

Parish Council Meeting 09/12/2013

Present : Chairman M Simmons, Parish Councillors I White, R Broome, T Flower, A Hall, B Long and H Godwin Also present District Councillor M Colclough together with 3 Parishioners.

Apologies for Absence – Cllrs S Barker, H Godwin and D Smith

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.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 11th November 2013 – Approved and signed by the Chairman.

County Councillor's Report - Cllr. Barker gave apologies

District Councillor's Report – Cllr. Colclough advised the meeting on reports from Environment Wardens. Over the last month there have been 82 Dog fouling incidents, 46 Fly Tipping matters and 9 abandoned vehicles, among other things.

PCSO's Report – The PCSO did not attend the meeting.

Environment

1.Planning Applications Received

5 Stubbins Court, Sunny Hollow 13/03476/FUL – **Single storey extension to side and rear to form additional accommodation** – After discussion including comments from the floor, it was agreed that we would make no adverse comments.

2. Public Toilets at the Jolly Sailor – We have a breakdown of the cost of running the Toilets to Teignbridge, some £7,000 plus per annum and after consultation with Church, Tennis Club and the Jolly Sailor plus interested individuals, it was decided that with help from the Pub Landlord with cleaning and confirmation from Teignbridge that Business Rates would not apply, plus Insurance confirmed at around £50 per annum, we could keep the Toilets open at a cost of £2,000 per annum which can be added to our annual Precept.

3. Dog Fouling – A meeting with the Dog Warden and further research shows that a bin will cost £190 plus £86 to erect plus VAT and emptying will double the existing cost. It was decided that if we could get a cheaper price to buy we would and install the bin ourselves to save money.

4. Play Area – We could shot blast the old Goal Posts to save money and Cllr. Flower is still investigating the cost of getting new Posts.

5. Lights – Turning out Street Lights from 12.30am until 5.30am is now in place in Ogwell and we will await reports of any ill effects resulting from this DCC decision.

6. Paths and Highways

1. Proposed new Cycle Path for Ogwell Brook Development – The latest decision is that the Cycle Path will cross the river by the Bridge at Ogwell Mill which will result in a large saving of money.

Communications

1. Proposed Engagement Strategy update –We continue to increase engagement with the Community via the Web-site.

2. Broadband Communication – The Wayleave agreement has now been signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Council to allow a Cabinet on the Green and a one-off Wayleave Payment of £768.00 has been received for Parish Council funds.

Community

1. Community Engagement update – A new Newsletter will be distributed in the Spring of 2014.

2. Computer for Pre-School –A cheque for £270.00 has been issued made payable to Ogwell Pre-School.

Democracy –

1. Casual Vacancy – Following the resignation of Denis Hyne we will start with advertising the Casual Vacancy and await response from Teignbridge before looking officially for candidates.

2. Report on TALC Meeting – Cllr White circulated a report on the latest TALC meeting and advised that Questionnaires are available to comment on Healthwatch Devon regarding future running of Health provision in Devon.

3. Neighbourhood Planning Update – A meeting is to be arranged in the New Year.

4. Risk Assessment of working on the Highways - Future events where operating near the highway is involved will require Risk Assessment and a written Method Statement, Cllr. White reported after attending a meeting organised by SW Highways.

5. Finance Report

Cheques agreed since the last meeting - Ogwell Pre-School £270.00 Donation towards a new Computer, Simon Jones £1,055.00 Grass cutting, including £900.00 being the annual cost of cutting the grass in Ogwell Churchyard.

Consideration of Precept for 2014 – It was agreed that a Budget would be considered at the January Meeting and that we would add £2,000.00 to the Precept to cover the cost of taking on the Toilet Block. The deadline is February 3rd for the Precept request to be made to Teignbridge. The existing Precept is £19,900.00 so we will be looking at a minimum of £22,000.00 to cover regular expenses plus add something for inflation.

New Business –

1. Possible location for new Memorial Bench – A bench has been purchased in memory of Jack Crook, former landlord of the Jolly Sailor and it was agreed that we would look into using this bench to replace an existing bench on the Green which is rotting away.

Date of next meeting – The next meeting will take place on Monday 13th January 2014 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
13th January 2014