

Parish Council Meeting 10th February 2020

Present : Chairman S Reynolds, Deputy Chairman T Flower and Parish Councillors M Lant, M Simmons, A Hall, K Farrell-Wright and P Wynter.

Also present County Councillor S Barker District Councillors M Colclough together with 4 parishioners

Apologies – Cllr. P Martin

Declarations – Members to declare any interests in matters for Discussion.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 13th January 2020 – Approved and signed by the Chairman.

Report from County Councillor - Cllr. Barker gave us information on the spread of Ash dieback and the risks posed to the public from dying trees adjacent to highways and public places. The majority of these trees will be the responsibility of private landowners who will have to see to the safe removal and hopefully replacement of the dead trees with other native species. Parish Councils and Schools will be given some trees to plant. Street lighting is to be reduced but pothole and other road repairs will be stepped up. Closer to home, parking at Canada Hill School is still a problem with warnings to parents parking illegally. Council Tax will be increasing to fund increased spend on services.

Report from District Councillors - Cllr Colclough also advised an increase in Council Tax and advised that free Sunday parking will be withdrawn. The Rural Aid fund will be reduced and the Community Fund discontinued. The go-ahead has been given for 450 houses etc. at Langford Bridge, part of the NA3 proposed development.

Report from PCSO – Nothing heard.

Planning Notifications - 20/00020/FUL – 20 Reynell Road – Rear Conservatory – no adverse comments.

20/00099/FUL – 64 Larksmead Way – Replace existing Conservatory – Footprint of new Conservatory seems very similar to existing construction and therefore we have no adverse observations.

Dawes Close Play Area – We are moving on with Earthwrights and will hopefully have some funds available for the kick-about area within the Section 106 monies at our disposal. Details of the final Earthwrights proposals will be circulated to Councillors for approval. Regarding the Play Area on the Green we are going to have any defects looked at under the terms of the 10 year guarantee.

Climate Emergency – Dawlish ACT Meeting this week will be attended by Cllr. Wynter. Cllr. Lant has also put his name down to attend if there is an available space.

Neighbourhood Plan – update on Village Shop project – A meeting took place last week and a flyer is planned inviting online responses but with a paper option so that no parishioner is excluded from giving their views if they wish.

Paths and Highways –

1.Grit Bin in West Ogwell – We have been asked to provide a grit Bin at a spot on the road to West Ogwell liable to icing up as water runs on the road which also slopes quite steeply. This had been canvassed in 2012 but the Bin has either disappeared or was never put in place by DCC. Cllr. Barker has confirmed that he will ensure we get a Grit Bin for this location which we will not have to pay for.

2.Potholes - Cllr. Barker has assured us that the program to speed up filling potholes is in place with the new Dragon machine a success and timely responses to online reporting

provided the information is accurate and the pothole meets the size criteria. Extra funding will be available for cleaning gullies. Blocked gullies can also be reported online.

Purchase of a new Snow Gritter We are buying a new Gritter, and Cllr Barker has agreed a Grant towards the purchase. The new Gritter will be looked after by Simon Jones who also has the old Gritter and has offered to dispose of it or attempt a repair provided parts can be obtained.

Communications – Magazine – a meeting is taking place with the PCC with a view to agreeing a format and also promoting a magazine delivered to every household funded by advertising revenue.

Finance Report – The following items paid by BACS – R Hannaford £49.99 Purchase of Collins Numbered Minute Book, Teignbridge DC £23.50 Balance of quarterly Dog Bin charge, Devon Tree Services £624.00 Tree work on the Green, SW Water £34.49 re Toilet Block, John Turner £292.10 – cleaning Toilet Block, EDF Energy £22.86 Power on the Green.

Cheques agreed - Simon Jones £490.00 Cutting Grass around Parish and trimming trees on Green.

VAT Repayment amounting to £1492.72 has been received from HMRC.

Following Budget discussions at the last meeting a request for a Precept of £27,500 for the year 2020/2021 has been forward to TDC.

Urgent matters at the discretion of the Chairman –

1 Tree across footpath near Preachers Pit . This has been brought to our attention by a parishioner and the Clerk has asked Simon Jones to clear the tree with his chainsaw.

2. Chapter 8 Training - There are places available on April 21st and it is expected that Simon Jones and Brian Penfold will undertake the training – cost to be met by the Parish Council.

3. Use of Field as Car Park for Summer Fair The Summer Fair Committee has advised that they will no longer be able to use the field on Rectory Road for parking because of new legislation regarding grazing animals on ground used for parking vehicles. Alternative ways of meeting parking needs will be explored to avoid a gridlock situation in the village, which may include obtaining a temporary “No Parking” order from DCC. A possible Park and Ride using vintage vehicles could be an interesting option.

Date of Next Meeting - Date of next Parish Council Meeting March 9th 2020

Chairman
9th March 2020