

DENBURY & TORBRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 1st February 2010 at Denbury Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 7.30pm

Present – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson, Cllr T Brownhill, Cllr M Atkinson, Cllr C Stacey, D Cllr Mrs M Colclough, C Cllr D Smith.

In Attendance – 2 members of the Public & Mr Paul Marino – Denbury AFC Chairman).

Apologies for Absence – Cllr Ms L Barnett, Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy, Cllr J Adams

1) Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes) –

a) Mr Paul Marino – Playing Field - Kitchen leak got worse but the contractor stripped the roof yesterday so this is now in hand, electrics need to be checked after to ensure that water has not got into them. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that the ceiling to be looked at after the works to the roof have been completed.

2) Minutes – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 4th January 2010. Have been distributed and read. They were proposed by Cllr T Brownhill and seconded by Cllr M Atkinson with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr D Wilson.

3) Planning Applications Received from TDC – None received.

Decisions received from TDC –

a) Norden Farm, Denbury - response to letter that was sent from Nicola Bulbeck who confirmed that a reply will be received this week.

b) Fairview Road / Moorland Av site – Cllr C Stacey reported - treatment plant drainage that was sited at the rear of the development - in the light of the problems at the Village Hall Site regards the permeability of the sub soil - this could pose an even larger problem on this site with water and effluent discharge. Letter to Carol Walters – TDC to raise this point.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Village Green – Grass Cutting, Pub Benches – letter received from The Union Inn - they have confirmed that for 2010 they will honor the agreement to pay ½ of the cost of the cutting for the use of the Green with the Pub Benches. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson proposed - 8 benches at all times and 12 during busy times, no ashtrays or glasses left on the benches over night and benches to be out April to September 2010. Inform Grass Cutting contractor invoice Pub for 6 months and PC for 6 months - Paul Cary - grass must be cut before May Day 3rd 2010.
- b) Parish Plan - meeting this Thursday – nothing further to report.
- c) Parish Cluster Meeting - next meeting March 2010 regards Highways – Cllr T Brownhill attended the meeting at Ipplepen regards Affordable Housing - TDC - Graham Davey - Planning Officer for Affordable Housing was present and gave out alot of statistics. Land in Hand Workshops 26th February 2010 – regards Affordable House – Cllr T Brownhill & Cllr C Stacey to attend if possible.

5) **Correspondence.**

- a) TDC – Conservation Area Character Appraisals Review - Into envelope to be circulated to all Cllrs - Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed he has looked at but cannot see any proposed changes for Denbury but all Cllrs please look at and comment if necessary.
- b) Letter from Denbury Parish Hall Management Committee - Many thanks for contribution towards the Hall Insurance - the fire was caused by a faulty RCD unit which has been replaced now, Dart Fire have completed a survey, Fire Service have advised a survey for a suitable system which will again cost more money. The Parish Council noted that there was no reply regards to the toilet not being in use, there are implications of having a Disco in a Public Place with drinks being served and not having a gents toilet available, are the licences required relevant for such an event without toilets available for both genders. Fire Certificate – if this is not in place and needs to be attended to if the building is being used for Public Use it must have a Fire Certificate which is issued by the Local Authority.
- c) TDC – Tree Preservation Order – Land adjacent to Lake Farm, Denbury - this has now been issued for 6 months as there is currently a boundary dispute.
- d) DAPC – Royal Garden Parties 2010 – 22nd June 2010 - Chairman - Cllr David Wilson and partner to be put forward.
- e) Parish Councillors Resignation - Mrs Angela Evemy has tendered her resignation as she is moving out of the Parish. Write and thank for services and time.
- f) Bottle Bank - South Street – Letter from Mr R Stinton - the area is in a state with mud and leaves because the street sweeper does not clean around it and sometimes is unable to clean it because of parking cars – PC to ask DCC if the lengths man could clean up and put some gravel down to help with drainage.

6) **Main Agenda.**

- a) Report from County Councillor – D Smith - DCC – The recent spell of severe weather has caused a significant increase in potholes on the county's roads being reported by the County's highways officers and members of the public. The Council has deployed twenty six pothole gangs working full-time across the county to repair defects on A, B and C roads, and so far over 40,000 potholes have been filled this financial year - double the usual amount. In the last week alone, 1,200 potholes were reported to the highways department. In the next few weeks the extraordinary inspection will move into the lower classifications of road. Members of the public are also being encouraged to help the County Council identify potholes by either reporting any they see online at www.devon.gov.uk/pothole or by phoning 0845 155 1004 on weekdays between 8am and 8pm or on Saturdays between 9am to 1pm.

Health and wellbeing checks now available to carers

Carers are being given an opportunity to have free health and wellbeing checks from their GP surgeries and other local services, thanks to an initiative from NHS Devon, Devon County Council, and Devon Carers Link. In the first phase of the project, 21 GP surgeries and 3 pharmacies in Barnstaple, Exmouth, Honiton, Budleigh Salterton, Ottery St Mary, Teignmouth and Buckfastleigh, have appointments available for carers health checks. A further 20 GP surgeries and other health teams across Devon have expressed interest in being part of the project and will have appointments from 1st April. The hour long health checks assess the carers' physical, mental and emotional health. Carers, between the ages of 40-74, can also choose to receive a vascular check to predict their risk of developing problems such as heart disease, stroke and diabetes where these conditions have not previously been diagnosed. Carers can then be supported to access any treatment or referrals they may need in response to the health checks.

