

Parish Council Meeting 8th December 2014

Present : Chairman M Simmons, Deputy Chairman I White, Parish Councillors A Hall, J Larkworthy, R Broome and T Flower.

Also present County Councillor S Barker, District Councillor D Smith together with 6 parishioners.

Apologies – Cllr. M Colclough

Declarations – Members to declare any interests in matters for Discussion. Cllr. M. Simmons declared an interest in the Planning Application for Brockley and sat back while that matter was discussed and decided.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting November 10th 2014 – Approved and signed by Chairman

Report from County Councillor –Cllr. Stuart Barker discussed the parking by parents dropping off and picking up pupils at Canada Hill School. Agreed that we would write to the Headmistress (we have done this in the past) Car sharing was mentioned and this could be suggested to the Headmistress as something which would benefit the parents taking part as well as the surrounding residents.

Report from District Councillor – Cllr. Dennis Smith advised on the dismissal of the appeal against the Local Plan and the written judgement will be available in due course. He also mentioned the Elector fund and we are going to liaise with Denbury and Torbryan PC who have approached us re the Playing Field facilities.

Report from PCSO –No report but Cllr. Barker suggested that the PCSO attend Canada Hill School at drop off and pick uptimes to advise parents parking inappropriately.

Planning –2.1 –Planning Applications

Mydrim Ogwell Green 14/03366/COU – Sand School with associated landscaping- No adverse comment as the proposed Sand School will not be visible to any other resident.

Brockley Croft Road East Ogwell 14/03393/FUL – Two storey and first floor extensions on western(rear) elevations to include balconies (Cllr Simmons took no part in discussion or decision) – the proposed extension will enhance the property by replacing a flat roof extension and will not affect neighbours so no adverse comment.

21 Abbotswood, Ogwell 14/03264/FUL – First floor side extension to create an Annexe (NB received after Agendas were posted) – the suggested extension hardly amounts to an annexe but is above the existing garage and is of modest size, so no adverse comments.

2.2 Public Toilets at the Jolly Sailor – TUPE issue resolved and Parish Council to take on ownership – It seems the TUPE issue does not apply and Teignbridge will now be in touch with transfer details. Thanks to Parishioner Tim Treeby who pointed out that new legislation meant that TUPE did not apply in this case.

2.3 Electricity on the Green– Cllr. Larkworthy to contact Western Power.

2.4 Grass-cutting Schedule – Simon Jones attended the Meeting and presented a full schedule of areas of grass he cuts during the year. This will be considered and also Cllr. Hall will ask Teignbridge for some Dog Bin Signs to try to reduce the amount of mess that Simon has to deal with in areas at Reynell Road. Might also be worthwhile to mention this to the DogWarden.

2.5 Phone Box – options for removal or sale – Having now seen the article in the Advertiser, interest is being received and it was agreed that we would ask for best offers to be forwarded to the Clerk by January 9th 2015 for consideration at the next Meeting. Will be mentioned in the Parish Magazine and the Herald Express also has the article.

2.6 Ogwell Brook – Planning/Enforcement Officers have visited the areas that should have been landscaped by Linden Homes and have had some promises to tidy up and remove debris.

The LEAF Play area promised is still unresolved but they are now aware and we will make sure that they keep us informed of progress.

2.7 Tree-pruning – Request re Sycamore on Green overhanging Rosemount- Although there is a blanket TPO on trees on the Green, Teignbridge are happy for pruning to take place and a quote will be obtained to reduce the size of the Tree.

3.Paths and Highways –

3.1 –Footpaths and Cycle paths –Cllr Broome is completing a Paths Survey for Devon County Council which has to be submitted by March 2015.

3.2 Canada Hill School Parking –discussion re resident's complaint – see above for decision made on this issue.

3.3 State of Road with Linden Homes leaving- Cllr. White is to contact Highways to make sure that Linden Homes carry out promises to restore roads to appropriate condition.

4.Communications

4.1Website – Discussion of Web-site Management and proposal to retain in-house which was agreed to be reviewed in May 2015.

5. Democracy

5.1 Finance Report - Cheques written and agreed since last Meeting – Simon Jones £1,060 grass cutting and hedge trimming, including Ogwell Churchyard for the year, Ogwell Memorial Hall £13.00 Hire of room re Neighbourhood Planning, Rita Hannaford £66.96 Clerk's Expenses, Ben Flowers £25.00 Distributing Newsletter, Clive Creese £20.00 Community planting. We have received a cheque for £120.00 which was the profit made on Bonfire Night. As we need to consider next Year's Budget, details and a Matrix from Teignbridge considered which seems to suggest that an increase of £740.00 would be acceptable – It was agreed that the Clerk produce a Budget suggestion for January's Meeting based on figures to December 2014 and the Accounts for the last financial year. We need to advise Teignbridge no later than 6th Feb 2015.

5.2 Neighbourhood Planning – A further meeting scheduled for December 18th.

5.3 Local Plan Judicial Review– Outcome of legal challenge is that it has been thrown out by the Judge and the details of his judgement will be issued in due course.

5.4 New Parish Councillor – Elizabeth Dyas resident of Ogwell for many years and runs Cool for Cats – Attended meeting and met the Council. She was asked to attend the Meeting in January 2015 for a more formal consideration of her application.

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

1.Request from Denbury and Torbryan PC re Elector Fund –They would like us to join in application to improve facilities at their Playing Fields – agreed tht if Ogwell Residents could use the facilities we would be happy.

2. Planting wild flower seeds in the Parish – Agreed in principle that there could be funding for wild flower plants and seeds to be placed in appropriate areas so long as said areas are then maintained properly – this idea prompted by the show of anemones in the grass on the roundabout.

3. Gas into village – Cllr Broome advised that it would cost £4,235 plus VAT per householder provided 59 households signed up, also possibly the trench needed to bring Superfast Broadband up into the village could be utilised to save some money. Will be outlined in the next Newsletter to see what interest is generated.

7. Date of next meeting – The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 12th January 2015 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
12th January 2015