

DENBURY & TORBRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson, Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy, Cllr J Adams, Cllr T Brownhill, Cllr M Atkinson, Cllr C Stacey, Cllr Ms L Barnett, D Cllr Mrs M Colclough, C Cllr D Smith (from item 3b).

In Attendance – 5 members of the Public & Mr Paul Marino – (Denbury AFC Chairman).

Apologies for Absence – PCSO – Newton Abbot Police.

1) Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes) –

a) Mrs Howe – The Green has been churned up by the milk lorry - Chairman – Cllr David Wilson - will get it tidied up at some point but the ground at present far too wet and will be dealt with in time. Cars Parking around the Green - seems to have become a habit. Chairman – Cllr David Wilson - providing the cars are taxed there is nothing that can be done about cars parking on Public Highway unless they are causing an obstruction, the drivers from Gregory - Milk Tankers have been advised to take another suitable way rather than driving up on the Green again.

b) Fairview Road - new plans received - resident still in objection regards the size of the development proposed and although reduced its only by one property.

c) Playing Field - Chairman – Cllr David Wilson - many thanks Paul its all looking great at the moment down at the field, very tidy, the kitchen the contractor is going to attend to together with the electric check. Picked up several bits of rubbish today mostly plastic bottles and some cans, but they are getting run over by the mower - Trevor should pick them up. Goal mouths need to be moved from the Cricket Club door as they would not get in there at the moment. Water still on at the outside tap, could still get frosts at night so should be off. Tiles on the changing room roof broken - the Parish Council cannot be held responsible for tiles as they keep getting broken by footballs. Paul Marino - senior teams doing well - 1st team through to semis of Herald Cup and looking to increase membership next year and fill in age groups where players are missing in the younger age group teams.

2) Minutes – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 1st February 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 –

a) Application no 10/00494/FUL – Mr Hill – Kellinch Farm, Bickington – Demolition of conservatory and side extension and construction of new side extension. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr C Stacey and seconded by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy with all in agreement.

b) Application no 09/03934/MAJ – Mr C Perrin – Site at Fairview Road / Moorland Avenue – Demolition of 8 existing garages, erection of 10 dwellings and associated works to upgrade highway. Cllr M Atkinson has declared an interest and left the room – Cllr comments included - No improvement on the previous drawings, lack of amenity space for the central units, close to the footpath and highway - problems for vehicles exiting garages backwards. Unanimous decision - the Parish Council refuse this application - a letter to go to TDC Planning & Nicola Bulbeck regards the PC concerns on this application.

- c) Application no 10/00261/FUL – Mr A Voss – Court Barn, West Street – Summerhouse - noted that this application is retrospective - no objections from the Parish Council.
- d) Application no 10/00498/FUL – Mrs Parr – Beehive Cottage, Bickington – Single Storey Side Extension. No objections from the Parish Council.
- e) Application no 10/00517/FUL – Mr & Mrs R Burningham – Lowes Farm, Denbury – Single Storey Pitched Roof Garden Room. No objections from the Parish Council.

Decisions received from TDC –

- a) Certificate of Lawful use or Development – Application no 09/03540/CLDE – Mr & Mrs W Smith – Norden Farm, Denbury – Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of agricultural building as a dwelling - Letter to go to John Collier-Marsh and ask for a face to face meeting regards how this could have happened, the PC would like an official review of procedures as building control, planning and enforcement have not done their relevant jobs - copy to Nicola Bulbeck – Chief Executive TDC to keep her informed.
- b) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 09/03764/COU – Mr & Mrs Wakeham – North End Farm – Renewal of Planning Permission 04/04937/COU for conversion of use from two barns to two dwellings.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Parish Plan – Cllr M Atkinson - meeting steering group on 11th Feb 2010 - proposed constitution has been formatted - communication with parishioners was discussed and putting minutes on the notice boards and getting news about the Parish Plan to outlying homes who do not get the Denbury Diary. Funding possible from District Councillors Fund and Mayfair - raise the profile of the plan at the Mayfair. Chairman of Parish Plan at present will not just walk away from the role - he is happy to continue until he hands over to another successor.
- b) Parish Cluster Meeting - to take place on Thursday at Ipplepen regards Highways - Brian George from DCC will be present.
- c) Parish Councillor Vacancy - 2 applications have now been received - so now interviews will take place to appoint a new Councillor.
- d) Annual Parish meeting Speaker - Martin Rich CCD regards Parish Plans & Tony Beard - Widecombe Wag - also invite to Village Organisations to give their brief yearly reports. Flyers now to be printed and sent out.

