes) –

a) Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy welcomed Ben Ayres from TDC regards the Active Villages Project – The project is funded partly from Sport England and partly from DCC and the basis of it is to provide more sport and activity for rural communities - £3,000 is available to help set up and kick start projects in the community. Applications are open to groups in the community whether they be new or already started up. It is available for 5 year olds and over, but preferred to mostly fund adult sports as children are usually targeted through schools. Sustainability needs to be in place after the activity is started and funding has run out, but its available for the whole community to use. The funding money runs out in September 2013.

2) Minutes – Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 7th November 2011 - Have been distributed and read. They were proposed by Cllr T Brownhill and seconded by Cllr P Marino with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy.

3) Planning Applications Received from TDC –

a) Application no 11/03640/FUL – Mr L Clarke – Old Church House Inn, Torbryan – Removal of temporary oil tank and replace with new oil tank with wall around. No objections from the Parish Council - surrounding wall should be in keeping to match the existing.

b) Application no 11/03367/FUL Mr J Ashford – Land Adjacent Horsehills, East Street – Two Storey detached dwelling and workshop. Cllr M Ashford has declared an interest and left the room. No objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Cllr T Brownhill & seconded by Cllr C Stacey with all in agreement.

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council

a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 11/03295/FUL – Mr R Hoare – Pentor Farm – Permanent retention of agricultural dwelling.

4) Matters Arising

a) Parish Plan & Housing Needs Survey – Cllr M Atkinson reported - work on the questionnaire is continuing and it is planned to be circulated with the Denbury Diary at the end of January 2012. They will meet with Sue Hitchcock before this regards the housing needs survey which will be circulated with the plan questionnaire and also more questions will be added about the Active Villages project which is being run by TDC. During the consultation which was held in the Village Hall a comment was made about making the Parish Council more accessible and the possibility of putting something in the Denbury Diary will be looked at, this may be in the form of shortened minutes.

- b) Parish Council Vacancy - there is still one vacancy and steps will be taken in the new year to fill this.
- c) Glebe Barn - new track - TDC Steve Hobbs has confirmed he is looking into this matter as a planning application was meant to be forthcoming, he will also be visiting the site with a building inspector.
- d) Woodland use off Heathfield Road - carried forward to the next meeting - planning application is awaited.
- e) Poole Farm, Torbryan - the refusal has been circulated to Cllrs today.
- f) Moorland Avenue – Roadworks - the 6th house has not yet been occupied - the road has to be done after this.
- g) Denbury Diary – Parish Council Minutes – carried forward to the next meeting for further discussion.
- h) Refurbishment of Denbury Play Park – Monies available from TDC - once the 6th house is occupied at Moorland Avenue the money from the S106 agreement will be made available for use in the play park.

5) **Correspondence.**

- a) Copy e-mail letter from Mr R Stinton to DCC – Re: HGVs sign at Village Entrance - this has been noted by Cllrs.
- b) E-Mail letter from Mr R Stinton – Re: Village Signs Clean-up - noted by Cllrs.
- c) Victim Support – Request for Donation – no donation to be given on this occasion.
- d) TDC – Core Strategy – D Cllr M Colclough confirmed that the draft will be put out to the public between the 9th Jan and 7th March for public consultation - this will be in paper form and on the web site and will form the basis of the new local framework as the current local plan is out of date.
- e) Letter from Denbury Primary School PTA – sign on green for Christmas Fayre – no objections from the Parish Council.

6) **Main Agenda.**

- a) Report from County Councillor – D Smith – e-mail report as follows:- **Place Scrutiny** - I am to serve on a new task group relating to Waste which will inform the development of both the Municipal Waste Management Strategy and the Waste Local Plan. A further new task group is being set up to look at utilities reinstatement. Correcting utility works cost the County Council and ultimately the tax payer £1.7M last financial year and a report was subjected to scrutiny on 7th November. The Committee considered the report of the Head of Highways and Traffic Management on the response to its previous recommendations that there should be Member involvement in the decision to undertake prosecutions for poor performance of utilities, that the South West Best Practice Group investigate 6 issues ranging from the training of operatives to widening the membership of the Best Practice Group, that the Committee receive a report from the Group related to recent coring data and that all authorities representatives on the Group regularly attend Group meetings. The report submitted concluded with a chart showing the results of the 7 phases of coring for each utility company which have been completed. The results showed that the 2011 Phase One results were poor, Phase Two showed considerable improvement and Phase Three showed that the improvement was maintained by all except South West Water. Mr C Hodgson, representing the Head of Highways and Traffic Management, together with Mr G Bond from Wales and West Utilities, the utility representative on the Best Practice Group, attended and responded to Members questions. The latter confirmed that Utilities were fully committed to resolving issues relating to operations and materials, and these had been tackled successfully but the most intransigent problem remained air void failures which were impossible to identify except by taking a coring sample.

