

## Parish Council Meeting 14th April 2020

Held remotely via Zoom platform in accordance with Coronavirus guidelines

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

Also present County Councillor S Barker, District Councillors M Colclough and R Daws together with 2 parishioners. Apologies – No apologies

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 9th March 2020 – Approved and will be signed by the Chairman in due course.

Report from County Councillor - Cllr. Barker reported that he is pretty well fully occupied with Coronavirus issues including a plan to bring Care Workers' pay to a minimum of £10.00 per hour in acknowledgement of their efforts. DCC is working from home via Teamviewer and DCC staff members are supporting Community initiatives during the crisis. He answered a query re a pothole in Sunny Hollow which seems to be in a no-man's land between highways and the property owner. He felt this could be dealt with at parish level by a volunteer with Chapter 8 training.

Report from District Councillors - Cllrs Colclough and Daws were both pleased to be part of the first remote PC Meeting and reported that Teignbridge are arranging meetings via Skype. The Local Plan is now due for consultation on updates and they expect that the Consultation period will be extended. The Clerk now has a hard copy of the Draft Local Plan Part 1 2020-2040. Consultation runs to 15th June 2020 at present. The Documents can be viewed on [www.teignbridge.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/localplanreview)

TDC is sending out grants of £10,000 to local businesses getting Small Business Rates relief. Cllr. Daws mentioned problems with fly-tipping as Waste Disposal sites are presently closed.

Planning Notifications - 20/00513/FUL – Apple Trees Ogwell Green – Demolition of existing garage and construction of ancillary granny annex extension.

No adverse observations – the property has sufficient space to accommodate the extension.

20/00372/FUL Moorland Heights Denbury Road - Change of use of land to increase the numbers of caravans and lodges from 15 to 22. A repeat Application previously withdrawn and now put forward by new owners. It seems that very few units have so far been built.

We repeat our objections to the proposed increase – concern at the impact of increased traffic on a narrow country road, increased noise levels, additional unnecessary development in the Countryside. We also point out that although the reason for the development is tourism, it will not benefit the local community in terms of added amenity or employment.

20/00569/FUL – Furze Moor Denbury Road – Temporary siting of a Mobile Home for an Agricultural worker – This arrived after the Agenda had been circulated and is dealt with under urgent matters at the discretion of the Chairman.

The application is from a couple with farming qualifications setting up on 30 owned acres together with parcels of rented land. They appear to be running a viable farming business and if granted, the permission for the mobile home would be limited to 3 years. On the proviso that the dwelling is for the personal use of the named applicants and would be of modest size together with the establishment of a proven agricultural need, we would support what seems to be a welcome new enterprise in the Parish.

**Action point – Clerk to pass comment to TDC.**

Dawes Close Play Area – Section 106 monies £33,227 We have not yet received the promised money from Teignbridge ( Coronavirus apparently caused the Meeting to ratify

transfer of funds to be cancelled) We have chased Lorraine Montgomery for the funds to be sent through but in the meantime have made the first payment to Earthwrights of 50% of their bill amounting to £19,966.20. Earthwrights decided to carry on with the work through the lockdown – there have been some comments by residents and a complaint to Teignbridge Planning Enforcement Officer which we have responded to.

**Action point – Clerk to confirm receipt of funds.**

**Coronavirus emergency** Councillor Pauline Wynter has led the provision of information and assistance to those in the community in need of help with shopping, picking up prescriptions etc. The advice is online, Web-site and social media as well as leaflets delivered to ensure all households are covered. So far there has not been any problem with providing the help that is asked for but if the lockdown continues there may be a need for help from families running short of money and needing food aid. We would wish to help but cannot use Parish Council funds to help individual families. Advice from DALC is that we can donate to Charities such as the Salvation Army if they are helping Ogwell parishioners, but should take care not to donate where there is no Ogwell Parish involvement.

**Action point – Councillor Wynter will keep us updated.**

**Community Shop project result of survey**– The results of the Survey have been received and analysed and the details circulated by Cllr.Martin. There were 352 responses which equates to a 28% response rate. There is support for a village shop and Cllr. Hall advised that the way forward for the group is to consider carefully the results of the survey and look at suitable sites, funding etc.

**Action point – Cllrs Martin and Hall will report back to future meetings**

**Signage for the Green** It was agreed that the wording should read “No Overnight Parking”

**Action point- Cllr Simmons to arrange for Signage**

**Ogwild-** Cllr Martin reported some tidying and maintenance of the various areas previously planted and the smaller Green has been cut and the grass picked up. All other activity suspended for the present.

**Paths and Highways –** One query regarding a gate on a pathway by Meadow Halt has now been clarified by Cllr Lant who reports that there are no official rights of way shown to or from Meadow Halt or Merrywood.

**Communications – Magazine –** The Parish Magazine is on hold because of Coronavirus.

**Finance Report** – The following items paid by BACS – Earthwrights Ltd £19,966.20 - 50% payment re Play Area, Paul Martin £75.00 Leaflets re Coronavirus, Memorial Hall £42.00 – Hire of Room for Meetings, RA Wrayford £110.00 Cutting the small Green, South West Water £13.81 – re Toilet Block, Teignbridge |DC £123.08 Emptying Dog Bin on Green,  
**End of year Accounts** – The figures for the financial year ended 31st March 2020 have been produced and a summary circulated. Total Income £30,258.02, Expenditure £35,913.10 and the remaining balance now £64,227.51. Because of the Coronavirus emergency the dates for submission of Accounts for Audit have been put back two months and Parish Councils have been asked to make arrangements for Internal Audit, remotely via email if necessary.

**Urgent matters at the discretion of the Chairman –**

1. **Guidelines from DALC for Coronavirus -** While the general lockdown continues, Parish and Town Councils can hold virtual Meetings, details of which should be made available by a link posted with the Agenda to include parishioners. Annual PC Meeting due in May, need not take place this year and the Annual Parish Meeting is cancelled for 2020.

2. TALC Meeting cancelled. Cllr. Lant reported March Meeting was cancelled and a new meeting re-scheduled for July. The present secretary Dudley Swain has indicated that he intends to resign and a replacement is needed.

**Date of Next Meeting** - Date of next Parish Council Meeting May 11th 2020.

Chairman  
11th May 2020