

DENBURY & TORBRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 3rd September 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 A Deacon, D Cllr D Smith, D Cllr Mrs M Colclough.

In Attendance – 2 Members of the Public & Mr Mike Atkinson (Parish Plan).

Apologies for Absence – Newton Abbot Police, C Cllr P Cook.

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

- a) Mrs P Howe – confirmed that the field wall beside the Green had begun to be repaired. This meant that the vegetation beside it had been cleared and will be reclaimed as Green. She had spoken to Trevor who said he would rake up and burn all the vegetation on the Green. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that he would speak to Trevor as burning it on the Green would not be acceptable. Cllr Wilson added many thanks to Mrs Howe as this clearance has improved the Village Green.
- b) Mrs P Howe confirmed that a member of the Public had mentioned to her about the lower branches of the chestnut trees on the Green and whether they could be cut to stop children climbing into to get the conkers. Cllrs agreed that this was not the answer to stop children climbing and were not in agreement that this should be done.
- c) Damage to the Green had been noted at Cornerways.
- d) Mrs P Howe – Chairman Badge of Office – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that this had been paid for out of the Parish Council account last month. But a donation cheque had been most gratefully received from Mrs P Stinton to pay for this item and this had been deposited into the Parish Council bank account.

- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes of the Meeting held Monday 6th August 2007 have been distributed and read. Item 1b) had a spelling error, which was duly corrected. They were proposed by Cllr S Bryan and seconded by Vice-Chairman - Cllr B Clatworthy and duly signed by Chairman – Cllr D Wilson.

Item 6f) Parish Plan – All Cllrs were in agreement that this matter should be brought forward to enable Mr Mike Atkinson to then leave the meeting. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that a meeting of Cllrs should be held later this month to discuss who would be invited and when another Public Meeting should take place to try and get the Plan Committee up and running. A working Party meeting to be held to discuss at Cllr D Wilsons house on Thursday 20th September at 7.30pm and a report to be made at the next PC meeting.

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

No applications to be considered.

Decisions received from TDC

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – 07/02017/FUL – Mr & Mrs Z Allen – 5 Denbury Green – Single storey rear extension containing reception room, wc and utility area. This Permission was accompanied by a letter which explained why the fact that the building was over a right of way was not taken into consideration. D Cllr Mrs M Colclough confirmed that she would look into this matter for the Parish Council.

- b) Copy letter from TDC – Land at Simpsons Farm Denbury – Construction of livestock and dry store building. This Permission has been allowed.

4) **Matters Arising**

- a) Denbury Garage Site – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that youngsters have been seen in the building again. The fencing had been bent outwards on inspection and he had put in back and it has not been moved again. A letter has again been received from Mick Roberts requesting a working party meeting. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that the ridge height on the plans which had been provided were above the 7.9metres. All Cllrs were in agreement that no working party meeting would be held until any plans shown were of a ridge height of 7.9metres or under. Proposed by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy and seconded by Cllr S Bryan with all in agreement.
- b) Paintballing – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that a letter had been received from Steve Hobbs at TDC. It confirmed that he had spoken to the organisers of the events and that the sign will be removed for the time being, although an application is to be submitted for some form of signage. The Clerk will write back to Steve Hobbs to confirm that the sign is still in situ but has been covered up with a cloth. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson also confirmed that TDC are now promising an acknowledgement of letters within 5 working days and a reply with 20 working days. D Cllr D Smith confirmed that he had spoken to the Chief Executive about this site and that Alison Slade had visited the site and undertaken a wildlife survey which will be monitored again in the Spring. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson confirmed that the Clerk will write back to the Chief Executive to confirm that a reply was not received within the 20 days and a copy of the letter to D Cllr D Smith has not been given to the Parish Council. She will also be invited to a Parish Council meeting also with John Collier-Marsh and Steve Hobbs.
- c) Parish Councillors Vacancies – Nothing further to report.
- d) Court Park, South Street – Visibility Build Outs – British Telecom have confirmed that there is no wayleave paid on the phone box. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson read to the Parish Council a letter that had been sent to Mrs Fice in reply to her previous letter and another letter has now been received from Mrs Fice which was again read out to the Parish Council – this letter is to be acknowledged by the Parish Council. District Cllr D Smith also confirmed that he had received a reply regards this site from the Chief Executive – TDC.
- e) Wheelie Bin next to Bottle Bank in South Street (disappearance) – Steve Matson from TDC has confirmed that this is being looked into at present.
- f) Stable Block at Wrenwell adjacent to Caravan Field – Steve Hobbs – TDC Enforcement has confirmed that he has spoken to the owner and that a planning application should be forthcoming shortly. The Clerk will acknowledge receipt and ask what timescale will be allowed before enforcement action is taken.
- g) Village Green Stones – Mr S Dowler has offered a grant to the Parish Council to purchase some more stones for the Green where needed. This has been very gratefully accepted and a site meeting will be held to decide where they are needed.
- h) New Village Hall Land – Trustees – Brian Pinnegar at TDC has confirmed that the Parish Council Trustees names on the Deed need changing and that this must be done by an independent Solicitor. The Clerk will find out the costings to arrange for this to be done.

