

DENBURY & TORBRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 7th March 2016 at Denbury Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 7.00pm

Present – Cllr T Brownhill, Cllr Mrs E Heaver, Cllr Mrs P Griffin, C Cllr A Dewhurst, D Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr Mrs H Wills, D Cllr D Smith, Cllr G Brendon.

In Attendance – 3 Members of the Public, Iso Barnden

Apologies for Absence – Cllr R White, Cllr C Stacey

Declarations of Interest.

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

- a) Mr John Griffin – Denbury Parish Hall Trustees – Custodial Trustees title needs to be changed from named individuals who were on the Parish Council to just the Parish Council being the custodial trustees of the land for the new parish hall land. All Cllrs were in agreement that the Parish Council be on the Land Registry title, this will cost about £500 and once done will not need to be done again.
- b) Denbury Allotments – Mr J Peck reported that he met with Ann Marie Morris local MP who confirmed she had received a letter from the MOJ confirming the reasons why they were unable to grant a lease for the allotments. Ann Marie confirmed she would have one last go at getting them to change their mind. Jim confirmed that if this does not work the Allotments will go through the small claims court to recoup the monies from the MOJ that have been spent on Solicitors fees.
- c) Neighbourhood Watch – 19th & 20th Feb in the Parking Bay on North Street a number of cars were broken into, the police have asked Parishioners to phone 999 if they see anything suspicious.

- 2) **Minutes** – Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held – Monday 1st February 2016 – The above minutes have been distributed and read. They were proposed by Cllr T Brownhill and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Wills with all in agreement and duly signed by the Vice - Chairman – Cllr Mrs E Heaver.

3) Planning Applications Received from TDC –

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council

a) Application no 16/00002/FUL – Mr M Bickham – The Caravan, Cross Park Farm – Replacement dwelling. After the last meeting a site visit took place and comments from the Parish Council were as follows:-

1] A bona-fide topographical survey be provided as what has been submitted bears little resemblance to the profile & levels of the site. To properly indicate the boundaries, trees, hedges & all levels with a fixed Datum point. That the proposed plans indicate proposed new levels and elevations are shown in context to existing buildings, hedges and road level.

We were concerned that the application was validated without the required information which is clearly required.

2] That the design be reconsidered to reflect the shape of the site. That the building runs parallel with the road with a return toward the existing house where the site broadens. This would enable an improved amenity space and more space to adjoining properties.

3] Consideration be given to establishing suitable boundaries should the dwelling be sold.

b) Application no 16/00475/FUL – R J Ashford – Lower Wotton Farm – Agricultural storage building. No objections – proposed by Cllr Mrs E Heaver and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Griffin with all in agreement.

c) Application no 16/00207/LBC – Mr M Hyland – Chesten House – Replacement Roof. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr T Brownhill & seconded by Cllr Mrs P Griffin with all in agreement.

d) Application no 16/00653/CAN – Mr T Howe – Denbury Manor – Works to Oak Trees. Parish Councillors will have a look at this application on-line and contact the Clerk with any comments.

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 15/03319/MAJ - MTS Rydon Solar – Rydon Farm, Two Mile Oak.
- b) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 15/03299/FUL – Mr & Mrs R Southwood – Land at Poole Cross – Access track and stables.
- c) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 15/03441/FUL – Mr & Mrs M Milford – Halwell Cottage – Single storey extensions to south and west elevations.

Appeals Received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Application no 16/00012/FAST – Mr & Mrs A Wills – Goosey Cottage – Appeal against refusal of planning application no 15/02445/FUL – Two storey rear extension.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Affordable Housing – nothing has been heard from Sue Southwell at CCD so Cllr Mrs E Heaver will chase this up.
- b) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Mrs E Heaver reported the next meeting is on the 21st March A presentation from CPRE is being made which 2 members of the group will be attending. Funding is also being looked into.
- c) Village Signs – Carried forward to the next meeting as Cllr C Stacey not in attendance.
- d) Parish Council Vacancy – still one vacancy.
- e) Post Office – The application is now progressing through finance at the Royal Mail but it seems to be a very slow process. Cllr Mrs E Heaver will send another e-mail to the Royal Mail to chase them up.
- f) Denbury Allotments – see public time.
- g) Loose Dogs in the Village and Dog Fouling – Another report has been given of dogs from Fairfield Farm, they are loose and using the Green as a toilet and the dog warden has made several visits. Piece to go into the Denbury Diary to confirm that TDC Environmental Health can prosecute for this if the owners of the dogs are identified.

