

Parish Council Meeting 10th August 2015

Present : Chairman M Simmons, Parish Councillors L Dyas, J Larkworthy, I White, C Davis and T Flower. Also present District Councillors D Smith & M Colclough together with 3 Parishioners.

Apologies – Cllrs. S Barker, S Landfear and R Broome.

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting July 13th 2015 – Approved and signed by Chairman
County Councillor’s report – See apologies

District Councillors’ reports – Cllr. Colclough advised that the collection of waste changes are now being rolled out and in Ogwell will start in early September with the delivery of the new Bins. There has been a good take-up of the Garden Waste Scheme which now attracts an annual charge. The challenge to Teignbridge by Abbotskerswell in respect of Development plans in their Parish cost the Parish £53,000 and Teignbridge £56,000 to defeat them. It seems Teignbridge has won a Gold Award as an “Investor in People”, very gratifying for Nicola Bulbeck. There is concern at the intensity of lights at Conitor which could have an adverse effect on Bats in the area, Cllr Colclough will ask the Planning Officer to have the intensity reduced.

PCSO’s Report – no report

Planning – 2.1 – Planning Applications

There were no new Planning Applications this month

2.2 Public Toilets at the Jolly Sailor – Still ongoing and a new transfer document has been sent (presently with Chairman). Also, Toilets remain closed but lights still on, Teignbridge advised again that this must be addressed before transfer is completed.

2.3 Electricity on the Green – It was decided the housing for the supply should be built of brick, on a concrete slab with a concrete roof. Hopefully we will have all prices and people to do the work by next meeting.

2.4 Ogwell Brook – Following a further meeting with Linden Homes some work has started and a programme of work is being drawn up, including suggestions to amend a proposed kick about area to a picnic area. Regular contact will be maintained to ensure that work continues and obligations are met. It was also agreed to investigate the 106 clause monies which were lodged with Teignbridge to be spent for the provision of recreation in the area. Cllr. White warned that a wooden fence behind the Notice Board hides a low wall leading to a considerable drop and future upkeep of that fence will be necessary.

2.5 Chestnut tree at Westwood Cleave – We need to find out from the Land Registry as to the ownership of this tree.

3. Paths and Highways –

3.1 – Footpaths and Cycle paths - nothing new to report

3.2 Highways – Cllr White reported that work on the potholes in Reynell Road has been carried out, resulting in an increase in some traffic speed, but the road condition overall remains poor and he reminded the Meeting that before the work at Ogwell Brook started, it was indicated that re-surfacing would probably be necessary when the Development has finished.

3.3. Planters on Reynell Road - these are now looking good and residents are taking an interest in keeping them in order. The Chairman reminded the Meeting that we are happy to provide replacement plants etc. when needed.

4. Communications

4.1 Update – Newsletter – We will consider at the next meeting when and if another Newsletter should be produced.

5. Democracy

5.1 Finance Report – Cheques written since last Meeting and agreed – Simon Jones –£264.00 grass cutting , Teignbridge DC £81.64 Emptying Dog bin on the Green, previous cheque not received by Teignbridge – Bank telephoned to stop cheque and new cheque issued Teignbridge DC £275.00 - Weed Treatment in Ogwell , Vance Briggs & Co £36.58 Ink Cartridges for Clerk’s Printer, Grant Thornton £240.00 Annual Audit Return, Ogwell Memorial Hall £56.00 Hire of Hall for Meeting, HMRC £697.60 – Outstanding Tax & National Insurance re Clerks Pay.

Douglas Tonks Ltd, who act as agents in dealing with the Payroll matters for the Clerk’s stipend has gone into compulsory receivership and there is little likelihood of repayment from that source although we have registered our claim with the Receivers.

The Clerk will in future complete Payroll using Basic Tools and will confirm Payment to HMRC by printing the details on Ogwell Parish Council’s Account with HMRC at regular intervals.

5.2 Neighbourhood Planning –Application to Locality for funding to assist Plan Development and request to PC for funding to cover printing costs of Questionnaire.–Cllr White proposed, Cllr Davis seconded and all agreed that we should provide £360.00 towards printing a questionnaire to be distributed to parishioners.

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

1. Summer Fair - £4,000 made from the Fair to be distributed to Organisations and groups in Ogwell. Cllr. White proposed and Cllr Dyas seconded and all agreed that we would support the Summer Fair Committee’s wish to run the November Firework Night and the Parish Council would provide £500.00 towards a Firework Display.

2. Roadside Fence at Dawes Close Play Area – Agreed that work needs to be done and a sign put up warning children off the area in the meantime.

3. Parking Area at the top of the Green – this urgently needs attention to fill potholes and all agreed that this should be done as soon as possible with the purchase of suitable stone and Councillors volunteering to do the work.

7. Date of next meeting – The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 14th September 2015 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
14th September 2015