5) **Correspondence.**

- a) Letter regards the use of Stables at Wrenwell – Cllr T Brownhill and Cllr A Deacon declined to comment on this matter. This letter will be placed into the hands of TDC to deal with as it appears that liveries could be in situ and have been in the past which is contravening the Planning Application – Proposed by Cllr S Bryan and seconded by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy.
- b) University of Plymouth – Questionnaire for the Parish Council – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson has completed.
- c) TDC - Idea Rural Excellence Mentoring Programme – The Clerk to get a copy of the Affordable Housing Action Plan to be placed into the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- d) TDC - Licensing Act 2003 – Draft Review – placed into the envelope for Cllrs perusal.

- e) Letter from the Land Registry – Shute Lane & Orchard Close – This confirmed the Land ownership that the Parish Council had enquired about.
- f) E-Mail from TDC – Rural Dance (to be passed to Village Hall Committee) – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson to pass on.
- g) South West Regional Assembly – Public Consultation – Gypsies and Travellers in the South West – This is to go into the envelope for Cllrs perusal – comments must be by the 31st October 2007.
- h) TDC – Community Planning – 15th October 2007 – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson and Mr Mike Atkinson to attend if possible.
- i) TDC – Annual Civic Service – 14th October 2007 – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson to attend.
- j) DAPC – AGM – 29th September 2007 – Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy to attend if possible.

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

6) Main Agenda.

- a) Report from County Cllr P L Cook – not in attendance – no report given.
- b) Report from District Cllr Mrs M Colclough – Parish Council please look at Gypsies and Travellers report in the TDC Executive Committee meeting Agenda in the envelope.
- c) Report from District Cllr D Smith - Development Control enforcement is to be streamlined to make it more efficient. Youth Council – meet the world event on Saturday at Courtenay Park, Newton Abbot. Open Spaces consultation – has the Parish Council seen this.
- d) Playing Field Management Committee Report – Chairman - Cllr B Clatworthy – nothing much to report, all is looking fine and litter bins are now in situ.
- e) Village Hall Committee – Cllr T Brownhill reported – meeting on the 20th August 2007 – outside maintenance is mostly now done. Pre-school sheds are to be moved to do the back windows. Outside weeds are to be controlled and a price for the hedge and grass cutting from Trevor is to be got - Chairman – Cllr D Wilson noted that this has now been done. Electrical testing has been done and risk assessment. Table Tennis Lights need attention as string holding up the lights is not suitable. Hall has now been redecorated and new curtains are to be purchased. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson commented that the Hall is looking very good – please pass on thanks to the Committee and Volunteers who helped with the painting.
- f) New Village Hall Steering Group – Cllr B Clatworthy reported – A meeting was held last Monday – a copy of the audited accounts have now gone to Thurston Head to pass onto the PC. However the Vice-Chairman of the Committee advised that the Parish Council should not have them. Cllr Clatworthy was very disappointed with their attitude towards the Parish Council and has now decided to resign from this Committee. Chairman – Cllr D Wilson commented regards the site hut – if this was not used on a regular basis TDC will enforce to have it removed. The £1,000 requested by the New Hall Committee will stay in the bank until the accounts have been seen. The New Hall Committee have been turned down by the Lottery again. A letter to go to the Committee Chairman – Claire Ray regards the Parish Councils disappointment in their attitude towards funders which is totally unhelpful when Committees are trying to liase.
- g) See item after minutes – Page 329.
- h) Teignbridge Association of Local Councils – No meeting held – nothing to report.
- i) Footpath Reports – Cllr S Bryan had nothing to report.
- j) Reports from Parish Councillors – nothing to report
- k) Highway Matters (Maintenance & Lengthsman) –
 - 1) Salt boxes on Cockley Water Road have been turned over and spilt into the road.
 - 2) A complaint has been received about the early start of the road sweeping vehicle – about 5.00am.
 - 3) Flooding in Shute Lane – this has still not be attended to.
- l) New Code of Conduct to be adopted – All Councillors have now received a copy of the new code and it has been adopted with the addition of paragraph 12(2) – Proposed by Cllr T Brownhill and seconded by Cllr S Bryan with all in agreement.

- m) Post Office (public consultation starts – April 2008) – for Cllrs to note.
- n) Use of the Village Green for Events and Posting Notices – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson noted that Brambledown put a notice on the Village Green without requesting to do so. Proposed by Chairman – Cllr D Wilson and seconded by Vice-Chairman – Cllr B Clatworthy that a letter go to them noted that fact that permission is required to put notices on the Green and that next time the sign should be made legible for passing motorists.
Chairman – Cllr D Wilson also reported that he had been approached by WAG's in Paignton regards holding a Dog Show on the Village Green. Councillors were all in favour of this event but felt that a suitable charge should be sought from the holders of the event.
- o) Rowan Barn – Chairman – Cllr D Wilson reported that this matter started in 2005 and is still ongoing – the appeal decision has yet to be made.

7) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 538 = £15.00 - Petty Cash.
 Cheque no 539 = £20.00 - Denbury Village Hall (Hall Hire).
 Cheque no 540 = £83.13 - TDC (Election Expenses).
 Cheque no 541 = £12.17 - EDF Energy (Cistern Electric).
 Cheque no 542 = £20.00 – Denbury Village Hall (Hall Hire).

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

Current Bank Balance – Parish Council – September 2007 - £4,254.83
 Current Bank Balance – Playing Field - September 2007 - £255.56

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

- a) Union Inn – New Management.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm

Next Meeting - Denbury Village Hall – Monday 8th October 2007 @ 7.30pm.

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