

Parish Council Meeting 10/02/2014

Present : Chairman M Simmons, Parish Councillors I White, A Hall, T Flower, B Long and H Godwin Also present County Councillor S Barker, District Councillors D Smith and M Colclough together with 6 Parishioners.

Apologies for Absence – Cllrs. S Barker, D Smith and R Broome

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 13th January 2014 – Approved and signed by the Chairman.

County Councillor's Report -See apologies

District Councillor's Report - The District Council Budget is still being considered. Cllr. Colclough advised that the Planning Application on the field behind the Jolly Sailor would go to Committee because of the concerns expressed by the Parish Council. Tree-felling at Conitor, just on the edge of Ogwell Parish, has been carried out without permission and would be investigated.

PCSO's Report –No report available, but we do plan to ask the PCSO to speak to Geoff Stone regarding cows straying on the roads.

Environment

2.1.Planning Applications Received

14/00151/FUL – Land SW of Jolly Sailor – Self Build Dwelling –We will respond by recommending refusal because of the Conservation Statement and the village envelope and also this proposal is not part of the Local Plan. It seems that our Conservation Statement, agreed in 2011 has never been signed off by Teignbridge and we will ask for an explanation.

13/03595/FUL –24 Luxton Road – Demolition of Car Port and erection of garage. We have decided that the proposed garage is too close to the road and access is across a pavement which would cause obstruction and we were not sure whether this access has been agreed by DCC. Recommended is refusal.

2.2 Public Toilets at the Jolly Sailor – Having advised Teignbridge of our decision to take over the Toilet Block we are awaiting further news.

2.3. Lights – So far no ill effects and the shop now has its own Security Lights.

2.4 Cows on the Green – Geoff Stone's cows are straying over the Parish and a letter to NFU has been written to see if they can bring any pressure to bear.

2.5 Maintenance of Notice Boards – All Notice Boards with the exception of the Board at the Memorial Hall are suffering in some degree with damp, the worse being the Board opposite the Manor House. If not repaired by the Company that installed them by the next meeting we will have them replaced by another Company.

2.6.New Snow Warden Sought –We are still looking for some-one to take this on.

3. Paths and Highways

1. Update - A proposed new route for the cycle/footpath is not considered ideal and Cllr. Long will write to protest that the route is a cheap version to save money rather than provide the best route.

2. Renewal of Line Marking and possible new signage by Canada Hill School –It was agreed that we would remind Cllr. Barker to renew the line marking and consider new signage to make the road safer.

3. Bus having problems at the School – It was agreed to ask the PCSO to make a presence at the School entrance to ensure that parents don't park so as to obstruct the Bus. Also agreed to write to the Headmistress re the parking.

4. Communications

1. Parish Newsletter March 2014 – Items for inclusion and agree on delivery method

It was agreed to spend £50-£60 to get Newspaper Lads to deliver some of the Newsletters.

5. Community

1. Community Engagement update – The Fair Committee have requested donations to cover Marquee rental and £500 towards general expenses plus £200 towards a Gazebo. It was agreed to ask the Treasurer to attend the next meeting to give us an insight into Fair Committee finances before deciding on the level of support.

2. Beating the Bounds – proposal by Cllr. Godwin to resurrect this tradition

It was agreed to liaise with Abbotskerswell as to Boundary Stones etc. and arrange a preliminary walk in April/May.

6. Democracy –

1. Casual Vacancy for Parish Councillor – Selection from Candidates applying

Jason Larkworthy, being the only candidate, has been co-opted onto the Parish Council and has signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Notice of Interests. Teignbridge will be advised that Ogwell parish Council is back up to strength.

2. Report of TALC Meeting 30/01/2014 by Cllr. White – The speaker, Lesley Tucker (TDC) mentioned that Council Tax will be frozen for the fourth year in a row. Car Parking will be up by 5% to boost funds.

3. Neighbourhood Planning Update A meeting arranged for 27th February for the team members.

4. Finance Report

Cheques agreed since the last meeting –Parish Online-Get Mapping £36.00, Ogwell Memorial Hall £39.00 Rent of room, S Jones £175.00 Tree trimming.

7. Matters of Urgency at the discretion of the Chairman

1. Bench in Memory of Jack Crook – It was agreed that a bench would be placed on the main Green in Jack's memory, paid for by members of his family.

2. Meeting with Abbotskerswell – The Chairman has been asked to attend a meeting re Development at Abbotskerswell and will report back to a future meeting.

Date of next meeting – The next meeting will take place on Monday 10th March 2014 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
10th March 2014