

**DENBURY & TORBRYAN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008 at Denbury Village Hall**  
**Meeting Commenced 7.30pm**

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

**In Attendance** – 9 Members of the Public, WPC Diane Ashley from Newton Abbot & TDC Chief Executive – Nicola Bulbeck.

**Apologies for Absence** – D Cllr D Smith.

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

This will be open for longer tonight to enable the Police and TDC Chief Executive to speak and receive questions from Cllrs and Public present.

- a) Chairman – Cllr D Wilson reported that he had e-mailed police regards the vandalism and damage caused in the village after a party in the village hall, even the neighbourhood watch have not been kept informed of the progress on this. Also motorbikes being used on Denbury Down and drinks alcoholic and cans and bottles being left around. PC Diane Ashley confirmed – trying to get CCTV footage from the Pub but to no avail at present, when the damage was caused there was only one witness to it and they are going to get a statement from them. It seems that the village hall was hired by a youth who forged his parents signature and there was no adult presence at the party, they also tried to get access to the pub but were refused and then the vandalism occurred. Cllr T Brownhill – confirmed that the hall booking is being addressed, and the parents of the hirers on that night have been written to by letter asking for reimbursement for the damage caused. PC Diane Ashley - Names were taken on the night when the Police were called and these names are being followed up. Motorbikes on Denbury Down – now this has been brought to our attention it will be followed up and highlighted as an issue. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson - Its mostly weekends that this is occurring. PC Diane Ashley - anything occurring in the Village please let us know then these incidents will be logged and will be on file. PSCO Warren Palmer is out and about and can also be contacted on the phone number or by e-mail.
- b) Welcome by the Chairman – Cllr D Wilson - Nicola Bulbeck – Chief Executive TDC – I have been 2 years at TDC, prior to that I was Chief Executive to other Councils and am a member of the BAR. The Boundary Commission – now in Devon this week to do a survey on all the boundaries in Devon. TDC services have been receiving good reviews and good relationships between the customer (Public) are always very good to have.

**Questions raised** –

Cllr T Brownhill – Court Park – 2 Parking spaces allocated per house, but one car is being parked in the layby. Nicola Bulbeck - Unless he is causing an obstruction he can legally park there – it might be an idea to approach in a friendly manner and with a letter. Ownership of layby can be ascertained if possible if the occupant of the adjacent house can write in to TDC to ask if its registered to anyone.

Cllr T Brownhill - Caravan Site at Wrenwell – Barn housing a Caravan inside was being used as residential – this has now been looked into by TDC Planning Enforcement and a breach has occurred and is being addressed.

Cllr T Brownhill - Gipsy Camp – what was the outcome of the Development Control Committee meeting today – Nicola Bulbeck confirmed that D Cllr M Colclough can advise on this matter

regards planning later in the meeting – however any requirements for these types of sites are Government set. The outgoings on the site are paid for by the tenants on the sites. The cost of providing the sites falls on the District and County and Government. D Cllr Mrs M Colclough – confirmed that the Development Control Committee decision was to go and look at the site next Monday – the question of need was raised, this has to be proved as it was thought that the people involved were already housed, it was noted that the site is on high ground and very visible, the access was also mentioned as unsuitable.

Cllr T Brownhill - Conduct of District Councillors – in TDC – Nicola Bulbeck confirmed that a copy for elected members can be found on the web-site and there is also another code of conduct for planning which all members are aware of. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that he spoke to Sue Aggett TDC Solicitor on this matter – she advised that she can advise Committee Members of declaring an interest but cannot make them. Nicola Bulbeck - If a matter cannot be resolved at TDC then it must go to the Standards Board for Investigation.

Cllr S Bryan – Planning Permissions for Stables which are springing up all over the Parish, these are cropping up time and time again at the moment. Nicola Bulbeck - The Planning Team will be aware of all these applications being put in but they all cover one area each. Liveries – can this be monitored? – this needs to be monitored by the Parish Council and or Public who make the Planning Officers aware of this and ask them to investigate further. The Enforcement officers have quite a large rural area in TDC and so they rely on information given to them, in the past there have been problems with stables just springing up without planning permission and they have been chased up and asked to submit an application.

