

Parish Council Meeting 13th April 2015

Present : Chairman M Simmons, Parish Councillors A Hall, J. Larkworthy, C Davis, R Broome, L Dyas and T Flower.

Also present District Councillor M Colclough together with 8 Parishioners.

Apologies – Cllrs.S Barker, D Smith and Ian White

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting March 9th 2015 – Approved and signed by Chairman

Planning –2.1 –Planning Applications

15/0722/FUL– Manor Orchard, 3 Garners Lane, Ogwell – Pitched roof front Dormer and enlargement of rear Dormers plus a flat roof Dormer –No adverse comments

15/00561/FUL – Bowden Lodge, Ogwell Green – Replacement dwelling – no adverse comments

2.2 Public Toilets at the Jolly Sailor – We have missed the proposed Transfer Date having received the Transfer Documents from Exeter City Council legal department on March 25th. As proposed by the Clerk, it was felt that a Solicitor should advise on the terms of the Transfer and Messrs Wollen, Michelmores were approached on the recommendation of former PC Chairman Stella Healy. Ms Janet Rallison has read through the Terms and advised that the length of “Overage” or period of clawback of part of any future Sale proceeds, should be challenged as 75 years was, in her terms “a very long time” This has been put to Teignbridge, together with the other outstanding matters and a response awaited.

2.3 Electricity on the Green– A meeting was arranged with an electrician to determine the exact site. Cllr.Larkworthy to contact Western Power and also pursue quotes for the work.

2.4 Ogwell Brook –We are still awaiting responses from Linden Homes and Enforcement Officer, Steve Hobbs. It was agreed to continue to pursue Teignbridge and also try to contact a senior decision maker at Linden Homes with a direct approach to sort their non-compliance with the Planning Application Decision.

2.5 Weeds –As Ian White is presently not a Councillor, it was agreed that we should get details of the contractor and get prices for the next weed clearance.

2.6 Allotments at Cook’s Field – Newton Abbot Town Clerk has advised that Cook’s Field Allotments (up behind Wolborough Church) have some vacancies and wondered if Ogwell PC would be interested in letting their Parishioners know about these. Having confirmed our interest this will be put to a Town Council Meeting on 22nd April and thereafter we can consider how best to make parishioners aware (Posters and Web-site and Parish Magazine)

2.7 VE Day Beacon As this is to take place on May 8th it was agreed that there is too little time to organise an effective celebration.

3.Paths and Highways –

3.1 –Footpaths and Cycle paths –No further updates.

3.2 Traffic chaos in Newton Abbot –We have received an explanation (Solar Farm and various repairs happening simultaneously).

Cllr. Broome advised that Canada Hill is to be closed from 20th April for BT to put in Fibre Optic Cable.

4.Communications

4.1 Newsletter Agreed £430.00 for 12 page Newsletter plus cost of delivery.

5. Democracy

5.1 Finance Report – Cheques written since last Meeting and agreed – Ogwell Memorial Hall £56.00 – Room hire, S Jones £344.00 –Grass cutting, Teignbridge District Council £81.64 – emptying Dog Bin, NW Adams £154.80 – Play area Inspections, DCC £36 and £72 for Blue Waste Disposal Tickets.

An amount of £496.16 has been deducted by Direct Debit for the Annual NALC & DALC Affiliation and Service fees by Devon Association of Local Councils.

The Annual Accounts to 31st March 2015 are being completed. Our Bank Balances total £56,854 and include £3,702, being a grant from Teignbridge for the Ogwell Pre-School feasibility study, which will be passed on. Excluding this figure, Income has exceeded Expenditure for the last 12 months by £4,802 which can be accounted for by the fact that we did not give a donation to the Summer Fair in this financial year and we have not yet taken on responsibility for the Toilet Block. The Accounts will be available for the next Meeting to be approved by the Council.

5.2 Neighbourhood Planning – A further meeting for Thursday 23rd April 2015

5.3. Rural Aid Funding – Applications now open - up to £5,000 can be applied for and we can consider the Electricity on the Green project plus continued Broadband for Ogwell Memorial Hall.

5.4 Talc Meeting 26th March 2015 –Glen Mayhew Police Superintendent attended and reported on an 8% reduction in Crimes (Possibly that should be in reported Crimes!) but an increase in hate crimes and Domestic violence.

6. Any Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman –

1. Existing Councillors who completed Applications to continue as Parish Councillors

Only 6 Parish Councillors are listed to continue with the resignation of Ann Hall and as regards Ian White we are not sure of his intentions. After May 7th we can consider co-opting and the returning Councillors will need to complete new Declaration Forms.

2. Fence at Dawes Close Play Area - Part of the fence is broken and needs repair. Simon Jones has indicated his willingness to do this small job so Cllr. Flower will ask him.

3. Summer Fair – A request for £500 will be made at the next meeting.

4. Portaloo for Event on Green – Rob Ballard made an initial request for a donation of £80 towards a Portaloo for an Event on the Green and this will be considered at the May Meeting.

7. Date of next meeting – The Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 11th May 2015 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
11th May 2015