Devon was chosen as one of a small number of Department of Health Demonstrator sites to carry out the carers' health and wellbeing checks, and successfully bid for £800k funding earlier this year. The authorities' aim is to provide over 3,000 health and wellbeing checks over the next two years, particularly targeting people who have not previously come forward for carers' support.

A Young carers health check is also being developed by the Children's Trust and will be piloted later in the year. Other support services for carers are available through Devon Carers Link, commissioned by Devon County Council and NHS Devon. So far 5,500 carers in Devon are registered with Devon Carers Link, which is available for anyone who provides unpaid care to a family member, neighbour or friend.

Current providers of carers' health and wellbeing checks locally are:

Buckfastleigh Medical Centre. Tel: 01364 642534

Ashburton Surgery. Tel: 01364 652731

Bovey Tracey and Chudleigh practice. Tel: 01626 832666/ 01626 852379

Information about the health checks, and an updated list of all the participating services, are available on www.devon.gov.uk/carershealthandwellbeingchecks

For more information about Devon Carers Link, telephone: 08456 431 341, or visit:

<http://devoncarerslink.org/>

Enterprising Scheme receives cash boost

A new scheme has been set up to encourage 'social enterprise' in Devon. The idea is to support businesses which reinvest resources back into the community.

£35,000 has been set aside to support the project which will be granted in the form of vouchers for subsidised business support.

The concept of social enterprise is a business or service with primarily social objectives whose surpluses are principally reinvested for that purpose in the community, rather than being driven by the need to maximise profit for shareholders and owners. These could be charities, trusts or community benefit societies.

To be eligible, organisations must already be trading as a social enterprise and show that the funding would be used to develop and grow the business. The Scheme can meet up to half the cost of the required business support, up to a maximum value of £2000. Examples could include marketing activities, feasibility work, business planning or developing on-line sales. The idea of the scheme is to encourage business growth and through this, to help unlock the potential of people and communities within Devon that are economically disadvantaged or excluded.

STUDENTS in Devon's secondary schools have achieved another significant improvement in their benchmark GCSE pass rates. The percentage of students gaining five or more good A*-C passes at GCSE has gone up by an impressive 2.3 per cent. Devon's figure of 51.8 per cent compares with a national figure for all schools in England of 49.8 per cent. Devon's schools now sit at 64th out of 151 local authorities despite being 148th out of 151 for funding from the Government, and an Exeter secondary school has been named as one of the 20 most improved in the country.

b) Report from District Cllr Mrs M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – D Cllr Mrs M Colclough - Local Government Review still awaiting the outcome - budget process being looked at in TDC, three suggestions, no increase, 1.99% increase or 3.5% increase with carpark charges being raised - no option has yet been agreed on. Salary cuts and redundancies will be likely. Cashless parking scheme now in operation - mobile phone and credit cards to be used for parking - there is a 20p surcharge for this service.

c) Playing Field Management Report - Roof now being done and progressing.

d) Village Hall Management Committee Report - 11th Jan - last meeting - 5 members present - Leaking roof to be repaired, with the help of some grants from District and County Councillors. Toilets to be repaired at ½ term - this to be an insurance claim, the Village Hall Committee have confirmed that they are a management committee and not a fund raising committee. Floor in the kitchen needs attention and also the kitchen units to comply with ofsted regulations for the pre-school. Table Tennis table - owner of the table cannot be found - snooker table to be advertised for use - next meeting 15th Feb 2010.

e) New Parish Hall Steering Group – Cllr T Brownhill reported - working committee meeting held on the 26th January 2010 - multi court committee - small but have achieved much - raised £20,000 - awaiting to hear about a grant from Sports England but have already received a Landfill Trust Grant. 6 members of the new hall committee now - meet the team was not consultation enough from the Committee and the

Planning Application change consultation was not enough - if the multicourt was successful in bid for funds then planning permission change should be looked at again, but if they do get a grant for the multicourt it should go ahead on its present site on the existing plans with no change.

f) Report on Teignbridge Association of Local Councils – Cllr T Brownhill - meeting last Thursday at Parke, Bovey Tracey - presentation Chris France DNPA Planning Development - next meeting - March 25th 2010.

g) Footpath Reports - nothing to report.

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

i) Highways Matters.

1) Grit Bin at Wrenwell Cross - ask DCC if one can be provided.

2) Some of the Potholes mentioned last meeting still awaiting to be done.

j) Speaker for Annual meeting – April 2010 - Graham Davey (affordable Housing).

k) Annual Report - Chairman and Clerk to get together.

l) Cllr T Brownhill - trip to Wootton Bassett - dates of repatriation are always posted on the website and suggested that a delegation at some point goes up, Chairman – Cllr D Wilson, Cllr T Brownhill and Cllr C Stacey to attend.

7) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 649 = £410.00 Denbury Village Hall (Insurance Contribution).

Cheque no 650 = £60.00 – South West Grounds Maintenance (Grass Cutting Village Green).

Cheque no 651 = £10.00 – Denbury Village Hall (Hall Hire).

Current Bank Balance – Parish Council – February 2010 - £5,705.21

Current Bank Balance – Playing Field - February 2010 - £395.78

Proposed by Cllr M Atkinson & 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 9.07pm

Next Meeting - Denbury Village Hall - Monday 1st March 2010 at 7.30pm.

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