

Annual Parish Council Meeting 12 May 2014

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

Also present County Councillor S Barker, District Councillors M Colclough together with 8 parishioners.

Apologies – Cllrs A Hall and D Smith

Declarations – Members to declare any interests in matters for Discussion

Election of Chair- Clerk took the Chair and asked for Nominations. Cllr Flower nominated Michael Simmons, Cllr Long seconded and all agreed. Cllr. Simmons accepted.

Election of Deputy Chair – Chairman assumed the Chair and asked for Nominations. Cllr Sterling nominated Ian White, Cllr Larkworthy seconded and all agreed, Cllr. White accepted.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 14th April 2014 – Approved and signed by Chairman

Review of Standing Orders – Cllr. Sterling proposed, Cllr White seconded and all agreed to maintain existing Standing Orders.

Delegation of Roles and responsibilities to Councillors was agreed as follows

Communications and Community Engagement – C Sterling Officer, A Hall Shadow

Council and Democracy – M Simmons Officer, R Broome Shadow

Environment – T Flower Officer, J Larkworthy and I White Shadow

Paths – R Broome Officer, I White Shadow

Highways – I White Officer, T Flower Shadow

Asset Register – Adoption of updated Asset Register – Agreed, including Telephone Box and three new Planters.

Risk Register – Adoption of Risk Register agreed with updating to continue.

Insurance Cover – Agreed to continue with Aon Insurance and will consider adding items to cover as required.

Accounts for 2013/2014 – A formal Adoption of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014 was proposed by Cllr Broome, seconded by Cllr. Simmons and all agreed that the Annual Audit Return should be signed off by the Chairman after consideration and acceptance of the Accounts and the completed Audit Return.

Appointment of an Auditor – Cllr Sterling proposed, Cllr Broome seconded and all agreed Ken Abraham would continue to be the Parish Council's Internal Auditor.

Financial Regulations – Cllr White proposed, Cllr Flower seconded and all agreed that the existing financial regulations, based upon County Council template, should continue.

Banking Arrangements – Cllr Larkworthy proposed, Cllr Sterling seconded and all agreed that the Council's Bankers remain as Lloyds Bank, Newton Abbot.

Consideration of Public participation at Council Meetings – It was agreed that we should keep to 15 minutes timescale to ensure that vital business is conducted but allow to over-run if Chairman considers necessary.

Set the dates, times and place of Meetings for the year – It was agreed to continue with monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month, and date of next Annual Parish Council meeting will be May 11th 2015

Planning –

14/00718/FUL -2 Croft Close – Single storey extension to front - no adverse comments

14/00953/FUL – Higher Tor House – 2 Storey extension to create internal Swimming Pool with gymnasium plus additional accommodation at first floor level. – A substantial increase to the size of the property but as it is on a large plot and does not impact adversely on others it was agreed that we would make no adverse comments.

14/1056/FUL – Rydon Farm – Retention for extension to Agricultural Building (Re-instated following fire damage) – This is in place and of no greater impact than before the fire so it was agreed that no adverse comments would be made.

Discussion of Teignbridge response to Ownership of Public Toilets at the Jolly Sailor
Still waiting for a response but must clarify report from Teignbridge that we have taken over the Toilet Block, which is not yet the case.

Asset Inspection Report and agreement for proposed maintenance schedule – The inspection is underway and various quotes are being sought to refurbish and jet wash items needing attention.

Paths and Highways – No positive update and Cllr. Long advised that during his time as a Parish Councillor, dealing with Devon County Council has been very frustrating, in the main due to lack of funding and unwillingness to listen to the Parish.

Communications - The free Parish Newsletter is considered as worth continuing in view of very positive feedback from the community

Community –Cllr Barry Long is handing over the web-site to Cllr Corbyn Sterling, upon the former's resignation from the Parish Council.

Democracy

Finance Report including signing off Annual Audit Return

Cheques written and agreed since last Meeting – South and West Internal Audit £200.00 for completion of Internal Audit, ARC Welding £325.20 Balance of the cost of Notice Board Posts, Aon UK Ltd £1,422.79 Annual Insurance renewal, S Jones £502.00 for Grass cutting, DALC will take £480.07 from the next Precept Payment for the Annual fee to Devon Association of Local Councils, Devon County Council £6.42 for re-stamping of waste disposal Tickets used by Simon Jones to dispose of green waste.

The Audit Return for the year ended 31st March 2014 has been signed by our Internal Auditor Ken Abraham, after carrying out the Internal Audit and is signed off by the Chairman so that it can be sent to the Auditor, acting for the Audit Commission as per Adoption of Accounts above.

Neighbourhood Planning Update – The next meeting is on May 17th 2014.

Any Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman – Re Teignbridge Local Plan, Abbotskerswell PC are getting a Barrister's opinion re challenging the Plan costing £2,500 and it was proposed by Cllr Sterling that we put £250.00 towards obtaining that opinion, seconded by Cllr Larkworthy and all agreed as the proposed housing development in the plan will impact upon Ogwell in terms of increased pressure on roads and other services.

Date of next meeting – The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 9th June 2014 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
9th June 2014