Exeter Central Library A public consultation was launched on Thursday 10 November to get views from residents on the multi-million pound redevelopment of Exeter Central Library. More than £3.7million is to be spent on a major facelift and the Council is keen to hear how the community want to see the money used.

Questionnaires will be available at Exeter Central Library as well as online at www.devon.gov.uk/ecldevelop. The consultation closes on 16th December. It is a very simple one page survey which most people should be able to complete.

The Council has produced an updated Strategic Plan for 2011 – 15 called Backing Devon. This plan seeks to take into account the changes to our economic well being that have occurred over the past couple of years. In Devon we are facing many challenges. These include a growing population, significantly reduced public sector spending, an increasing demand on services, and pressures on the traditional local economy. A radical reform of public services is also taking place creating a new relationship between the state and communities. At the County Council we want to seize this opportunity to build on the strengths and vibrancy of our communities to improve life in the County.

Your Council is becoming smaller and leaner, more flexible and more responsive. We are committed to devolving power and resources to local communities. That means giving local people, voluntary organisations and businesses greater scope to work together to find local solutions to local problems. And projects right across Devon are already showing how this can deliver real benefits and make communities stronger, more self reliant and resilient.

There are many changes to grapple with not least changes in our responsibility for education and the modernisation of our care services to meet increasing demand. From April 2013 we will assume the lead responsibility for a range of local public health improvement and prevention work.

We have become a more streamlined and businesslike organisation enabling

- reduced numbers of senior managers from 29 to 18, making the Council more flexible and responsive
- saved £18m through the Corporate Employment Strategy
- listened to people's choices in setting our budget, through Tough Choices
- responded to cuts in funding while maintaining the services of highest value to local people
- allocated an additional £300k to Councillors to spend on local projects
- improved access to information and the way we deal with complaints and other feedback
- developed innovative commissioning approaches.

b) Report from District Cllr Mrs M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – D Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported - Denbury should consider in the future preparing a neighbourhood plan for the Parish to ascertain where housing / development should go if any so that the Parish can have a say in any future development proposals. Enforcement - on a working party at TDC regards this now as lots of concerns are always shown with regards to this.

c) Playing Field Management Report – Cllr P Marino - hedges now cut, rubbish is being cleared now, paint still to be collected from the Cricket Club.

d) Village Hall Management Committee Report - no meeting held.

e) New Parish Hall Steering Group - no meeting held - excess from the new multicourt surface has been put down onto the road and rolled to fill in the potholes.

f) Report on Teignbridge Association of Local Councils – Cllr T Brownhill reported - speakers 3 were present all regards emergency planning. Next TALC meeting will invite Nicola bulbeck - TDC, Police and Dementia Matters, DCC Budget and Cycling Forum, Core Strategy. Next meeting 26th January 2012.

g) Footpath Reports - nothing to report.

h) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings attended.

1) Cllr C Stacey & Cllr T Brownhill attended the Cluster meeting – there was a talk by Jeremy Christophers - TDC Chairman.

2) Cllr T Brownhill - Monday 28th meeting of the trustees attended - present and new village hall discussed, noted that the Parish Plan was going to be circulated. New multicourt needs insurance. Liabilities of trustees and whether indemnity insurance needed. New notice board at the front of the Village Hall to be considered.

- i) Highways Matters.
 - a) Lengthsman - do they carry away the debris they clear from the gullies as they seem to be piling it up beside and it just gets washed back in again.
- j) Door at The Cistern - the frame is rotting and needs replacing - Tim Pearse has been asked to provide a quotation - £150 in tanalised timber - proposed by Cllr M Atkinson & seconded by Cllr T Brownhill that this is accepted.

7) **Cheques for Signature –**

Cheque no 740 = £2,000 – New Village Hall (PC Grant).
 Cheque no 741 = £16.50 – RBL - Poppy Wreath.
 Cheque no 742 =£25.00 - Childrens Hospice South West – Village Christmas Card.
 Cheque no 743 = £81.00 – South West Grounds Maintenance (Grass Cutting).
 Cheque no 744 = £12.00 – Denbury Village Hall (Hall Hire).
 Cheque no 745 = £1,574.40 – DCC (Gritter).
 Cheque no 746 = £10.00 – Bryan Clatworthy (Number Plate for Gritter).
 Cheque no 747 = £580.40 – Sharon Raggett (Wages Oct, Nov, Dec).
 Cheque no 748 = £19.60 – HMRC (Clerks Paye).

Current Bank Balance – Parish Council – December 2011 - £8,793.59

Current Bank Balance – Parish Plan - £225.52

The above cheques proposed by Cllr C Stacey & seconded by Vice-Chairman - Cllr J Adams with all in agreement

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

- a) Norden Farm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.12pm

Next Meeting - Denbury Village Hall - Monday 9th January 2012 – 7.30pm.

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