

Parish Council Meeting 14th July 2014

Present : Chairman M Simmons, Vice-Chairman I White, Parish Councillors T Flower, J Larkworthy, C Sterling and R Broome

Also present County Councillor S Barker, District Councillors D Smith and M Colclough together with 4 parishioners.

Apologies – Cllr A Hall (NB Cllr. Larkworthy gave his apologies for August meeting)

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 9th June 2014 – Approved and signed by Chairman

Report from County Councillor – DCC will make £9million available to continue repairing Drains, Flood damage and Potholes around Devon. A Website re Traffic Enforcement Notices is now available. The Youth Centre in Newton Abbot is to be retained for Teignbridge and will be the main hub for the area.

Report from District Councillors – Cllr. Colclough advised that a Rural Aid Grant for £4,500 is being made to the Memorial Hall. Cllr. Smith advised that Infrastructure costs on New Developments in Teignbridge will be collected up front from October 2014 and Parish Councils receiving Infrastructure funds must make a report as to the use of the funds.

Report from PCSO – No new information available.

Planning – No new Planning Applications have been received this month.

Public Toilets at the Jolly Sailor, transfer of ownership from TDC to OPC

1. Consideration of outstanding TUPE issue – a further meeting is needed to resolve the outstanding matter of the Agency employee presently cleaning the Toilets. Teignbridge are willing to cover costs but we must clarify the situation before taking on any liabilities.

2. Presentation of Schedule of dilapidations for consideration – Report distributed detailing the condition of the premises which is mainly good, although we need to gain access to the Loft area.

Maintenance – Progress report and presentation of costs for repairs – Two Notice Boards need new backing boards and benches need some attention. Also there are some repairs and renewals needed at the Play Parks. A suggestion that we could get up a working party to carry out some of the work with a Barbeque to finish was put forward to be considered.

Ogwell Pre-School – Request to use the Green for an event on August 3rd 2014 – The request was agreed and Cllr. Sterling proposed a donation of £100 towards the provision of a Port-a-Loo which was seconded by Cllr. Larkworthy and all agreed.

Report on Community planting project - in the absence of a report this is deferred.

Paths and Highways –

Report and update – Parishioners have been complaining about the Speed Humps on Canada Hill, the unsatisfactory state of them and, once again, severity of the Humps. We were advised that Peter Brunt at Highways is the person to contact about the upkeep of the Humps.

Communications - **Parish Newsletter** – The issue date is to be 15th September 2014.

New Parish Email Address – further discussions and it was felt that we should try to keep contact details as straightforward as possible.

Democracy

Finance Report

Cheques written and agreed since last Meeting – Teignbridge District Council £81.64 – Quarterly cost of emptying dog bin on the Green, Grant Thornton £120.00 – Cost of External Audit, Ogwell Memorial Hall £39.00 for hire of Room, Ogwell Pre-School £100.00 donation towards a Fun Day on August 3rd. The Annual Audit has been completed with no adverse comments and has been displayed on the main Notice Board.

Neighbourhood Planning Update – the next meeting will be looking at feedback received from the Summer Fair presentation.

Broadband Update – Cllr Broome advised that while 80% of Ogwell parishioners have access to superfast Broadband, 20% accessing their Broadband from the cabinet on the Green have much lower speeds. BT has no immediate plans to spend the necessary money to upgrade the Cabinet. There is a suggestion that the parish could contribute towards the cost of upgrading but we need to find out what would be involved, including how much it might cost. There is a Government push to increase rural broadband speeds and we appear to be missing out at the moment.

Report of meeting of the Parishes with local MP on June 26th 2014 – Cllr. Broome reported on the Broadband update above and found that other topics were not of immediate interest or relevance to Ogwell.

Public Presentation of “Private” matter discussed at last PC Meeting – The Chairman outlined the matter discussed last month re a possible challenge to the Local Plan, as far as Ogwell is concerned, we decided not to have direct involvement.

New Parish Councillor required – Following the Casual Vacancy Notice we have now been informed by TDC that from 23rd June 2014, as no notification has been received by them that parishioners have requested a by-election, the Parish Council can co-opt a new Councillor. A Notice has been posted asking for any interested parties to contact the Parish Council or attend this meeting, however no-one has been in contact, so Councillors will approach any likely candidate.

Any Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman –None brought up.

Date of next meeting – The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 11th August 2014 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
11th August 2014