Chairman – Cllr D Wilson – since the PC complained about lack of communication from TDC in particular Planning things have been happening and now the communication is much better and also from the other departments.

Mr Sutherland-Cook – Chairman – Denbury May Fayre Committee – from April 1<sup>st</sup> the provision of putting out cones for such events becomes the responsibility of the District Council and not the Police. Spoken to TDC and they are aware of this new legislation but did not have any further information on it yet. 40 cones need to be collected and the Denbury May Fayre will put them out. Nicola Bulbeck – confirmed - yes thanks to national government the police are passing this responsibility onto the District – The four District Councils are coming together on this – West Devon, SHDC, DNPA and TDC – the details and the mechanics are now being gone through and its being taken on in May – cones will be found for this event.

Andrew Rosenburgh – Concerns regards the works on Orley Common – Trees have been cut down which is affecting the wildlife, wild plants underfoot are being damaged and crushed, the cover has been taken away and the trees left as stumps. Parishioners feel these works need to be stopped until there is a site meeting to look at what is going on there – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson - Understand that a letter has been sent to Nicola Bulbeck who confirmed that a site meeting has been arranged for the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008. Other comments – Soil erosion occurring, dormice are present at the moment, but woodcock, rabbits and badgers are all gradually being forced out as the undergrowth is being cleared. D Cllr Mrs M Colclough – confirmed that quite a considerable amount of work is still going on – it would be nice if it could be slowed down or stopped until the site meeting. Nicola Bulbeck confirmed that it would be better for the work to be stopped until the site meeting to discuss matter further. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson also felt that this would be a very good idea.

- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes of the Meeting held Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008 have been distributed and read. They were proposed by Cllr T Brownhill and seconded by Vice-Chairman - Cllr B Clatworthy and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr D Wilson.

Chairman – Cllr D Wilson asked that during Matters arising – Item I – standing orders are suspended to allow a member of the Public to Speak – All Cllrs were in agreement with this.

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

- a) Application no 08/00114/LBC – Mr D Thomas – Barn at Poole Farm, Orley Road – Repair roof and replacement timbers – No objections from the Parish Council – Proposed by Cllr T Brownhill and seconded by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy with all in agreement.
- b) Application nos 07/04845/LBC & 07/04844/FUL – Prof & Mrs Hyland – Chesten House, Woodland Road – New Double Garage, Gates and Greenhouse – No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy and seconded by Cllr S Bryan with all in agreement.
- c) Application no 07/05279/FUL – Mr P & Mrs H Keeling – Heathfield Farm, Heathfield Road, Denbury – Installation of a third floor balcony – No objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy and seconded by Cllr S Bryan with all in agreement.
- d) Application no 08/00219/LBC – Mr I Rowe – Tapleys Cottage, Torbryan Hill – Installation of double doors, formation of step and levelling floor to facilitate wheelchair access - No objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy and seconded by Cllr S Bryan with all in agreement.
- e) Application no 08/00546/CLDE – Mr A H Sedgewick – Forever Trees Nursery, Denbury Road – Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use of barn as a dwelling – Chairman – this was initially a caravan on site which was removed and put into the barn, this was removed and the occupier spent some time living in the hedgerow and in the barn, walls have been built and CCTV has been put into place. Enforcement have visited site and have been refused access in the past. The Parish Council refuse this application.

### **Decisions received from TDC**

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 07/05229/FUL – Mr P Clayborough – The Latches – Erection of a detached garage and tool shed with hobby/storage area over. Chairman – observations made by officer in report was that the PC did not raise any objections. (look in file back 2 years ago).
- b) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 07/05109/MAJ – Mr M Perryman – Former Denbury Diesels Premises, Denbury Garage – Demolition of existing garage and erection of ten dwelling houses and one flat.
- c) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 07/05056/FUL – Mr & Mrs A Lang – Field to North of Hawthorns, Broadhempston – Stables, tackroom and hay barn.
- d) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 07/05049/FUL – Mr S Parker – Oakwood, Heathfield Road – Move static caravan 10 metres from area designated under certificate of lawfulness.

