

Parish Council Meeting 8th June 2015

Present : Chairman M Simmons, Deputy Chairman R Broome, Parish Councillors L Dyas, J Larkworthy and T Flower. Also present County Councillor S Barker together with 7 Parishioners.

Apologies – Cllrs. M. Colclough, D Smith & C Davis

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting May 11th 2015 – Approved and signed by Chairman

County Councillor's report – Cllr. Barker reported on the proposed refurbishments of the Sports Pavilion and advised that money towards this would be available from DCC. He also mentioned Boundary changes proposed for the future to achieve an overall reduction in County Councillors, and potholes along Reynell Road where some marking out has been done, but given the state of the road it should be re-surfaced and he will report back on this.

District Councillors' reports – both District Councillors gave their apologies.

PCSO's Report – Not available

Planning – 2.1 – Planning Applications

There were no new Planning Applications received since the last meeting

2.2 Public Toilets at the Jolly Sailor – The results of searches have been received and show nothing onerous so the matter proceeds in the hands of our solicitors. A draft Transfer Document has been seen and approved with some adjustments needed for accuracy including the correct address of the property. The lights at the Toilet block remain on all day and this will need to be addressed by TDC before the transfer takes place.

2.3 Electricity on the Green – Cllr Larkworthy advised that a meeting has been arranged with Wales and West Electricity and contractors prices are awaited.

2.4 Ogwell Brook – We still await responses from Linden Homes and Enforcement Officer, Steve Hobbs. Cllr. Davis has advised that he intends to contact Linden Homes senior management and further up the ladder as necessary and will advise the outcome. A meeting to discuss further possible approaches will take place before the next PC Meeting.

2.5 Weeds – Agreed that the work should be done as soon as the Contractor is available.

2.6 Playparks - Luxton Road repairs – A quote is expected for the repairs to gates and fences and some other necessary work. The road hedge adjoining Dawes Close playing field is apparently being used by children to build dens etc. which could be very dangerous and we will have to consider how best to make the area safer if possible.

2.7 Allotment provision at Cook's Field – Clerk contacted Town Clerk of Newton Abbot for confirmation that the re-elected Town Council had agreed to allow Ogwell Residents to apply for spaces and his reply was that a meeting on June 17th would hopefully confirm the arrangement.

3. Paths and Highways –

3.1 –Footpaths and Cycle paths – Cllr. Barker is to look at the proposed cycle path from Newton Abbot to Ogwell. We will have no grant from DCC for footpaths this year as our Bank balance is considered adequate. On Highways, see elsewhere regarding Reynell Road, also a survey was done on the state of the road before the Ogwell Brook Development started and Linden Homes should be returning the road to at least the condition prior to development.

4. Communications

4.1 Newsletter – all copies delivered and we are getting feedback on various items with comments and suggestions.

5. Democracy

5.1 Finance Report – Cheques written since last Meeting and agreed – Simon Jones – grass cutting £614.00 and £94.00, South and West Internal Audit – internal annual audit £175.00, R Hannaford Clerk – quarterly Office expenses £76.75, Ogwell Pre-School – Donation towards

providing Portaloo for Event on the Green - £80.00, Ben Flower, delivering Newsletter - £40.00.

The Annual Accounts to 31st March 2015 having been approved by the Internal Auditor without adverse comment have been forwarded to the Audit Commission for final approval.

5.2 Neighbourhood Planning – Designation of Area now on Notice Boards and an Open Meeting takes place on June 18th and also details will be displayed for comment at Ogwell Summer Fair.

5.3. Rural Aid Funding – sadly we missed the closing date for applications so will have to wait for next year.

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

1. Co-opting new Parish Councillors – Proposed by Cllr. Broome and seconded by Cllr. Dyas with all existing Councillors in agreement, former Councillor Ian White is co-opted back onto the PC and it was agreed that Sarah Landfear should also be co-opted, bringing the Parish Council back to full strength with 8 Councillors. Acceptance of Office Forms signed by Ian White and Sarah Landfear with Declaration of Interests forms to be collected at the next meeting to be passed on to Teignbridge.

2. 27 Webber Close – It seems that the owners of this property have built a shed on the car parking area. This requires investigation i.e. who owns the land in question and is the land an allocated parking space.

3. Name of road through village - This has been raised as a query and it appears that the road through the village from Buttercombe Cottage to the Jolly Sailor does not have a specific name, East Ogwell being sufficient with the name of the property and the post-code. To give this road a name, we are advised by Teignbridge, would involve consultation with the wishes of the majority of property owners affected to be the deciding factor.

4. Request from Denbury Allotment Society – We have been asked to make a donation to assist with the cost of buying the Allotment land from the Ministry of Justice, to help cover £1,200 being paid to Solicitors acting in the transfer and further costs, on the basis that Ogwell parishioners use the Allotments and in fact the land is in Ogwell Parish. A request to the Elector Fund could be the answer and this item will be discussed at our next meeting.

7. Date of next meeting – The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 13th July 2015 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
13th July 2015