

DENBURY & TORBRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 4th June 2007 at Denbury Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 7.30pm

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

In Attendance – 5 Members of the Public & PC John Fisher.

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

Before the meeting began Mr A Deacon was co-opted onto the Parish Council as a new member.

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

- a) PC John Fisher – Neighbourhood Beat Manager for Kingskerswell Rural Patch was in attendance. He covers a very large area and from today a PCSO John Henley is starting his training at Newton Abbot and will be working 8.00am to 10.00pm at night and will be able to deal with low level crime. There are also 2 special constables who work the Denbury Area. The Communicate with the Police you need to call Middlemoor or Plymouth on the 0845 777444 or you can also e-mail through direct to

kingskerswell@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

The e-mail is a good way to communicate being as this comes through to the neighbourhood beat team and can be picked up by anyone on duty and dealt with. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that there has been several occasions in the village when the Police have been called and no-one has arrived. PC Fisher confirmed that a call through was the only way to communicate for non-emergency calls and of course for emergencies 999. Since the 1st Jan 07 – 8 crimes have been logged and 8 other incidents. In comparison for the same period at Ipplepen 43 crimes.

- b) 17 People have expressed an interest in an allotment in Denbury. Does the Parish Council know of any other land available or would it support the provision for allotments on the New Village Hall Site. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson – glad to see that there is an interest in this and so many have come forward. The PC would support using part of the Village Hall Site for Allotments as the need has been proven.
- c) Hanging Baskets on the Cistern – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that this would be dealt with in Item 4f).
- d) Mrs Howe confirmed that she would be prepared to be involved with the Parish Plan but was unable to attend the Public Meeting.

- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes of the Meeting held Monday 14th May 2007 have been distributed and read. The minutes of the AGM held Monday 14th May 2007 have also been distributed and read – they were proposed by Cllr T Brownhill and seconded by Cllr M Atkinson and duly signed by Chairman – Cllr D Wilson.

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

None received.

Decisions received from TDC

None received.

4) **Matters Arising**

- a) Denbury Garage Site – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that a working party meeting was held. A smaller end gable was shown on new plans but the ridge height was still too high. This was taken into consideration and the plans are again to be re-drawn.
- b) Post Office – The Clerk confirmed that the new sign had now been ordered from DCC. An e-mail has also been received from Lesley Smith regards her meeting with MP Barry Gardiner regards the closing of rural post offices and asking for any comments. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson has composed a letter which was read out to Cllrs and will be sent to Lesley Smith.
- c) Village Green Grass Cutting – A letter has been received from Mrs H Wills which was read out to Cllrs and the Public present, it expressed her views that she is not in agreement with the Parish Council paying ½ of the grass cutting costs on the Green. It was also noted that the layby in South Street needs cutting. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that the Parish Council have no intention of stopping TDC cutting the Grass on the Green, the layby in South Street is a mess because TDC has not been cutting enough and so the Green would be in the same state as this if left all to TDC. The Green at present has never looked better, it's a good advert for the Village and makes a good entrance. A contract for the cutting is to be drawn up and all Cllrs to look at before being signed by Trevor Jones.
- d) Paintballing – A letter has been received from Steve Hobbs – TDC Enforcement to confirm that matters on the site are being investigated. The Clerk to write again to ask what is happening and a prompt reply required.
- e) Annual Flyer/Newsletter – This has been presented to Cllrs and is now ready for printing and distribution – most will be by hand but 51 in outlying areas to be posted.
- f) 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.
- g) Parish Councillors Vacancies – There are still 3 vacancies at present.

5) **Correspondence.**

- a) Rural Aid AGM – 21st June 2007.
- b) TDC – First Tier Governance – 19th July 2007.
- c) Devon Community recycling network – 29th June 2007.

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

6) **Main Agenda.**

- a) Report from County Cllr P L Cook – apologies had been given but an e-mail had been received asking for the Parish Councils comments on the Exeter City Council Unitary Status Bid – All were in agreement that a letter should go being not in favour of this.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough – in the absence of Cllr Colclough – D Cllr D Smith reported – TDC calling in of the Core Strategy, you need to watch this space as to what is going to happen. I have also noted the sign at the Paint Ball Site and will look into the gathering of evidence for the wildlife impact on site.
- c) Playing Field Management Committee Report – Chairman - Cllr B Clatworthy – next meeting is on the 9th July 2007. The Football Club have now put in a bin. Cllrs Bryan and Deacon are now also on the field committee. The portaloo on site is an eyesore, not very nice and not needed, a letter will go to Mark Guy to ask for it to be removed before it becomes a health hazard. However, they have also put up a nice new sign on site which the Parish Council approve of. The no dogs signs in the play area need re-doing – a quote of £15.00 each has been quoted – 2 are needed. The top gate which is overgrown with brambles needs cutting back, this is to be dealt with by Cllr D Wilson and Cllr B Clatworthy. The hedge which is the responsibility of Denbury AFC has been cut back but needs doing again after the bird nesting season.
- d) Village Hall Management Committee Report – Cllr T Brownhill reported that the tree, hedge and grass around the hall are to be tidied up. Window cill repairs are needed. The roof is to be

