

DENBURY & TORBRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 2nd July 2007 at The Church House Inn, Torbryan
Meeting Commenced 7.30pm**

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

In Attendance – 9 Members of the Public

Apologies for Absence – D Cllr Mrs M Colclough, C Cllr P Cook.

Before the meeting began Chairman – Cllr D Wilson asked Cllrs to consider suspending standing orders for Item 5C) – All were in agreement to this.

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

- a) Mrs P Howe – The verge in South Street by the Phone Box along the Green needs cutting. She spoke to Chris Hickson at TDC who confirmed that the contractors are keeping an eye on the Green and have been noting that someone else is also cutting it.
- b) Mrs H Wills – Is Trevor who is cutting the Green an employee of the Parish Council for their liability insurance and is the verge in South Street covered by Trevors Contract. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that he is employed by the Pub and that the contract has not yet been signed. The Clerk will ask to see his insurance.
- c) Mr M Atkinson – Parish Plan - There was an open meeting held at Denbury Village Hall on Monday 11th June 2007. It was chaired by Mike Atkinson, with Annie Petherick (Community Council of Devon) and Gary Powell (Teignbridge DC Projects Officer) in attendance. There were approximately 20 members of the public; including present and retired parish councillors, and representatives of several village organisations. The meeting first heard a presentation by Annie Petherick about the process of parish planning; and there followed an open discussion with questions answered by Annie Petherick and/or Gary Powell. Issues arising included:
 - lottery applications usually require a parish plan to provide evidence of need
 - district council strategy committees can be influenced by evidence from parish plans
 - parish plans are probably not influential in preventing unwanted development
 - it may be difficult to find examples where parish plans have definitely made a difference to council decisions
 - the parish appraisal, completed in 1998, was very similar to a parish plan, but may be out of date

The chair of the meeting attempted to canvas interest in a Parish Plan Steering Group, asking those present to indicate which among them would be prepared to be involved. Not a single person attending the meeting would speak up, and the chair asked for some indication of what the meeting thought should happen next.

- A suggestion was made that more than one village project wanted the 'parish plan stamp' on their business plan, but there was no indication that any of these was prepared to put effort into creation of the plan.
- Another suggestion was that a 'bunfight' be arranged - tempting village people to attend by offering food and drink
- the question was asked whether there was any guarantee that the Parish Council would adopt the plan when it was complete?

I must ask the Parish Council to consider carefully what it wants to happen next. At the moment creation of the Denbury and Torbryan Parish Plan is totally untenable. Among those who would benefit from it there appears to be at least some muted acceptance that a plan should be created, but even among parish councillors I can find no demonstration of motivation for its creation. Even if I wanted to create it single-handed (which I don't) I cannot - I have no budget. I cannot apply for grant aid on my own. Gentlemen of the Parish Council - I'm afraid I lay at your feet the still-born child that is the Denbury and Torbryan Parish Plan. I'm not sure what I expect to happen next. I might suggest, perhaps, there could be mileage in some sort of progress report and revision of the old Parish Appraisal, but even that would need at least some commitment from the village community. If I had more time I might start to approach the various village projects and try to shake them up with a direct invitation to something - but I don't really have enough time at the moment, and feel rather demoralised about the whole thing.

Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that if its what the Parish want the Parish Council will support it. 10 at the meeting was very disappointing as every one in the Parish had received a flyer. The Parish Plan is the Parishes business plan and very important. A proposal was then made by the Chairman that the Parish Council and Mr Atkinson get together and try for another meeting and ask all the groups in the Village who will benefit from the plan to the meeting with a personal invite, also invite each Parishioner again and maybe have drinks and nibbles.

- d) Mrs P Stinton – presented the Chairman with a Badge of Office which she has kindly donated to the Parish Council. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson thanked her very much and a article will go into the Denbury Diary and the Mid Devon Advertiser.

- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes of the Meeting held Monday 4th June 2007 have been distributed and read. One amendment – Item 1a) should read to (not the) - they were proposed by Cllr T Brownhill and seconded by Cllr B Clatworthy and duly signed by Chairman – Cllr D Wilson.

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

- a) Application no 07/02676/FUL – Mr & Mrs Gilbert – Kiln Orchard, Beech Trees Lane – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling house. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr T Brownhill and seconded by Cllr S Bryan with all in agreement.
- b) Application no 07/02017/FUL – Mr & Mrs T Allen – 5 Denbury Green – Single storey rear extension containing reception room, WC and utility area. There is a right of way behind this property to all the other properties and the proposed extension is shown as going over this.

