

## Parish Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**Present : Chairman M Simmons, Deputy Chairman R Broome, Parish Councillors L Dyas, J Larkworthy, S Landfear, I White, C Davis and T Flower. Also present District Councillors D Smith & M Colclough together with 7 Parishioners.**

**Apologies** – Cllr. Stuart Barker

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

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting June 8<sup>th</sup> 2015** – Approved and signed by Chairman

**County Councillor's report** – see apologies. However, Cllr. Barker emailed to say that he is continuing to pursue the state of Reynell Road.

**District Councillors' reports** – Cllr. Smith reported on the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document which includes Self-build Schemes as Affordable housing and also Travelling Community Housing Provision. This Document will be the subject of consultation over the Summer. Consultation on the Council's strategy will include two public events in Newton Abbot on August 5<sup>th</sup> at Courtenay Park and August 12<sup>th</sup> in Courtenay Street.

**PCSO's Report** – Non available although it was determined that we should ask for attendance at Denbury Rad where children are playing in the hedge at the back of the Play Area overhanging the road.

**Planning** – 2.1 – Planning Applications

15/01335/FUL – Lower Holbeam Farm, Ogwell – Creation of Equestrian Sand School – no adverse comments.

15/01614/NPA (Newton Abbot) – Conitor House, Denbury Road – Change of use from Offices to 14 Dwellings – we understand that this application has been withdrawn for the time being.

15/01652/LBL – Valley Farm, West Ogwell – Internal alterations including Kitchen window into door and enlarge boiler cupboard. No adverse comments.

15/01610/FUL – Somerton Dene, Canada Hill – Replace flat Garage roof with pitched and addition of Porch to main House – The porch creates no problem but the pitch of the Garage roof is very steep and will be higher than the roof of the property plus some of the measurements in the plan provided appear incorrect or inconsistent. These observations to be made and a suggestion that the garage roof pitch is lowered.

**2.2 Public Toilets at the Jolly Sailor** – Still ongoing and a new transfer document is awaited. Also, Toilets now closed but lights still on, Teignbridge advised that this must be addressed before transfer is completed.

**2.3 Electricity on the Green** – Cllr Larkworthy is still waiting for Contractors prices. Will investigate whether we need Planning permission for a box, either metal or brick, on a concrete slab to house the supply.

**2.4 Ogwell Brook** – Following a meeting with Linden Homes when their various obligations were pointed out, they have gone away to check on their obligations and will arrange another meeting thereafter.

**2.5. Sycamore on the Green** – now pruned and bill for £150 plus VAT received

**2.6. Weeds** – Proposal to book Annual clearance discussed, Cllr Larkworthy proposed, Cllr. Landfear seconded and all agreed that this was a good idea, the weed clearance had gone well and the debris cleared up. An Invoice is awaited.

**2.7 Playparks - Luxton Road repairs** – Improvements to the gates has been carried out and other necessary work. New Chains are needed cost approximately £100.00. Cllr Dyas proposed, Cllr Landfear seconded and all agreed that this necessary work should be done but given possible changes at the Play Area in the future, larger outlays would not be made unless necessary. Regarding the hedge at the Park, the problem will be looked at by

parishioners with hedge-laying skills etc. and a proposal made as to how best to safeguard the children. Also see above that the PCSO is to be made aware.

2.8 requests to Parish Council to cut grass at Abbotsridge Drive - email from Ann Hall – former Councillor requesting that grass at Abbotsridge Drive be added to our grass cutting round – this was discussed but no conclusion arrived at, except that where absolutely necessary, we will cut grass – it is always hoped that parishioners will keep tidy strips of grass between their property and the road, unless at junctions etc. where it is more obviously the duty of the County Council to ensure Motorists can see on-coming traffic clearly.

2.9 Chestnut tree at Westwood Cleave – a request from a resident that we do something about reducing the size of the tree – Teignbridge apparently advised that it was a Parish Council matter but it would appear that the tree is inside the enclosure that houses SW Gas Board’s sub-station, so will contact SW Gas to establish whether it is their responsibility.

### **3.Paths and Highways** –

3.1 –Footpaths and Cycle paths – No new updates

### **4.Communications**

4.1 Broadband – It is actually here and thanks were expressed to Cllr. Richard Broome for his efforts in chasing up BT over many months.

### **5. Democracy**

5.1 Finance Report – Cheques written since last Meeting and agreed – Simon Jones – grass cutting £359.00 and £170.00, Teignbridge DC £81.64 Emptying Dog bin on the Green, Teignbridge DC £150.70 – Parish Election costs, Pulse8 Broadband £93.00 Annual Web hosting, SW Arb & Fencing £180.00 Pruning Sycamore Tree on the Green, R Hannaford £924.00 Stipend. On the last item, we have heard from Douglas Tonks Ltd, who act as agents in dealing with the Payroll matters for the Clerk’s stipend, that they have gone into receivership which would not of itself be a problem, but the clerk discovered when contacting HMRC re future payments of tax owing, that an outstanding amount of £697.60 remains from last year’s Tax and National Insurance bill. This money has been deducted from the Clerk’s stipend by Douglas Tonks Ltd but instead of accounting for it to HMRC they have retained the funds themselves and have now gone out of business. On speaking to Aon Ltd, our Insurers, this is not covered and is considered a debt of the Parish Council to be recovered from Douglas Tonks Ltd as best we can. Options being pursued and the matter will be discussed further at the next meeting. Meanwhile the clerk will ensure that the Tax element of her stipend for this quarter is remitted to HMRC. The Annual Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 have been returned by the Audit Commission with no adverse comments and have been displayed on the Main Notice Board with the Conclusion of Audit.

5.2 Neighbourhood Planning – Designation of Area has been agreed by Teignbridge.

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

1. Co-opting new Parish Councillors – Ian White and Sarah Landfear - Declaration of Interests forms collected at the meeting to be passed on to Teignbridge.

2. Name of road through village - There have been some suggestions but Cllrs. contacting residents living on the road who would be most affected by naming this road, have expressed their preference that it is left as it is.

3.Request from Denbury Allotment Society – Cllr. White agreed to follow this up.

4 Allotments at Cook’s Field –It seems that Newton Abbot Town Council are happy that we use the Cook’s Field Allotments but they are full up! Details of those interested can be forwarded to the Allotment Society’s waiting list.

**7. Date of next meeting** – The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman  
10<sup>th</sup> August 2015