looked at and a list of tradesmen to be arranged in case of emergencies. £100 Mayfayre donation has been received. Charity Commission returns are to be done. 18th June AGM.

Flush buttons for the toilets to be looked into to save water. Main stopcock is situated in the gents toilets. Stain still on curtain still to be removed – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that the curtains were treated with a special fire retardant and this could be removed if they are cleaned and it would need to be re-done.

- e) New Village Hall Steering Group – Cllr S Bryan reported that he had now resigned from this Committee. The plans are now being fine tuned and the Parish Councils comments have been taken on board. The Playgroup area is being looked at with the possibility of large cupboards being installed to keep all their items in. Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy – thanks to Cllr Bryan for all his work done on the steering group.
- f) Parish Plan Committee – Cllr M Atkinson reported that he had tonight tendered his resignation to the Clerk. The rules of the Parish Plan do not allow him to be on the Parish Council and Chair the Parish Plan, so he will be concentrating on the Parish Plan for the time being. A flyer has been sent out to generate interest in the Public Meeting on 11th June 07 in the Village Hall and already people have come forward to get involved. Steve Matson from TDC has been invited and also CCD are coming to do a presentation – there is still some funding available. After this meeting a steering group will be formed to take things forward.
- g) Association of Local Councils – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson and Cllr T Brownhill attended and Cllr T Brownhill reported that there was a talk by the Patients Forum, also a discussion about the Weekly Collection Trial Waste Scheme of food waste throughout the Summer. All Parishes should also be aware of large planning developments. Next meeting 26th July 2007.
- h) Footpath Reports – Cllr S Bryan had nothing to report.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors – Nothing to report.
- j) Dog Fouling (Extra Bin) – The clerk to contact the Dog Warden and ask him to contact Vice-Chairman - Cllr B Clatworthy. A bin has been requested at the end of North Street where Doughy Lane goes across.
- k) Greenhill Lane – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson reported that he had been asked about the possibility of closing Greenhill Lane to through traffic as prison staff use it as a through route. A letter to go to DCC.
- l) White Paper Talk (Steve Matson TDC) – Invite to August 2007 meeting.
- m) Parish Council Meeting in Torbryan – July 2nd 2007 meeting now booked for the Church House Inn.
- n) New Code of Conduct to be adopted – Courses on this are available on the 27th June Ashburton and 4th July in Newton Abbot. The new code is to be circulated to all Cllrs.
- o) Event at Higher Wotton Farm – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson reported that an event is to be held – BMX bike event on the 15th & 16th June 2007. TDC have informed the Parish Council that all the necessary arrangements have been made through them and no planning permission is required for this event.
- p) Trouble at Denbury Down – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson - A report was given to PC Fisher earlier in the meeting, people have been drinking and also using trial bikes and 4x4. Mr Head had reported this but the more times you call the police the better.
- q) Highways Matters
 - 1) Wrenwell Cross to Courtlands Cross – Potholes.
 - 2) Courtland Cross to the Union Inn – Potholes.
 - 3) Flooding at the School and Shute Lane – Cllr S Bryan met Mr Camp-Richards to discuss.
 - 4) New liaison for the Parish Council – Cllr Tony Brownhill 01803 813619.

7) Cheques for Signature.

Cheque no 527 = £20.00 (Petty Cash for Stamps).

Cheque no 528 = £250.00 Denbury PCC (PC Donation).

Cheque no 529 = £46.91 Castles (Ink Cart & Paper for Flyers).

Cheque no 530 = £10.00 Denbury Village Hall (Hall Hire).

The above cheques proposed by Vice-Chairman - Cllr B Clatworthy and seconded by Cllr T Brownhill

Current Bank Balance – Parish Council – June 2007 = £4,983.54

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

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm

Next Meeting Church House Inn, Torbryan – Parish Council Meeting Monday 2nd July 2007 @ 7.30pm.

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