5) Correspondence – none received.

6) Main Agenda.

- a) Report from County Councillor – A Dewhirst – see written report attached to the minutes.
- b) Report from District Cllr Mrs M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported - Budget at TDC - Band D property is increased by £5 per household, 3.33%. Rural Aid fund will be ongoing. Capital programme backs housing, jobs, transport links, open spaces. Carparking charges have been increased to help fund capital investment. 9% of the Council Tax collected goes to TDC with the Parish Council average being around 4%. D Cllr D Smith – copy of report attached to the minutes.
- c) Playing Field Management Report – Drainage pipes from road onto the Playing Fields – C Cllr A Dewhirst will look into who may have done these works.
- d) Village Hall Management Committee Report – no meeting held.
- e) Report on Teignbridge Association of Local Councils – no meeting held.
- f) Footpath Reports – C Cllr A Dewhirst confirmed that Community Payback will do any works clearing paths needed. Cllr G Brendon confirmed that some signs need replacing he will e-mail details of these to C Cllr A Dewhirst.

- g) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings attended.
 - 1) Torbryan Church project – Cllr Mrs E Heaver reported some design companies have been interviewed. July 9th will be a medieval event.
- h) Highways Matters.
 - 1) Flooding in Denbury & Torbryan, Emergency Community Flood Resilience Fund - £95 has been granted from CCD.
 - 2) Broken Grit Bin, path off East Street down to Play Ground – Cllr Mrs P Griffin reported she has looked at the Bin and it needs replacing – C Cllr A Dewhurst will ask DCC to look at this.
 - 3) Area of Green around the Torbryan Signpost – Cllr G Brendon reported he would like to plant this area up to make it look better. £100 proposed to buy some plants, all Cllrs were in agreement with this.
 - 4) Pothole repairs from Wrenwell to Bramble Oak – Cllr A Dewhurst confirmed the new highways officer – Toby Stevens is looking into it and other matters which were on the list. Some items such as on the main road will take priority.
 - 5) Parking on the Village Green – can Tom in the Pub be asked to put up a notice to ask customers to park considerately around this area. Cllr Mrs E Heaver also confirmed that a notice will go into the Diary to highlight this.
- i) Annual Parish Meeting – next meeting, will be a talk on the works at Torbryan Church and a projector will be organised.
- j) New Village Hall Site – School Parents Carpark - the potholes have now been attended to.
- k) Queens 90th Birthday Beacon & Celebrations – 12th June 2016 – Cllr Mrs P Griffin confirmed the Beacon will be on the top of the hill by Yeatt Farm, the 21st April is the official birthday and when the beacons are going to be lit. Coins for the school – Cllr Mrs E Heaver will speak to Jamie Stone – Headteacher.
- l) East Street Parking – now school car park has been attended to parking has improved.
- m) Church House Inn, Torbryan – Recycling collection and Community Library proposals. Pub Landlady reported that TDC and Biffa do not collect the bottles because it is too rural. D Cllr D Smith confirmed he would look into this at TDC. Community Library – there is a possibility of having this at the snug area of the Pub and the Landlady is happy to accommodate this. Some books will be donated but a grant is being looked for to purchase some secondhand books and some shelving units. C Cllr A Dewhurst confirmed that Ipplepen Community Hub can offer assistance with some books to start this off. Cllr G Brendon confirmed that he would like to keep the library as low key as possible and would not want people to be pressured to return a book if they did not want to. Cllrs asked that free books could be looked into on sites such as preloved and gumtree and prices to be sought for bookshelves to be brought back to the next Parish Council meeting for agreement.

7) Cheques for Signature –

**Cheque no 956 = £13.87 (Vat 66p) – EDF – Cistern Electric.
Cheque no 957 = £24.00 – Denbury Village Hall (Hall Hire).
Cheque no 958 = £80.00 – Mr S Narvidge (Lock Replacement @ Field).
Cheque no 959 = £350.00 – Sharon Raggett (Expenses 12 months).
Cheque no 960 = £593.80 – Sharon Raggett (Wages Jan, Feb, March).
Cheque no 961 = £21.80 – HMRC (Clerks PAYE)**

Current Bank Balance – Parish Council – March 2016 = £12,285.21
Grant monies for new Playing Field Building £3,000 (held within PC Account).

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.12pm

Next Meeting - Denbury Village Hall - Monday 11th April 2016 – 7.30pm.

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