### **Planning Amendments**

- a) Chairman – Cllr D Wilson asked Nicola Bulbeck if it was possible for TDC to send the Parish Council any amendments received to applications as DNPA and SHDC already do this. Its nice to be informed of amendments as obviously people wonder what has happened to the planning process when things just appear on site as an amendment which no one has seen.

Cllr D Wilson thanked Nicola Bulbeck for her time and input to the meeting.

#### 4) **Matters Arising**

- a) Parish Councillors Vacancies – nothing further to report.
- b) Village Green Stones – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that he had spoken to Matt Fice and when the digger is spare the works will be done, hopefully to be done before the May Fayre.
- c) New Village Hall Land – Trustees – Letter from Windeatts – deed has been prepared and consent needs to be obtained from Mr & Mrs Guppy – (Brownhill Postcode TQ12 6EE) Cllrs queried why another list of names was replacing the old one – should it not just be the Parish Council – the Clerk will raise this query with Solicitors.
- d) Forever Trees Nursery – Boundary Wall – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that this matter had been confirmed by DCC as not being on the Highway – DCC had been and inspected.
- e) Parish Meeting Speaker – nothing heard from Emma Stamp – try Alan Connett TDC.
- f) Parish Plan – nothing further to report at present.
- g) Siting of residential caravans and use at Wrenwell Caravan Park, Denbury – Letter has been received from TDC – S Hobbs - the matter is now being looked into as it appears that a breach is occurring.
- h) E-Mail to Police – Village Matters – this matter covered in Public Time when WPC Diane Ashley was present.
- i) Village Allotments – (Standing Orders suspended) – Mr Ian Hocking – Chairman and representative for the Allotments Association – A group of people around 20 families who were interested have met and at present have formed a committee, they have a chairman, secretary and treasurer and are now in a position to start negotiation with the landowner. Chairman – the old allotment field at present is privately owned and the owners are happy for it to go back to an allotment field – they need to be contacted and they would want a legally binding tenancy for the allotment association. TDC – Chris Smith can also be contacted for further information. Can the Parish Council support the Allotments Association on this – In the first instance approach the field owners as to what sort of rental they will require but also whether possibly they would be prepared to sell to the Parish Council.

#### 5) **Correspondence.**

- a) TDC – Planning Charter for Parish Councils – this has been distributed to all Cllrs and been read. Just to mention amendments which should be sent to the Parish Councils.
- b) Cross on the Cistern – letter received from Steve Bassett – PCC – Church Warden of St Marys – Small Wooden Cross to be put on the step of the Cistern for one week from Easter Sunday. No objections from the Parish Council but it will need to be secured to the Cistern but not by means of any additional fixings and that the PC takes no responsibility for it whilst it is in situ. But noted that the Denbury Diary had already put in that permission was given.
- c) University of Plymouth – Councillors Questionnaires – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson will complete one copy.
- d) TDC – Meet the Funders – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008 – drop in event at the Racecourse, Newton Abbot. Some of the New Village Hall Committee members will attend.
- e) TDC – Housing Land Availability Assessment – Draft – Comments by 4<sup>th</sup> April 08 – In envelope and comments to be returned if any reply is required.
- f) DCC – Listening Events – regards Exeter Unitary and Boundary Commission proposals – 4 dates no one able to attend.
- g) Letter from Denbury May Fayre – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2008 – Permission to use Village Green – no objections from the Parish Council – just the normal conditions, leave the green as they found it – have sight of the insurance policy.
- h) Rural Skip Service – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2008 – write to TDC and confirm yes OK.
- i) Rural Aid Scheme 2008/2009 – Application form – AGM 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008 – The Clerk to apply for the Playing Field Committee – new Springies for the Play Area and Capital Project – form given to the New Village Hall Committee for completion.

