

Parish Council Meeting 10/03/2014

Present : Chairman M Simmons, Parish Councillors I White, T Flower, B Long, R Broome, J Larkworthy and H Godwin Also present County Councillor S Barker, District Councillor M Colclough together with 5 Parishioners.

Apologies for Absence – Cllrs. D Smith and A Hall

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 10th February 2014 – Approved and signed by the Chairman.

County Councillor's Report - Cllr. Barker advised that consultations on the provision of future services are ongoing. In the matter of Highway repair and renewal it seems that everything except essential repairs has been suspended while all available resources go towards keeping the roads in a usable condition.

District Councillor's Report -Cllr. Colclough advised that as far as the District Council is concerned, Rates will remain unaltered. Changes to waste collection are being contemplated, including a separate charge for the collection of garden waste. An update on the Conservation Statement for Ogwell. This was not adopted by Teignbridge and so, as there is no Conservation Officer at present employed by Teignbridge, we are in Limbo.

PCSO's Report – No report was available but the PCSO has been involved in monitoring traffic flow on Reynell Road and at the School entrance.

Environment

2.1.Planning Applications Received –No new Planning Applications received this month

14/00151/FUL – Land SW of Jolly Sailor – Self Build Dwelling – It seems that a decision of the Planning Officer is still awaited and the application will need to be for an affordable dwelling to fit in with policy as the site concerned is an Exception Site.

Cllr. Colclough reiterated that if the Planning Officer recommended acceptance, she would request that the matter go before a full Committee.

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

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

2.4 Weeds We are still seeking quotes for weed clearing.

3. Paths and Highways

1. Update -A reply has been received re the Woodland route which is considered not appropriate – Ancient Woodland etc. The route using Bunting Close is considered better lit etc. and is supported by the National Trust. We conclude that the cheapest route is the one preferred.

4. Communications

1. Parish Newsletter March 2014 – This is now being delivered to all households and some positive feedback is being received.

2. Maintenance of Notice Boards – It was agreed to spend £20.00 approximately for laminating of some notices. We are still pursuing repairs to the Notice Boards and considering alternatives as the repairers seem to be dragging their feet.

5. Community

1. Community Engagement update – The Fair Committee have requested donations to cover Marquee rental £1,346.76 and £500 towards general expenses plus £200 towards a Gazebo. It was agreed that this payments would be made at once to enable the purchases to be made following some discussion as to whether direct donations to

the Church, Memorial Hall and Pre-School would not serve instead of supporting the Summer Fair. The conclusion was that this would deprive the Community of an enjoyable Fair as the Committee felt that without support they would not wish to undertake the upfront expenses, which if the weather was against them, they could not recover. A successful Fair would ensure donations well in excess of the Parish Council's support.

2. Beating the Bounds – This will take place on Saturday 17th May and it was agreed to spend £89.00 for a First Aid Course for the co-ordinator and some £50 approx for Hi-Visibility Vests. If possible we could meet up with adjoining Parishes at boundary stones.

6. Democracy –

1. Rural Aid Grant Funding Applications invited - Power on the Green was to be further investigated with a view to making an application by Cllrs. Broome and Larkworthy.

2. Neighbourhood Planning Update – The next meeting is on 13th March in the Memorial Hall.

3. Finance Report

Cheques agreed since the last meeting –Wotton Printers £250.00 re printing the Newsletter, R. Hannaford £125.50 Clerk's expenses for 6 months, Ogwell Fair Committee £2,046.76 For hire of a Marquee, purchase of a Gazebo and general expenses.

7. Matters of Urgency at the discretion of the Chairman - Conitor Quarry and the destruction of trees- Although not in our parish this area borders Ogwell and if possible the site should be preserved as a conservation area to prevent future development.

Date of next meeting – The next meeting will take place on Monday 14th April 2014 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
14th April 2014