

DENBURY & TORBRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 5th February 2007 at Denbury Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 7.30pm

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

In Attendance – 1 Member of the Public.

Apologies for Absence – Cllr S Bryan, Chairman – Cllr D Wilson.

In the absence of the Chairman – Cllr D Wilson the Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy took the Chair.

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

- a) Highway Maintenance issues – Potholes in the Road between Denbury and Channings Wood.
Halwell Junction to Wrenwell Cross also has Potholes.

- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes of the Meeting held Monday 8th January 2007 have been distributed and read. The minutes were then proposed by Cllr Mrs P Stinton and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Loynes with all in agreement and duly signed by the Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy.

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

- a) Application no 06/08315/FUL – Bramble Down Nursing Home – Two storey extension to provide additional accommodation. No objections from the Parish Council but we would like to see TDC ensure that there are adequate parking spaces. Proposed by Cllr Mrs P Stinton and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Loynes with all in agreement.
- b) Application no 07/00185/FUL – Mrs Harris – 1 Down View Road, Denbury – Conservatory to Rear. No objections from the Parish Council – Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Loynes and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Howe with all in agreement.

Decisions received from TDC

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 06/07628/FUL – Mr & Mrs M Atkinson – 1 Moorland Avenue, Denbury – Erection of two storey extension, a single storey extension and conservatory.
- b) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 06/07639/FUL – Mr & Mrs P Thorp – 12 Orchard Close, Denbury – Conservatory to Rear.

4) **Matters Arising**

- a) Denbury Garage Site – TDC have yet to hear on the outcome of the appeal.
- b) Paintball Site – An appeal decision has now been received and it has been allowed. Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy confirmed that there were various conditions attached to the Planning Permission the copy of which will be placed into the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- c) Parish Plans – Nothing further to report at present.
- d) Denbury Primary School Travel Plan – NFA at present.
- e) Post Office – The Clerk was written to DCC regards a street sign and is awaiting a reply.
- f) Replacement of Village Green Stones – Cllr C Wills and Cllr Mrs J Loynes visited the Green and looked at the stones on the Playing Field which are OK to be used, plus 6 more need to be purchased from Glendinnings Quarry. Cllr C Wills will visit the quarry to sort out the correct size and go ahead and order if the cost is below £250.00. Arrangements will then be made to put them in place. Cllr C Wills also reported that he had been asked about the possibility of

widening the road across the green to make it easier for large vehicles to pass through. Cllrs felt that DCC Highways should be consulted on this and Cllr Wills will contact them to arrange a site visit and report to the Chairman – Cllr D Wilson to enable him to be in attendance.

- g) Pine Trees at Wrenwell – An acknowledgement letter has been received from TDC but as yet no reply, the matter to be carried forward to the next PC meeting.

5) Correspondence.

- a) Safe & Sound Event – 8th Feb 07 – Forde House.
- b) CCD – Access Project – Community Buildings – Training Programme for 2007 – To be given to Cllr S Bryan for the new Village Hall Committee.
- c) Letter from TDC – Sunnymead, Ambrook Road – Notice of Appeal – Copy of this letter to go to D Cllr M Colclough.
- d) South Devon Carers Consortium – 28th Feb 07.
- e) Letter from Teignbridge Rural Aid - This letter set out the Grant situation for next year, due to TDC budget and the overspend on Concessionary fares 2 funds the Rural Aid and the Urban Fund will be amalgamated with £60K available, this at present will be for 1 year only.

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

6) Main Agenda.

- a) Report from County Cllr P L Cook – **Local Government Settlement & Council Tax 07/08** – Devon is again disappointed with the governments grant settlement for 2007/08. Devon will receive £49 per person less than the average for the English counties which amounts to £36 million. If we did receive the latter, average Council Tax would be £130 per annum less than what is actually paid. The formula grant (revenue support grant plus business rate) has been increased by just 4% despite forecasts of a rise of 7% in roads maintenance costs because of increases for fuel and aggregates and 5% for social care costs because of increasing numbers of dependant elderly people. Waste disposal costs are also set to increase substantially. The consequence is budget reductions. Because of the size of the sum needed for highway maintenance in the Environment, Economy & Culture Directorate Budget, some reduction in the amount spent on highway maintenance is inevitable. The County Councils Executive Committee meet on Feb 6th to propose the 07/08 Budget and the full council will set the Budget on Feb 15th. The Government has stated that increases in Council Tax in excess of 5% will be capped so we must expect an increase of approaching 5%. **Local Government White Paper** – Strong and Prosperous Communities – A submission was lodged with the Government on January 25th on behalf of Devons district councils and the county council for improved two tier working in partnership. The submission has been endorsed in principle by the Dartmoor National Park Authority and the DAPC. A detailed action plan is scheduled to be in place by the end of July 2007. There is a commitment to a collaborative approach to transform services and improve the quality of life for Devons communities. They are also committed to involving out unitary neighbours in Plymouth and Torbay. Exeter City Council has put forward its case for a unitary structure for Exeter. How this would impact on the rest of Devon is unclear.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough – 2 Directors at TDC have taken early retirement and there will be a corporate team shakeup. There now will be 4 strategic managers – Phil Shears, Lynn Mcelleron, Simon Barnes, John Cocker. Andrew Candy will be the 1st service leader and there will be 10 service leaders appointed. This is a completely new shakeup and restructuring of staff which TDC Council Committee have agreed with. The Budget Rounds have not yet been approved but it has been suggested that each District Councillor get £1,500 to spend in their ward and allocate as they see fit.
- c) Playing Field Management Committee Report – Chairman - Cllr B Clatworthy reported – A meeting was held on Monday 15th January 2007. Gone out to Wicksteed leisure for a quote for some springies. Lottery and DPFA Grants to be pursued once the quotations have been received. The field is in good order. Flood alleviation – DCC have been chased up on this as they blamed the PC for holding up the works – which is untrue.

