

Parish Council Meeting 11th August 2014

Present : Vice-Chairman I White, Parish Councillors T Flower, C Sterling, A Hall and R Broome

Also present District Councillors D Smith and M Colclough together with 4 parishioners.

Apologies – Cllrs S Barker, M Simmons and J Larkworthy. Cllr. Colclough gave apologies for the September Meeting.

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 14th July 2014 – Approved and signed by Chairman

Report from County Councillor – See apologies

Report from District Councillors – Cllr. Smith reported on new measures to share services with other District Councils to achieve savings and highlighted investment in Infrastructure coming from new Developments. Cllr. Colclough mentioned the proposed new waste recycling scheme including the optional collection of garden waste at an additional annual cost.

Report from PCSO – No new report available.

Planning –

2.1 14/02101/FUL -63 Luxton Road – New Attached Dwelling (revised scheme) – a proposed new 4 Bedroom dwelling on the end of a terrace with parking and separate access. This seems well planned and with adequate space for the new property so no adverse comments.

Barn in Mill Lane – we have been advised by Teignbridge that covenants have been added to the permission given to retain this Barn that it will not be able to be developed into a dwelling in the future.

2.2 Public Toilets at the Jolly Sailor, transfer of ownership from TDC to OPC

1. Update on TUPE issue – a further meeting is to be held around mid-August and the outcome reported to a future meeting.

2. Outstanding matter on dilapidations regarding Loft Area – We hope to have a report by September

2.3 Maintenance – Progress report and Replacement Item for Play Park – A new Swing Seat to be ordered and Cllr. Flower will install this when it arrives. It was also confirmed that we repair or replace items highlighted following the ROSPA inspection.

2.4 Request from Memorial Hall for a grant towards major works at the Hall – A request for £2,500 towards completing Fire equipment, Emergency Lighting and ancillary works together with £3,000 to re-decorate most of the inside of the Hall rooms following the work carried out. A total of £15,000 is to be spent of which the Hall Committee have put £5,000 plus a Rural Aid Grant of £4,500. Income and Expenditure for the Hall amounted to £7,000 and £7,200 respectively for the period September 2013 – July 2014 and this included a one-off expenditure of £1,000 for necessary repairs. The Reserves are quite low at £5,000 and the Committee members are reluctant to see them fall lower in case of emergency expenditure. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Broome to donate £2,500 towards Fire Safety work seconded by Cllr Sterling and agreed by the majority and to look at a community effort to help with the decorating.

2.5 Report on Community planting project - This remains outstanding.

3. Paths and Highways –

3.1 Report on contact with DCC Highways on state of Speed Humps - Peter Brunt at Highways has been contacted about the upkeep of the Humps but we have as yet received no response.

3.2 Tree across footpath near Puritans Pit – this will be looked at and a contractor asked to remove the tree if necessary.

4. Communications

4.1 Parish Newsletter – It was agreed that the need for help with decorating the Hall will be highlighted in the next Newsletter.

4.2 New Parish Email Address – Confirmation of the email address to be used which is contact@ogwell.org

5. Democracy

5.1 Finance Report - Cheques written and agreed since last Meeting – Simon Jones £960.00 – Grass cutting covering part May, June and July, Pulse8 £93.00 - Annual Web Hosting, Ogwell Memorial Hall Committee £2,500.00 Grant towards Fire Safety work at the Hall. Quarterly figures have been circulated for information confirming balance as at June 30th 2014 at £53,000 Credit in round figures.

Note – A Cheque issued to A Fullalove in the last financial year for £112.00 re catering, has not been presented for payment (despite reminders) and is now out of date and has been added back to the balance. If a request for a new cheque is made this can be re-considered.

5.2 Neighbourhood Planning Update – no update was available.

5.3 Community Council of Devon – Invitation to join - Details have been circulated – this replaces the Devon Playing Fields Association to which we paid an Annual Subscription of £15.00 and with added benefits we now will pay £50.00 per annum. It was agreed that we complete the Application.

5.4 Update on challenge to Local Plan by Abboyskerswell Parish Council – It seems that the challenge is considered to have merit and will proceed further so we will get more information following a Court Hearing in November 2014.

5.5 New Parish Councillor required – No new candidates have come forward so we are still looking.

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

6.1 A report from Pre-School Fun Day - A very successful day and our donation of £100.00 was mentioned and appreciated. A total profit of £890 on the day will be spent on new equipment for the Pre-School.

7. Date of next meeting – The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 8th September 2014 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
8th September 2014