

## Parish Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Present : Chairman M Simmons, Parish Councillors A Hall, J. Larkworthy, R Broome, L Dyas and T Flower.**

**Also present County Councillor S Barker, District Councillors D Smith and M Colclough together with 5 parishioners.**

**Apologies** – Cllrs. S Barker, C Davis and Ian White

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

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> 2015** – Approved and signed by Chairman

**Report from County Councillor** – see apologies

**Report from District Councillors** – Cllrs. Colclough and Smith advised a drop in Rural Aid from £55,000 to £40,000 but excluding Dartmoor villages which will be separately funded. The raising of the Commonwealth Flag was reported with a message from the Queen. There is to be more investment in recycling to keep up the percentage of recycled waste and the green recycling opt-in will start in September. A freeze in Council Tax for the 5<sup>th</sup> year running was also reported.

**Report from PCSO** – PC Craig Francis attended the Meeting and advised that he joins the Neighbourhood team in Newton Abbot from front line duties in Torquay. He and his team of three PCSOs have been monitoring the parking around the school and their presence ensures good behaviour but what they don't see they can't act on. He promised to continue to monitor the area. Otherwise, Ogwell is a low crime area with relatively few low level crimes.

**Planning** –2.1 –Planning Applications

**15/00348/COU– Prickly Ball Farm, Denbury Road– Change of use from a caravan and camping site to 15 static holiday caravan site and associated works.**-it was agreed that the proposed change would not impinge greatly on the area and as long as the Holiday use was emphasised.

**15/00421/FUL – 1 West View Close, Ogwell – Single storey extension to rear to provide Annexe with roof terrace** – No adverse comments.

**15/00561/FUL – Bowden Lodge, Ogwell Green – Replacement dwelling – application received after Agendas posted** – This will be responded to as soon as there has been time to consider the Application.

**2.2 Public Toilets at the Jolly Sailor – Proposed transfer date 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – outstanding matters** – Water rates £900 per annum seems about right considering the usage. The Heads of Terms are to be considered and there is still the outstanding matter of the lights remaining on during the day.

**2.3 Electricity on the Green**– A meeting to be arranged to determine the exact site.

**2.4 Ogwell Brook** –We are still awaiting responses from Linden Homes and Steve Hobbs and intend a site visit to take photographs.

**2.5 Weeds** – PC to consider whether to carry out annual weed clearance – it was agreed to get another quote for weed clearance and look again in September.

**3.Paths and Highways** –

**3.1 –Footpaths and Cycle paths** – Annual Footpath Survey completed and submitted.

**3.2 Traffic chaos in Newton Abbot** –Cllr Smith will copy us into responses from DCC Highways re the problems of many different roads being closed at once.

**4.Communications**

**4.1Email protocol**– [contact@ogwell.org](mailto:contact@ogwell.org) All emails will go to the Clerk only to be responded to or acknowledged and a response formulated after discussions.

**4.2 Newsletter** - £700 maximum agreed to include artwork previously done by Corbyn Sterling.

## **5. Democracy**

**5.1 Finance Report** - Cheques written and agreed since last Meeting – R Hannaford – Clerk's expenses £63.03

**5.2 Neighbourhood Planning** – Request for PC support for Locality funding – Approval will be sought for next meeting.

Next Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – Canada Hill School

**5.3. Tap funding – Funding for Community projects** - £1.00 per Elector plus 10p per Elector from the District Council is available for Community projects.

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

**6.1 Play Area** – work has been carried out and the cheque can be sent as soon as an invoice is received.

**6.2 Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015** – attended by Cllr Dyas who has written a separate report.

**6.3 Trewin** – This bungalow is undergoing refurbishment but seems to be being rebuilt in front of the building line – is this permissible – Teignbridge DC contacted.

**7. Date of next meeting** – The next Parish Council meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman  
13<sup>th</sup> April 2015