5) Correspondence.

- a) E-Mail from Dave Law – Denbury May Fair - use of green 3rd May 2010 and sign on the green – no objections from the Parish Council.
- b) Devon Mobile Library Service Questionnaire - Chairman - Cllr D Wilson has filled in online.

6) Main Agenda.

- a) Report from County Councillor – D Smith - Unitary update – A high court judge considering a case of judicial review today. Draft orders for new unitaries have yet to be approved by Parliament.

The budgetary process has been completed and after efficiency savings throughout a council tax increase of 1.98 % was agreed at full council meeting on 18th February.

Despite the cuts in staffing and other areas a further £1,000,000 has been found towards highway maintenance.

In the light of recent high profile cases affecting children and young people the Council is asking people across the County to help them identify children living under private fostering arrangements. The call to action was part of Private Fostering Week (Monday 22 February to Sunday 28th February) run by the British Association for Adoption and Fostering, and aims to raise awareness of private fostering.

Children living with someone who isn't their parent or carer for more than four weeks are classed as being privately fostered. Although this is a private arrangement, legally the parent and the carer must notify the County Council where the child is going to live. This is so we can ensure the private foster carer is not missing important information and support, such as financial advice about benefits to which they may be entitled, but also that the child is being properly looked after.

Nobody knows exactly how many children are privately fostered, but in 2001 the Department of Health estimated that there could be as many as 10,000 in England and Wales. It is feared that some of these 'invisible' children could be at risk of abuse, or victims of trafficking.

In the past three years there has been a 93% increase in notifications of private fostering arrangements in Devon.

Examples of a private fostering arrangement could be:

- A student living with host family whilst studying.
- A young person living with another household if they have fallen out with their own family. This could be with a boyfriend or girlfriend's family.
- A child living away from home to be closer to a school or to receive medical help

The Council is particularly asking people who work with children to be aware of private fostering and contact them if they believe a private fostering is taking place. Once a local authority knows about a private fostering agreement, a social worker will check the suitability of the arrangement and continue to make regular visits to make sure the child is well cared for, as well as offering information and support to carers.

To find out more about private fostering and how to notify Devon County Council of a private fostering arrangement visit www.devon.gov.uk/cyps-privatefostering or telephone 0845 155 1013.

As a member of the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee I have been attached to a task group examining services in Devon for people with learning disabilities. The review, will examine services provided for people with a learning disability to see how, if at all, they can be improved in order to lobby decision makers to implement the changes the group will recommend.

The task group will be looking at issues such as residential care, including home closures and supported living, day centres and employment opportunities, respite care as well as challenges in relation to the transition from Children & Young People Services to Adult & Community Services.

The task group is inviting any interested person to share their views relating to services for people with a learning disability and to contribute to the review.

Councillor Eileen Wragg, chairman of the task group said: "The provision of health and social care for people with a learning disability has been the subject of numerous national and regional reviews highlighting, for example, non-equal access to healthcare, poorer states of health, fewer health screenings, low levels of self-directed care or insufficient arrangements to safeguard adults with a learning disability. "We are undertaking this review as changes in residential services are underway but, of course, services for people with a learning disability do not just stop there and we are hoping to hear from as many people as possible and to cover as many areas as possible."

Anyone who is interested in taking part and giving evidence to the task group or would like an informal chat or more information can contact Janine Gassmann in the scrutiny team on 01392 384383.

