

Parish Council Meeting 11th May 2015

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

Apologies – Cllrs. Larkworthy, Colclough and Smith.

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting April 13th 2015 – Approved and signed by Chairman
County Councillor's report – In this post-election period things are quiet while allocation of jobs within the County Council are considered. Cllr. Barker feels he will be continuing with the Health and Care portfolio. He also expects further cuts to be handed down by the Government.

District Councillors' reports – see apologies, both District Councillors have been re-elected and a swearing in and signing of Declarations is taking place this evening.

PCSO's Report – No report available

Planning –2.1 –Planning Applications

15/0722/FUL– Manor Orchard, 3 Garners Lane, Ogwell – Pitched roof front Dormer and enlargement of rear Dormers plus a flat roof Dormer –As a matter of interest although we had no objections, this has been turned down, too invasive and overlooking Grade 1 listed Church and Grade 11 listed Manor House

15/01034/FUL – 6 Orchard Close, Ogwell – Retention of tree house/climbing frame – objections from neighbours overlooking the structure and a site visit took place. Councillors conceded that the Tree House/Platform overlooks adjacent properties and could be considered as too high and too close to the Boundary fence. Only the neighbours are affected and there would be no objections per se to a Tree House. These views to be passed on to TDC.

15/00759/FUL – Dowty Farm, Howton Road – Sports Pavillion –There is an existing structure, badly in need of upgrading and so this proposal can only enhance facilities and this view will be expressed to TDC.

15/01151/VAR – Moor View, Canada Hill – Variation of condition 2 on planning approval 13/01768 for demolition of existing dwelling and replace with a new dwelling – The variations are internal and will improve the privacy of neighbours so no objections.

15/01114/FUL – Higher Tor House, Croft Rd – Conversion of 2 Outbuildings to 2 self-contained Holiday lets – As the proposal is for Holiday Lets and not permanent residences there are no objections and as the buildings already exist and the grounds of the property are extensive, neighbours will not be affected.

15/00920/FUL – Oakwell West Ogwell – Single storey link extension – no objections

2.2 Public Toilets at the Jolly Sailor – We have signed and returned Heads of Terms which set out the price £1.00 and after negotiation, the “Overage” is reduced to 50% for 15 years on disposal of the property. All details to our Solicitors Wollen Michelmore together with cheque for £300.00 towards preliminary work and searches.

2.3 Electricity on the Green– Cllr Larkworthy not at meeting to update on prices from Contractors.

2.4 Ogwell Brook –We are still awaiting responses from Linden Homes and Enforcement Officer, Steve Hobbs. It was agreed to continue to pursue Teignbridge and also try to contact a senior decision maker at Linden Homes with a direct approach to sort their non-compliance with the Planning Application Decision. This is still the aim with emphasis on the Woodland Area as it seems there are serious landscape issues with the small Play Area included in the original plans.

2.5 Weeds– Quote from TDC approved Contractor, who did the work before and the aim is Spring and possibly September time.

2.6 Playparks - Luxton Road repairs – A fallen fence was repaired by Simon Jones but the Play Area needs investment to refurbish and replace where necessary. The recent report from Nick Adams will be used to highlight essential repairs and a list made of the improvements/repairs required.

2.7 Summer Fair funding request – as outlined at April meeting- all agreed a cheque for £500.00 which will be used to cover Band, First Aider etc. to offer a free evening's entertainment for parishioners.

3.Paths and Highways –

3.1 –Footpaths and Cycle paths –no new update

4.Communications

4.1 Newsletter – has now been delivered and we await feedback

5. Democracy

5.1 Finance Report – Cheques written since last Meeting and agreed – Wollen Michelmore - £300.00 re acquisition of Toilet Block, Wotton Printers - £430.00 Printing Newsletters, S Jones £453.00 Grass cutting and repairing fence at Play Park, Aon Insurance £1422.78 Annual Insurance cover, Devon County Council £70.60 – Hire of room at Canada Hill School for Neighbourhood Plan meetings, Ogwell Pre-School £3702.00 Grant monies now passed on re feasibility study, Ogwell Summer Fair £500.00 Donation towards providing free entertainment for parishioners.

The Annual Accounts to 31st March 2015 were signed off by the Chairman and Clerk following approval by the Parish Councillors.

5.2 Neighbourhood Planning – A consultation document is expected to be available at the next meeting on May 23rd with an Open Meeting planned for June and a stall at the Summer Fair setting out the plans being put forward for consultation.

5.3. Rural Aid Funding – Applications now open - up to £5,000 can be applied for and we can consider the Electricity on the Green project plus continued Broadband for Ogwell Memorial Hall, but maybe better to aim for Improvements to Dawes Close Play Park.

5.4 Broadband funding Support re Memorial Hall – Rural Aid funding finishes in June, The Pre-School want Broadband to continue, the Hall Committee are not clear on the benefits to the Hall and we feel that they need to sort out what they need and can afford between themselves.

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

1. Completion of Declaration of Interest Forms by Parish Councillors plus new Acceptance of Office following re-election Acceptance of Office sign by all present and Declaration of Interest Forms to be collected at next Meeting to be passed on to Teignbridge.

2. Co-opting new Parish Councillors – Former Councillor Ian White is still interested, presently on holiday and two other possible candidates, Sara Landfear and Steve Reynolds. All to be considered at the next Meeting.

3.Portaloo for Event on Green – Agreed to provide a Donation of £80.00 towards a Portaloo for an Event on the Green organised by Rob Ballard. Request made at April's Meeting.

7. Date of next meeting – The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 8th June 2015 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
8th May 2015