

Parish Council Meeting 9th February 2015

Present : Chairman M Simmons, Parish Councillors A Hall, R Broome, L Dyas, C Davis and T Flower.

Also present County Councillor S Barker, District Councillor M Colclough together with 6 parishioners.

Apologies – Cllrs Ian White, Dennis Smith and Jason Larkworthy

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting January 12th 2015 – Approved and signed by Chairman

Report from County Councillor – Cllr. Barker reminded us that there is a Consultation Document re the care of verges etc. and we will be exploring possibilities of doing some work at Parish level, providing additional funding is available. Cllr. Barker discussed the Care Act which comes into force on April 1st and will involve a great deal of work and expense to bring into operation, providing assessment and support for volunteer carers.

Report from District Councillor – Cllr. Colclough advised that the Green Waste opt-in payment will not be introduced until September 2015. She expressed concern that in terms of Affordable Housing needs Abbotskerswell as well as parts of Ogwell are described as “Urban” while the older part of Ogwell is considered “Rural”. The new policy will slightly reduce the “Affordable Housing” percentage needed.

Report from PCSO – Previous PCSO has departed. PC Craig Francis will attend the Meeting on 9th March to update us.

Planning –2.1 –Planning Applications

15/00261/HEDGE – Rydon Farm, Road past Rydon Farm – removal of hedgerow.

This has been withdrawn after questions were put re the need for removal and the necessity of re-instatement.

15/00322/AGR – West Ogwell – Storage Barn- an open sided barn in the corner of a field to store machinery – no adverse comments.

15/00203/FUL – 5 Westwood Road, Ogwell – Two storey extension to rear- no adverse comments.

2.2 Public Toilets at the Jolly Sailor –The Loft area has been examined and seems to be in good order. We need to look at utilities, in particular water supply where the metered bill seems very high. The proposed date of transfer is 1st April 2015.

2.3 Electricity on the Green– A site meeting to be arranged to pinpoint the exact position for the installation of electricity.

2.4 Grass-cutting Schedule – Review of List, additional sites and TDC/DCC collaboration
We are waiting for agreement from Teignbridge re the pruning of the large Sycamore on the Green. A steep bank at Webber Close has been cut by our groundsman for the first time, possibly to be funded by DCC. A hedge on Canada Hill near the old Ranesleigh Quarry area needs cutting back but we need to contact the owners of the hedge/bank.

2.5 Request from Ogwell FC to approach Denbury PC for the use of their grounds – We have been told by Denbury PC that Newton Spurs are taking over use of the grounds from next season on demise of Denbury FC.

2.6 Ogwell Brook – The public open space has now been completely cleared out. The Site Manager acting for the developers confirmed that they will be landscaping Woodland walk areas but no other landscaping is to take place. Will contact Steven Hobbs re cut and fill to make areas less steep which was part of the original plans.

2.7 Trewin – Section B13 Notice of Easement across Green – An Easement re access across the bottom corner of the Green to this property which has recently been sold has been agreed

and the “Notice of Easement” signed and returned to the Land Registry. This is the only access to the bungalow.

2.8 Shop at Prickly Ball Farm – The owner attended and advised that the shop at the farm which serves Summer visitors could be open all year to sell milk, bread and eggs etc. plus non-perishable goods if required. The Councillors felt this was an excellent idea and with parking adjacent to the shop would be an alternative place for parishioners to pick up grocery items. The facility should be advertised in the Parish Newsletter and on the Web-site.

3. Paths and Highways –

3.1 –Footpaths and Cycle paths –Cllr Broome is continuing with Paths Survey which is due to be submitted shortly and re the proposed Cycle Path we have objected to the route and shown possible alternatives but the debate continues.

3.2 Canada Hill School Parking –see above re PC Craig Francis to attend next month’s meeting. We have seen a copy of the Headmistress’s letter to parents which asked for good parking manners.

4. Communications

4.1 Website – We possibly need help to revamp the Home page and Cllr. Broome describes the exercise as a learning curve but progress is being made.

4.2 Newsletter – Cllr. Hall asks for assistance in content and layout of the Newsletter as this was previously done by Corbyn Sterling.

5. Democracy

5.1 Finance Report - Cheques written and agreed since last Meeting – Simon Jones – Tree trimming and bank cutting £340.00, NW Adams Playground Inspection for 2014 including DDA and Risk Assessments £216.30, Ogwell Memorial Hall– Hire of room £52.00, Request to TDC for 2015-2016 Precept at £22,740.00 sent and acknowledged.

5.2 Neighbourhood Planning – Next Meeting on 19th February 2015.

5.3. Application to the Elector Fund in association with Ogwell Pre-School – wish to look at alternative sites and draw up plans for a new purpose built building – agreed to jointly apply to the Elector Fund for help with the Pre-School Plans.

5.4 Set the date for the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting agreed Annual Parish Meeting with April Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting with May Meeting.

5.5 Local MP Parish Councillors Meeting 19th February – Cllr. Dyas agreed to attend.

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

6.1 Beating of Bounds – Ipplepen Parish Council – We have been invited to meet Ipplepen on their Beating of Bounds on May 25th 2015.

6.2 Tracks across the Green –made by Geoff Stone’s tractor and are very unsightly. Possibly Chain-harrow and roll to flatten the ridges once he has stopped tracking across.

7. Date of next meeting – The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 9th March 2015 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
9th March 2015