The Parish Council recommend refusal – proposed by Cllr B Clatworthy and seconded by Cllr T Brownhill with all in agreement.

Decisions received from TDC

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 07/01741/FUL – Mr & Mrs Burgoyne – Cornerways, The Green, Denbury – Single storey lean-to extensions and re-location of garage extension.
- b) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 07/01141/FUL – Mr & Mrs D Guppy – 8 Orchard Close, Denbury – Single storey extension and flat roofed utility extension.
- c) Refusal of Planning Permission – Application no 07/01578/COU – Mr G N Heath – Yeatt Farm, Denbury – Conversion of barn to dwelling house.

Appeals

- a) Rowan Barn, North Street, Devon – Appeal against enforcement notice no 06/00264/ENF – Erection of a shed. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson has declared an interest and left the room. Further comments to be sent to the Planning Inspectorate by the Parish Council – In the original application for Rowan Barn to be converted the Permitted Development rights were removed. The TDC enforcement officer has already considered that the Cabin should not be in situ and we as a Parish Council totally agreed with this decision. Proposed by Cllr S Bryan and seconded by Cllr T Brownhill with all in agreement.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Denbury Garage Site – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that there was nothing further to report on this matter. A working party meeting has been held to discuss new plans but nothing further has been heard.
- b) Village Green Grass Cutting – This matter has been covered in Public Time – The Clerk to ask Trevor Jones for a copy of his insurance.
- c) Paintballing – A letter has been received from Steve Hobbs – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that this still does not provide a satisfactory answer to the points that the Parish Council have raised. D Cllr D Smith confirmed that he had spoken to the Chief Executive and that they had passed the site during a ward round to have a look, this matter is now being looked into at TDC and he will chase up again to get a satisfactory answer as one still has not been given with regards to the sign which has been erected on site.
- d) Hanging Baskets Insurance – Letter of confirmation has been received from the Insurance Company – the Clerk will write to the Secretary of the Flower and Produce Show to confirm that the baskets can now be put up on the Cistern.
- e) Parish Councillors Vacancies –
 - a) There are still 3 vacancies at present.
 - b) Mr Mike Atkinson has now resigned from the Parish Council to concentrate on being Chairman of the proposed Parish Plan.

5) Correspondence.

- a) Thankyou letter from Rev Ian C Eglin – PC Donation.
- b) TDC Civic Service – 14th October 2007 – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson has made a note of this.
- c) Letter from TDC – Court Park, South Street – Visibility build-outs. Letters have been received from concerned Parishioners which were read out by the Chairman – Cllr D Wilson – they question why 2 parking spaces have been lost and why there has been no notification of these works taking place which has encroached onto property not owned by the developer. A Village amenity has been lost due to lack of consultation by TDC. A letter has also been received from TDC in response to a site visit confirming that the details of the visibility build outs have been agreed and are in accordance with plan submitted. Proposed by Cllr T Brownhill and seconded by Cllr A Deacon that the Parish Council contact the Land registry to

try and ascertain ownership of the South Street layby also Shute Lane and the Road across the Green. A letter to go to TDC – thanks for your letter – we are endeavouring to find out the ownership of the layby in South Street.

- d) E-Mail from Mrs P Howe – Court Park, South Street – see above item.
- e) Letter from Mr D Wills – Court Park, South Street – see above item.
- f) Vitalise – request for funding.
- g) E-Mail from Steve Matson – TDC – White Paper Talk – 6th August 2007 – ½ hour general talk at 7.00pm before the Parish Council meeting.
- h) DPFA – AGM – 12th July 2007.

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

6) Main Agenda.

