

**DENBURY & TORBRYAN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at Denbury Village Hall**  
**Meeting Commenced 7.30pm**

**Present** – Cllr S Bryan (Chairman), Cllr P Howe (Vice-Chairman), Cllr B Clatworthy, Cllr C Wills, Cllr P Parsons, Cllr T Brownhill, Cllr J Loynes, D Cllr M Colclough, C Cllr P Cook.

**In Attendance** – 2 Members of the Public.

**Apologies for Absence** – Cllr D Wilson

Before the meeting began Chairman – Cllr S Bryan welcomed new Cllr Tony Brownhill who was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

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

- a) Mr Rob Birch and Mr Dave Wakefield were in attendance representing Denbury Football Club, they are interesting in taking on the Playing Fields on the same terms as Newton Town FC, they are willing to cut the grass and carry out maintenance. Chairman – Cllr S Bryan asked if they would leave contact numbers with the Parish Council, as at present the Parish Council are considering giving Newton Town FC a 25 year Lease, the matter will be discussed further and Denbury Football Club will be accommodated either within the new lease if granted or otherwise.
- b) Cllr P Parsons spoke on behalf of Tracey Hart from Denbury Primary School – The Footpaths officer has been in touch with the school and Doughy Lane is to be adopted.

- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes of the Meeting held Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006, have been distributed and read. 3 amendments proposed – **Apologies** - C Cllr P Cook had given his apologies verbally. 1a) Public Time – Clements (not Clemence) and Mike Cassidy (not Dave Cassidy). The minutes were then proposed by Cllr B Clatworthy and seconded by Cllr C Wills with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr S Bryan.

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

Proposed by Cllr P Parsons that the Parish Council look at the 2 applications that arrived after the Agenda was printed and if anything was considered to need further discussion it would be deferred to another meeting – seconded by Cllr B Clatworthy with all in agreement.

- a) Application no 06/03440/FUL – Mrs K Nathan – Sunnymead, Ambrook Road, Denbury – Single storey extension with pitched roof. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr P Parsons and seconded by Cllr P Howe with all in agreement.
- b) Application no 06/03439/FUL – Mr & Mrs Lambert – 15 Denbury Down Lane – Two storey extension to provide additional bedroom facilities with en-suite. Cllr S Bryan has declared an interest and left the room. These plans need to be looked at in more detail before a decision is made – proposed that they are carried forward to the next PC meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2006 – The Clerk to inform TDC.

**Decisions received from TDC.**

- a) Refusal of Planning Permission – Application no 05/02698/MAJ – Land at Home Park, Ipplepen – Change of use of agricultural land to additional use for occasional paintball use.

4) **Matters Arising.**

- a) Car Speed Monitor – Chairman – Cllr S Bryan confirmed that a new speed monitor survey had been carried out without the Police Slow sign. There showed a slight increase in the average speeds. These details will be placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal, and brought back for discussion at the next PC meeting.
- b) War Memorial Restoration – Cllr P Parsons reported that she had met Mr Triggs at the memorial today, a lot of work needs to be done and it would need to go back to the workshop to be carried out, it could not be done in situ – he is sending a report but the cost would be around £2,000.00. Cllrs agreed that this would be too big a job to be carried out at present, but the broken butts are to be repaired for now and no further action on the rest.
- c) Torbryan War Memorial – A letter has been received from Neil Baglow – TDC – The Clerk to write back and confirm that they would like TDC to go ahead with the works and re-lettering.
- d) Village Design Statement – The Clerk has heard from Tony Corlett – Bishopsteignton PC who are going ahead with their Design Statement. It still seems that TDC are still not offering much help. This matter will be placed on the TALC Agenda for discussion.
- e) Letter from Newton Abbot Shopmobility – Request for Donation – Proposed by Cllr P Parsons and seconded by Cllr B Clatworthy with all in agreement that £25.00 be donated – It is know that this service is already used by Parishioners and anyone in the Parish could use it if they needed.
- f) NTFC New 25 Year Lease – This matter to be deferred to Part 2 of the Parish Council meeting.
- g) Speaker for Aprils Parish Meeting – Mr Ian Bateman – Climate Change Officer at DCC – The Clerk will write and invite him.