- d) Village Hall Management Committee Report – Cllr P Howe (Hall Committee Chairman) – New booking forms for hirers are to be completed. Even regular users will be asked to complete these at least once a year. ¼ Page advert will be placed into the Denbury Diary to promote the facilities. Quotes have been attained for an outside tap. Insurance is paid up for another 12 months. One of the doors is broken but this is being addressed. Constitution needs updating and hopefully will be sorted out by the AGM in June. The Noticeboard in the Billard Room has been tidied up and any private adverts taken off. Feeoffees have given £300 towards the electric check and works which are needed. Forms to be obtained from the PC for possibly a small rural aid grant.
- e) New Village Hall Steering Group – Report by Cllr S Bryan who was not in attendance – It was agreed that the Village Hall should be down sized and relocated. New plans to be drawn up by the architect free of charge as they will be a sponsor. When the new plans are done the Steering Group will discuss with the Trustees, Parish Council and a Public Meeting will be arranged before any decision is agreed. The proposed construction will be sectional with rendered elevations with the possibility of either part timber cladding or exposed stone under a tiled roof. This new design will be considerably cheaper than the original design. Bill Langler and Ed Chamberlain were welcomed for their support and valuable knowledge. The Car Parking area including the driveway will be changed to chippings which will be compacted with timber edges, except for the disabled parking and the pedestrian path which will stay as tarmac, this will bring the cost down. Part of the hardcore needed will be supplied by Stoneyhill Quarry free of charge as they will also be a sponsor. Grass/Hedge cutting will be contracted out to Mr D Wills and Mr T Tapper. The hedge we consider should be extended along the wire fence to the corner and down towards the road. We also feel there should be a two metre hedge on the front elevation to shield the residents of Heathfield Road. There was also discussion about allotment strips, there is space for these if there is sufficient interest from the Village, another possibility is a visitors centre with information on Denbury Down. A copy of the minutes was placed into the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- f) Report on Teignbridge Association of Local Councils – Next meeting – 25th January 2007 – Cllr T Brownhill and Cllr P Stinton attended. Alan Connett from TDC spoke regards the Budget notes – mostly regards the Concessionary Fares take up 110% have taken this up as opposed to the expected 53%. The Bus Companies get 87p per journey. A 2.7% increase in Council Tax is proposed. Other subjects were Rural Aid, Affordable Housing, Play Strategy, Lottery Grants, Health & Safety, Risk Assessments.
- g) Footpath Reports – Cllr S Bryan had nothing to report.
- h) Reports from Parish Councillors
 - 1) Please can we write and congratulate Lesley Smith DAPC on her recent award of MBE.
 - 2) Cllr T Brownhill attended a White Paper conference at TDC – 17 people attended with a presentation by Lynn Mcelleron.
- i) Highway Matters, Road Maintenance & Parish Lengthsman Items –
 - 1) Matters arising from Public Time - Highway Maintenance issues – Potholes in the Road between Denbury and Channings Wood. Halwell Junction to Wrenwell Cross also has Potholes.
 - 2) Letter received from DCC confirming that Orchard Close junction to Shute Lane Potholes are in the private road surface and not DCC responsibility.
 - 3) Collapsed Wall just below the Union Inn, Denbury, this is now encroaching onto the Highway. This a character piece of wall and needs to be rebuilt by a professional tradesman to make it safe. Its owned by Mr P Wyatt, 10 Heathfield Terrace.
 - 4) Cllr T Brownhill – close to Wrenwell cross there is an old tensioning cable from a Services Pole coming out of the hedge – DCC contact him for the exact location.
 - 5) New Street Light on the Green – This replaced the old one but it does not yet seem to light up.
- j) Gypsy and Travellers Sites – Nothing further to report – The University of Plymouth did a survey regards the need for sites and it will now be down to the District Councils in conjunction with DCC to find suitable sites. Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy noted that Chardonnay at Woodland had now got 4 caravans.
- k) Election Campaign – Something needs to go into the Denbury Diary for March before the May elections. Information will come through from TDC shortly.
- l) Stables – Poole Cross, Broadhempston – The Land and Stables are now up for sale but the access as per the approved plans has not been amended – A letter to go to Steven Hobbs at TDC to confirm that Planning has not been complied with.

7) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 512 - £2,000.00 – Denbury New Village Hall (PC Donation).

Cheque no 513 - £34.04 – Castles (Paper & Ink Cartridge).

Cheque no 514 - £141.00 – Audit Commission (Annual Audit).

Cheque no 515 - £21.74 – SWEB (Cistern Electric).

Cheque no 516 - £727.92 – Denbury Village Hall (Annual Insurance).

The above cheques proposed by Cllr Mrs P Stinton and seconded by Cllr T Brownhill

Current Bank Balance – Parish Council – February 2007 = £7,047.11

Current Bank Balance – Playing Field - February 2007 = £414.10

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

- a) Standing orders.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm

Next Meeting Denbury Village Hall – Monday 5th March 2007 @ 7.30pm.

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