- a) Report from County Cllr P L Cook – not in attendance – no report given.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough – in the absence of Cllr Colclough – D Cllr D Smith reported – On the 28th I did a ward round visit with the Chief Executive who noted the state of the old Denbury Garage. I am now on the Rural Aid Committee and there is also a Cllrs Community Fund of £1,500 each Cllr. I will look into the matter of the signage at the paintball site and will have a look at the visibility build out in South Street. Permitted Development Rights – these can now be withdrawn by TDC if you put in a planning application.
- c) Playing Field Management Committee Report – Chairman - Cllr B Clatworthy – next meeting is Monday 9th July 07. Trying to arrange a meeting between the Cricket Club and the Football Club.
- d) Village Hall Committee – Cllr T Brownhill reported – meeting on the 18th June 2007 – the outside tap is now installed and now a water butt has been provided for the WI. Quote for general maintenance to be obtained. Ladies toilet leaking. Hedge cutting and trimming has been done but the grass wants cutting. The planters and the window boxes are looking good. Front fence and gates to be tidied up (cost to be ascertained). Stain on curtain still to be done. Mayfayre Committee money to be spent on new curtains. Floor to be varnished each year, internal decorations to be done. The Lighting over the Table Tennis is being looked at and the Accounts for the Charity Commission are being completed to be returned in due course. With regards to the New Hall the Village Hall Committee have asked the New Hall Committee to keep them up to date with developments on the new site and someone will attend their Committee meetings, £1,500 has been quoted to put electric on to the new site. Terms of reference for the New Hall Committee are needed.
- e) New Village Hall Steering Group – Cllr B Clatworthy reported that members of the original new hall committee were in attendance and had commented that the New Hall Committee was to be an interim Committee to keep the site tidy and explore any further funding that might become available to enable the original plans to go ahead. The minutes of this Committee meeting can now be found on the web-site. The New Hall Committee are going to ask for a further £1000 funding from the PC – It was proposed by Cllr A Deacon that the PC write to them and ask to see the sets of accounts that are to be lodged with the Charity Commission before any more money is released – this was seconded by Cllr B Clatworthy with all in agreement.
- f) Parish Plan Committee – Mr Mike Atkinson had already reported in Public Time.
- g) Teignbridge Association of Local Councils – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson and Cllr T Brownhill will attend on the 26th July 2007.
- h) Footpath Reports – Cllr S Bryan reported that there has been some overhanging brambles and vegetation but nothing much else to report. A Public Rights of Way Consultation was also given to Cllr S Bryan to peruse.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors – Cllr T Brownhill attended a meeting regards the proposed new multicourt and reported on this.
- j) Highway Matters (Maintenance & Lengthsman) –
 - 1) Chairman – Cllr D Wilson reported that a large stone at the Corner of the Green was moved by a large lorry which turned at the Green having come the wrong way due to his Sat Nav

system. The stone was left in the road but thanks to Matt Fice was put back into place the same day. Thanks for go to Matt Fice and pictures of the stone and a letter to go to DCC regards Lorries using Sat Nav.

- 2) Courtland Cross – Manhole cover with edges broken.
 - 3) Doughy Lane – Large Potholes.
 - 4) Shute Lane flooding.
- k) Dog Fouling (Extra Bin) – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson and Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy have spoken to the Dog Warden who confirmed that it would be doubtful if an extra bin could be provided, where would it be situated and TDC may not agree to emptying an extra one. Dog Fouling in the Village – He cannot prosecute in the Village as there is no speed limit.
 - l) Greenhill Lane – DCC Travel Plan – The Clerk will write to DCC to confirm that this should go onto the Travel Plan.
 - m) New Code of Conduct to be adopted – Copies have been ordered but have not yet arrived.
 - n) Wheelie Bin next to Bottle Bank in South Street (disappearance) – Letter from Mrs H Wills - The Wheelie Bin which was next to the Bottle Bank in South Street disappeared on bin day. Please can we find out if it has been taken by TDC and can they replace it.
 - o) Stable Block at Wrenwell adjacent to Caravan Field – A lean to building had been erected on the side of this stable block and TDC were going to look into. The Clerk to chase up TDC for a reply.

7) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 531 = £15.00 Petty Cash for Stamps

Cheque no 532 = £43.45 Castles (Ink Cart and Stationary).

Cheque no 533 = £20.71 EDF Energy (Cistern Electric).

The above cheques proposed by Vice-Chairman - Cllr B Clatworthy and seconded by Cllr S Bryan

Current Bank Balance – Parish Council – July 2007 = £4,946.33

Current Bank Balance – Playing Field - July 2007 = £270.56

The audit forms were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman – Cllr D Wilson.

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

- a) Denbury Stones.
- b) Clerks Laptop.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm

Next Meeting - Denbury Village Hall – Monday 6th August 2007 @ 7.30pm.

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