

**Parish Council Meeting 13th July 2020**  
**Held remotely via Zoom platform in accordance with Coronavirus guidelines**

**Present: Chair S Reynolds, Deputy Chair 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 and District Councillor M Colclough together with 4 parishioners.**

**Apologies** – No apologies received

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

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 8th June 2020** – Approved and will be signed by the Chairman in due course.

**Report from County Councillor** - Cllr. Barker reported on DCC Budget and spend figures which show a small surplus on a £500+million expenditure with Social and Child Care overspent as demand increases. Covid-19 spend is mainly underwritten by Central Government and provision now includes a budget for dealing with Local Outbreaks, setting up track and trace etc. Looking at the perennial Pothole Fund this has been boosted and a program of patching, particularly on minor roads will go ahead. With reference to Ogwell, the Speed Humps on Ogwell Road will be part of the April 2021 Budget with the Humps replaced possibly by a Chicane system.

**Report from District Councillors** - Cllrs Colclough mentioned the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan which is due for consultation in September and includes a plan for 500 houses on land abutting Abbotskerswell, this in addition to the Wolborough Barton plan for 1200 houses. Grants for tree planting are to be made available for groups involving young people ranging from £300 - £1500.

**Planning Notifications** - 19/02460/FUL – Rydon Ball Farm – 2 Storey extension and ground floor extensions – this is a remodelling of a property which is not overlooked and will result in an attractive house – the Councillors have no objections. 20/00992/NPA – Milton Farm – Prior approval under part 3 class Q to change Agricultural building to 5 dwellings – Despite some concerns at the narrow approach road, this would provide additional homes on a brownfield site and as such has the Council's support. 20/00842/HOU – 37 Tor Gardens – Single Storey rear extension – no adverse comments 20/00007/REF – Valley Farm West Ogwell – Appeal re refusal for additional Drive entrance – the Council has previously indicated support for the proposed drive and would support the appeal.

Action point – Clerk to pass comments to TDC.

**Play Areas - Neighbourhood Plan** Cllr Simmons commented that the work carried out at Dawes Close Play Area and the proposed MUGA is in line with the Plan. **Reopening** – The Play Areas are now reopened under Government guidelines, save for the area recently damaged by fire, which is under repair, with appropriate **Signs** in place guiding the use of the facilities.

**Annual Inspection** Our usual ROSPA Inspector has suggested his availability for an inspection in August.

**Phase 3 - MUGA** - A MUGA (Multi-use Games Area) for the area remains under consideration with TDC.

**Play Area on the Green** - some equipment needs tidying including the fencing which is broken in places and in places the natural boundary has not taken, so re-fencing is needed. A look at the Manufacturer's Warranty will be made before any repairs are considered. **Shed and Fence at 1 Dawes Close** - Enforcement Officer advised that the shed is under consideration but the 1 metre encroachment on PC land would be a civil matter.

Action points – consider our options regarding the repositioned fence and await the Enforcement Officer's report re the shed. Check with Earthwrights re completion of repairs

**Coronavirus emergency – COVID -19 Action Fund Evaluation** A Grant of £2,000 has been made and agreed by Devon CC which replaces our Grant to Canada Hill School – 10% of the Grant funds withheld pending completion of an Evaluation which we need Delphine Knott to do on behalf of the School

Action point – Report from Headmistress outstanding re Grant monies of £2,000 provided for aid to families in Ogwell. Clerk to contact.

**Ogwill and Signage update** – Car Park Signs for the Green awaited and Ogwill signs in place. Garden project completed with favourable comments and considered a success. Roundabout and other areas need tidying and not everyone is happy with the current appearance of the smaller Green.

Action point - Car Park signage to be installed when available.

**Greater Exeter Strategic Plan and TDC Local Plan Review** - a Zoom Meeting took place on 15th June to consider a response by the deadline 13th July 2020 to the Local Plan Review. Consultation on the Exeter Strategic Plan begins in September (see comments by Cllr Colclough above). A detailed Response has been made to the Local Plan Review by the deadline, endorsing the comments made jointly by Wolborough Residents Association, Abbotskerswell Parish Council and the CPRE, highlighting areas of the Plan relevant to Ogwell Parish.

**Emergency Plan for Ogwell** – Discussed a further draft plan prepared by Cllr. Martin which, at the suggestion of Cllr Barker, will be submitted to DCC to be given the once over and eventually will become part of the Devon Emergency Plan.

Action Point – submit Draft Plan to DCC

**Paths and Highways** – Cllr Lant advised comments on the state of the Speed Humps, where broken portions are now repaired using Tarmac (See also Cllr Barker’s comments above). The School Crossing was mentioned, and Cllr Barker advised that amendments to this would need to be part of the School Travel Plan.

**Communications** – Parish Magazine progress – a “free to all” Magazine will be produced for September and we understand the Church is not at present prepared to bring back the monthly printed magazine. A suggestion for a village magazine published by outside publishers along the lines of the Buckfastleigh Magazine will be investigated. A digital copy of the September Magazine is to be made available.

Action point – Price for September Magazine to be obtained

**Finance Report** – The following items paid by BACS – Simon Jones £620.00 – grass cutting; T Flower £28.00 and £23.98 Ogwild and Safety Barrier, TDC £716.40 Annual cost of emptying Dog Bin on Green; Lazerpics £259.99 Ogwild Signs; P Martin £7.94 and £22.60 Ogwild, R Hannaford £872.80 Stipend, HMRC £218.00 Tax on Stipend, P Martin £70.00 Delivery of Leaflets, Wotton Ltd £92.00 Printing Leaflets; Imperative Training £150.00 Replacement Pads for Defibrillator, Pulse8 DD £93.00 renewal of Web Hosting.

We have received £2,019.00 from BHIB Insurance Claim re Play Area and Part Grant £1,800.00 re COVID-19 emergency fund.

Quarterly Figures 1st April 2020 – 30th June 2020 circulated to the Councillors who confirmed their acceptance of the results produced.

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

1. Complaint re excessive speed through village. Feedback letter sent which Councillors have seen - A response has been received – obviously still not happy but there is nothing specific that can be done at this point.

2. Memorial Hall – Planned re-opening: Our response re re-starting Parish Council Meetings in the Hall – Our requirements over and above what is presently provided. Cllr. Barker reminded us that we could not guarantee social distancing for an unknown number of parishioners who may turn up for a PC Meeting and it was agreed that for the time being we continue with meetings via Zoom until legislation changes.

**Date of Next Meeting** - Date of next Parish Council Meeting August 10th, 2020.

Chairman  
10th August 2020