Letters and e-mails are also welcome and can be used as evidence to support this review. E-mail janine.gassmann@devon.gov.uk, or post to Janine Gassmann, Scrutiny Officer, County Hall, Room G36, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon EX2 4QD.

All submissions should be received by 1 May 2010. It is anticipated that the task group will report to the Health & Adults' Services Scrutiny Committee in September 2010. More than nine out of 10 Devon children will get a place at their first preference secondary school this September. 91 per cent of county families received a place at their first preferred school.

That compares with 89.8 per cent at this stage last year. The percentage is likely to increase throughout the year as appeals are held.

In 2010, 97.4 per cent of Devon families received a place at one of their three preferred schools compared with 97.5 per cent in 2009.

92 per cent of applicants used the online application system – up from 78 per cent last year.

Devon is bucking the national trend and a great deal of credit should be given to our hard working admissions staff and our schools who combine to satisfy as many families as possible. Finally on Friday 26th February I attended as a member of the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority, the official opening of the new whole time fire station at Middlemoor, Exeter, which was carried out by the Princess Royal, Princess Anne. For the princess it was her second of the day having earlier opened the new station at Danes Castle, Exeter. The combined investment was £7.4M.

- b) Report from District Cllr Mrs M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – D Cllr Mrs M Colclough - TDC has approved a 1.97% budget increase which means 6p per week on a band D property; car parking charges will be increased by 3% overall but 1 hour parking charge will stay the same; £55,000 made available for Rural Aid this will be revenue funding. £3.5m of savings to be made in the next 3 years by cutting the councils wage bill; some people will be taking early retirement and the management structure will be further streamlined.
- c) Playing Field Management Report - see Public time.
- d) Village Hall Management Committee Report – Cllr T Brownhill - 15th Feb meeting – Mr John Griffin gave a trustees update and will be receiving copies of the Village Hall minutes. Kitchen units being replaced but the floor also needs to be done to comply with health and safety. Gents toilets been completed. Main smoke alarm - quotes have been obtained - but needs to be done asap. Spare table tennis table - was a donation 20 years ago - will be sold on ebay. No response regards advertising use of the snooker table. Chairman - Cllr D Wilson - please mention communication to the Committee - the PC had no reply regards the Village Hall Doors and neither did a parishioner who offered to repair the doors. They have now been replaced and look very smart.
- e) New Parish Hall Steering Group - no meeting held. Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy - parking has been a problem in the area splay where the gates are for the new site, also noted that more parents parking outside again for the school.
- f) Report on Teignbridge Association of Local Councils - no meeting held – next meeting 25th March 2010.
- g) Footpath Reports - nothing to report.
- h) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings attended – nothing to report.
- i) Highways Matters.
 - 1) Pothole at PV Nurseries Two Mile Oak Road.
 - 2) Pothole in West Street opposite new houses.
 - 3) Flooding on the road down from Denbury Green is still very obvious - this matter will be taken to the cluster meeting.
 - 4) Doughy Lane very bad.
- j) Denbury Paintball – Home Park Farm – it has been noted that the sign is up permanently and this is a condition of planning that it should not be - letter to Steven Hobbs -

7) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 652 = £25.00 - Petty cash for Stamps.

Cheque no 653 = £231.49 – DCC (HGV Sign).

Cheque no 654 = £60.47 – Castles – (Paper, Ink & Memory Stick).

Cheque no 655 = £10.00 – Denbury Village Hall (Hall Hire).

Cheque no 656 = £16.66 – EDF Energy (Cistern Electric).

Cheque no 657 = £1,485.00 – Sharon Raggett (Clerks Wages 09/10 & Expenses).

Current Bank Balance – Parish Council – March 2010 - £5,625.08

Current Bank Balance – Playing Field - March 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 9.25pm

Next Meeting - Denbury Village Hall - Monday 12th April 2010 at 6.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.

ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAS SPECIAL NEEDS AND REQUIRES A COPY OF THESE MINUTES SENT TO THEM – PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK – 01364 644109.