

Parish Council Meeting 14/04/2014

Present : Chairman M Simmons, Parish Councillors I White, T Flower, R Broome, J Larkworthy and C Sterling Also present District Councillor M Colclough together with 14 Parishioners.

Apologies for Absence – Cllrs. A Hall, B Long, D Smith and S Barker

Declaration of Interest Members are reminded of their responsibility to update their Notice of registerable interests and to state if they have any matter proposed for discussion. Under this heading Councillor Corbyn Sterling, formerly Harry Godwin provided a copy of his change of name by Deed Poll which will be attached to his declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 10th March 2014 – Approved and signed by the Chairman.

County Councillor's Report - See Apologies

District Councillor's Report - Cllr. Colclough mentioned Teignbridge Local Plan 2013-2033 which is being adopted. She also confirmed that the Revised Planning Application for a dwelling on land behind the Jolly Sailor will go before the District Council Committee on May 7th.

PCSO's Report – No report was available.

Environment

2.1.Planning Applications Received –

14/00151/FUL – Land SW of Jolly Sailor – Amended description – Affordable dwelling with integral annex. After discussion it was agreed that our response is unchanged in that we feel that no property should be erected on land overlooking the Conservation Area, as set out in our Conservation Statement, and it was also agreed that we would write to Simon Thornley at Teignbridge re the non-adoption of our Conservation Statement.

14/0671/FUL – Erica, Canada Hill – Single storey extension with garden and roof terraces – We have decided to object to this application because the high elevation of the proposed terraces will interfere with other properties. Cllr. Colclough has decided that in view of the number of objections and comments this application will go to Committee.

14/0783/FUL – 7 Rowan Close – Single storey kitchen extension to side – No objections

2.2 Discussion of TDC response to ownership of Public Toilet at the Jolly Sailor

We have received “Heads of Terms” from Teignbridge which informs that we are only offered a Leasehold interest whereas we had expected that the freehold would be transferred. It was proposed by Cllr. Flower, seconded by Cllr White and all present agreed that we would continue to push for a Freehold interest in the property.

2.3 Proposal from Parishioner to maintain Church Path and Croft Close Planters- We agreed that we would fund a planter, plants, compost etc. to tidy up two areas, the work to be carried out by parishioners. Cllr Sterling proposed, Cllr. Larkworthy seconded and all agreed that this would be of great benefit to the parish.

2.4 Asset Inspection report and agreement proposed maintenance schedule – It was agreed that many things around the parish under our control look tired and in need of refurbishment, starting with the Notice Boards and all agreed that £179.00 should be spent replacing Notice Board posts with £59.00 for Fixing bars. Quotes would be obtained to clean Grit Bins and Benches and lastly, £224.40 for the agreed new Dog Bin for the Green.

2.5. Snow Warden Vacancy – We have an interested person and will pursue further.

3. Paths and Highways

3.1 Proposal and request for funds to treat weeds within the Parish – Cllr White proposed, Cllr Flower seconded and all agreed that £261.64 should be expended for weed clearance, this being the quote by Teignbridge.

3.2 Report of action taken re School Parking problems – The PCSO continues to monitor.

4. Communications

4.1 Parish Newsletter – Proposal to continue the Newsletter – Three issues have now been produced and have been very well received. 1056 Households received the Newsletter at a cost per issue of 28p. Cllr. Sterling proposed continuation of the Newsletter, seconded by Cllr. White and all agreed.

5. Community

5.1 Beating the Bounds –10am May 17th Ogwell Road Boundary Stone – Risk assessments have been carried and other local Parishes have expressed interest in joining in at agreed rendezvous points.

6. Democracy –

6.1 Rural Aid – Consideration of proposals from the Memorial Hall and for a new Power Supply on the Green – to select scheme for submission. After discussion it was agreed to support the Memorial Hall's scheme and consider funding Power on the Green from our own resources.

6.2 Report of TALC Meeting 27th March – DCC are concentrating on Potholes but even so are struggling to keep up. Faster Broadband for the area seems to have hit the buffers.

6.3 Neighbourhood Planning Update – one meeting has taken place and another due shortly to forward the Neighbourhood Plan.

6.4 Finance Report

Cheques agreed since the last meeting –Teignbridge District Council £81.64 Three monthly emptying of Dog bin on the Green, S Jones £362.00 for grass cutting, ARC Welding £214.80 re posts for Notice Boards.

The Parish Council Financial Year ended on March 31st 2014 and an Audit will be taking place as set out in Audit Commission Guidelines. Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet with supporting statements were placed on Basecamp and sent to all Parish Councillors who had no objections to the figures provided, so that the Audit Return can be signed and agreed at the next Meeting as the deadline for the External Audit is early June 2014.

7. Matters of Urgency at the discretion of the Chairman –Approach by Abbotskerswell PC re increasing threat of housing to both Parishes – The Chairman has agreed to meet with Abbotskerswell Councillors to listen to their views and will report back.

Date of next meeting – The next meeting will take place on Monday 12th May 2014 preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
12th May 2014