**Matters not requiring discussion placed in the envelope to be circulated (1 Envelope).**

6) **Main Agenda.**

- a) Report from County Cllr P L Cook – not in attendance.
- b) Report from District Cllr Mrs M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – not in attendance. D Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported – Post Office closures – UK 2500 must close – Devon is one of the 50 areas highlighted – 50 branches will close in Devon and around 5 in Teignbridge – proposals go public on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 08 which is followed by 6 weeks of Public Consultation. Budget TDC – 4.9% increase from TDC this year - £6.65 increase on a band D property. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> rise above 2% since 2004 and the cost of the concessionary fares has been the reason for the increase – next year the costs of the concessionary fares will be even more. Parking gone up by 10p and £5.00 on parking permits. 4.7% will be the total rise in the Council Tax this year £1,476 average for a Band D – by far the most of this will go to DCC with the Police and Fire and Rescue, TDC and Parish Council also taking a proportion.
- c) Playing Field Management Committee Report – Cllr B Clatworthy reported - Meeting held – the Cricket Club and the Football Club have spoken to each other to solve any problems. Awaiting to hear from DCC regards the flooding soakaway installation. Springies – new quotation got and application for rural aid to be completed, commemorative tree purchased to be planted and bench to be collected from the Prison when ready and installed by Percy Collins. New bark path – many thanks to Cllr A Deacon for doing its nearly been completed. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson – Bins which have been put up by Football Club need to be emptied as rubbish is blowing about the field – e-mail to Carol regards this.
- d) Village Hall Management Committee Report – Cllr T Brownhill – Talk from Sarah Pote of the Multicourt sub-committee, fund raising is going ahead for this. As the hall is being re-sited this may have an affect on the multicourt and the parishioners who it may affect. The new parking is working well and the signs to be completed. Hall – Heaters not working, bins to be re-sited. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson – Charity Commission web-site shows a list of Trustees and one of which is no longer a Trustee and another who does not live in the UK – this needs to be updated and changed. Another meet the team meeting in the Village Hall this coming Sunday - 9<sup>th</sup> March 2008. Site Hut – very unsightly and not in use, when is it going to be removed – proposed by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy and seconded by Cllr S Bryan that a letter go to the New Hall Committee.
- e) New Village Hall Steering Group – nothing further to report – items covered in d) above.
- f) Report on Teignbridge Association of Local Councils (next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008) – Cllr T Brownhill and Chairman – Cllr D Wilson to attend.
- g) Footpath Reports – nothing to report.
- h) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings attended – nothing to report.
- i) Highways Matters.
  - 1) Union Inn to Wrenwell and Wrenwell to Courtlands Cross – Parish Lengthsman and machine needed to go along where the hedge is encroaching on the Road and houses just down from the Union Inn.
  - 2) Rear of Dornafield – Road has not been attended to where it has collapsed.
  - 3) Flood sign between Denbury Cross and Devon Tree Surgeons – Sign for flooding and concealed exit are still in situ.
  - 4) Rubbish – Ipplepen Cross toward the rear of Dornafield – Rubbish on the Road and some asbestos sheets dumped in hedge.
  - 5) Southfields – South Street – owner of vehicle parked in the layby – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson – owner needs to be approached first face to face before a letter is sent. Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy – proposed NFA by the Parish Council as he is parking legally in this space in the layby seconded by Cllr S Bryan.
  - 6) Flooding – Ipplepen cross and Dornafield Cross – down in the dip flooding still bad.
- j) Noticeboards – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson reported - The Church Plans to get a new Blue Noticeboard in front of the Church on the Wall of the Cottage – Planning Permission is needed for this and they have asked would the Parish Council like to purchase one the same, the cost is £250 each + VAT.

After discussion it was decided that Chairman – Cllr D Wilson speak to the Rector and suggest that the wooden ones are looked at before looking to purchase these new ones as they would be a lot nicer – Percy Collins was going to make some new wooden ones.

7) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 563 = £94.00 - Trevor Jones (Grass Cutting Village Green).  
Cheque no 564 = £2,269.51 – Sharon Raggett (Clerks Wages 07/08).  
Cheque no 565 = £10.00 – Denbury Village Hall (Hall Hire for meetings).  
Cheque no 566 = £54.00 – Trevor Jones (Grass Cutting Village Green).  
Cheque no 567 = £32.41 – EDF Energy (Cistern Electric).

The above cheques proposed by Cllr A Deacon and seconded by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy with all in agreement.

Current Bank Balance – Parish Council – March 2008 - £5,057.55  
Current Bank Balance – Playing Field - March 2008 - £308.48

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.23pm

Next Meeting - Denbury Village Hall – Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2008 @ 7.30pm.

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