5) **Correspondence.**

- a) E-mail from TDC – Rob Barnes – Tree at Court Park, South Street – Confirming that the fencing around the TPO Trees has been checked and is in compliance with current British Standards. Also confirming that some Crown reduction is required on the Yew Tree in the Church yard in the interests of safety.
- b) Letter from TDC – English Heritage – Blue Plaque Scheme – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- c) Devon Community Activist Network – Questionnaire – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- d) Ensuring a Patient Led NHS – Consultation Document (Comments by 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2006) – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- e) TDC – Air Fusion Review Group – D Cllr M Colclough confirmed that if Cllrs have any views on this – TDC would be pleased to hear them.
- f) Standards of Conduct in Local Government – The Future – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.

**Matters not requiring discussion placed in the envelope to be circulated (3 Envelopes).**

6) **Main Agenda.**

- a) Report from County Cllr P L Cook – Cllr Cook reported as follows – Budget 06/07 – The positive aspect of the provisional settlement is a 6.5% increase for schools (amounting to 19.6 million) in the form of new dedicated schools grant passed directly to schools of 319.882 million. For other revenue budget spending, Devon is to receive a 2.5% increase in formula grant (or 3.0 million) which amount to 119.265 million. This is lower than all neighbouring county councils. For 06/07 Devons overall grant per head of population is £599. The average for the uk is £649 per head, the minimum being £527 for Dorset and the maximum £792 per head in Durham. One for the factors is resource equalisation through which 6.4 million was transferred from Devon to what the government regards as more deprived areas. Resource equalisation is based on property prices and the government considers that high property prices in the South West are indicative for higher than

average prosperity, ignoring the fact that average incomes are less than the national average. If Devon were to receive the national average grant per head it would involve the receipt of an additional 36 million and there would be no need for council tax increases. A standstill budget with present services maintained would require an additional 12.5 million for inflation and 14 million unavoidable additional expenditure. Even after substantial savings it is estimated that there is a 15 million black hole. If Devon is not allocated more resources in the final settlement despite lobbying a government minister the consequences will be – 1) reductions of 4% in directorate budgets for frontline services 6% for administrative services. 2) A further increase in council tax which the government has stated must be less than 5%. 3) An embargo on staff recruitment or replacement except for essential areas. Examples of inflation are a 4% increase in the cost of social care contracts and 14% in highway maintenance costs. Comprehensive performance assessment – The audit commission has awarded the County Council a 4 star rating (maximum) for its comprehensive performance assessment which puts it in the top 20% or so county and unitary councils. This was higher than neighbouring councils. The inspectors report that Devon has clearly improved services for children and young people, adult social care, reducing waste and increasing recycling (33% last year). School Transport for 8 to 11 year olds – It is planned that children living from between 2 and 3 miles will have school transport provision when they attain the age of 9 which will continue to age 11 unlike the present situation when it is discontinued after the age of 8. Despite all party representations to government, the final settlement from government resulted in a further cut of £76,000 being taken from the provisional figure. There will be a minimum for 100 redundancies for DCC staff and the final figure could be from 150 to 200. It is revealed in today's Western Morning News that, despite the increase in funding for education, Devon's schools receive £3,335 per pupil compared with a national average of £3,643.

- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough – Cllr Colclough reported that TDC have discussed a 10 year vision for the future. Some aspirations are to create jobs and raise household incomes, develop citizenship, have clean parks and open spaces, provide affordable housing opportunities. Budget – recommends 2.46% this year and 2.66% in 2007/2008. Gypsy Sites – Government are asking local councils to find permanent sites which will be legal. Teignbridge has 69 illegal sites, but no legal sites have yet been allocated. Forever Tree Nurseries – Steven Hobbs – Enforcement Officer TDC has confirmed that a planning application has been submitted – it has been returned to the applicant as it was not correctly completed. Recycling Questionnaire – This went round to all Cllrs and Councils 1,800 were sent out and 11 were returned – Please can they be completed for returned to TDC asap, its on the TDC web-site if you need another copy. Chardonnay – Woodland Parish – The application submitted is for change of name to a permanent Gypsy Site which is occupied by one family.
- c) Playing Field Management Committee Report – Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy reported that the hedge had been cut on Saturday – nothing else to report as no meeting until the 20<sup>th</sup> February 06.
- d) Village Hall Management Committee Report – Cllr C Wills reported that he has now resigned as Chairman – no-one else has come forward to replace him. AGM will be a crisis meeting and this will be advertised shortly asking people to come and support. A Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are needed or the Committee will fold. Cllr P Parsons – The position of the Parish Council needs to be clarified as they are custodial trustees and if the Committee folds the Parish Council will be left to pick up the pieces. A list of options will be formed and all users, committee and the Parish Council will meet before the AGM to discuss. Cllr C Wills confirmed that he would speak to the Hall Committee and left the Parish Council Chairman – Cllr S Bryan know the outcome.
- e) Report on Teignbridge Association of Local Councils – Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> January 2006 – Chairman – Cllr S Bryan attended – Steve Robinson from TDC was the speaker – he spoke regards the Parish Charter which can be found on the TDC web-site. All planning permission can also now be viewed on the web-site, additional planning staff have been employed. Other topics raised at the meeting were – Haldon Travellers site still growing. More support is needed from Parish Councils at TALC meetings – only 16 attended the last meeting
- f) Footpath Reports – Nothing to report.

- g) Reports from Parish Councillors –
  - a) Stables at Wrenwell Barn – 05/04008/FUL – The Parish Council has reason to believe that these are being used for horses other than the owners – condition 3 states no liveries – The Clerk will write to Steven Hobbs at TDC.
- h) Road Maintenance & Parish Lengthsman Items – Just the state of the road between Wrenwell Cross and Courtland Cross – nothing yet has been heard from DCC.
- i) Lighting at Cary Kennels – 2 very large flood lights are being used – The Parish Council is not sure of the rules regards lighting in the Countryside and will ask Steven Hobbs at TDC to clarify.
- j) Gypsy Sites – This matter had been covered in D Cllr M Coloughs report.
- k) Vandalism to Trees on Denbury Down – Cllr C Wills reported that a den had been built in the Trees, there had been a fire and bottles were thrown around, some trees had been chopped down. Chairman – Cllr S Bryan confirmed that he had taken some pictures of the damage and spoken to DCC – they have now been up and tidied up the site. Cllr Wills felt that the matter should be reported in the Diary – Chairman – Cllr S Bryan confirmed that it could go into the Neighbourhood Watch report and the Community Policeman would be informed of events.
- l) Denbury Diary – Cllr C Wills asked if a letter of support could be sent to Doug Cady thanking him for the Denbury Diary and hoping that he will be able to continue this service which is very much appreciated throughout the Village, it is a lifeline to the elderly who don't come out much but wish to know what is going on in the Village.

7) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 469 - £15.00 Petty Cash for Stamps.

Cheque no 470 - £10.00 Denbury Village Hall

The above cheques proposed by Cllr B Clatworthy and seconded by Cllr C Loynes.

Current Bank Balance – February 2006 = £5,453.83

Playing Field Account – February 2006 = £419.76

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

- a) Litter.
- b) Can Bank in South Street.
- c) Balfour Beatty work on Denbury Down.
- d) Adoption of Conservation Area Statement by TDC Policy and Heritage.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm to be followed by Part 2.

Next Meeting Denbury Village Hall – MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> March 2006 @ 7.30pm.

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