

## Parish Council Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Present : Chairman M Simmons, Parish Councillors A Hall, J Larkworthy and T Flower. NB We have just made a quorum (4 Councillors)**

**Also present District Councillor M Colclough together with 4 parishioners.**

**Apologies** – Cllrs. I White, R Broome, S Barker and D. Smith

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

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting October 13<sup>th</sup> 2014** – Approved and signed by Chairman

**Report from County Councillor** –see apologies.

**Report from District Councillor** –Cllr. Smith reported that Conservatives no longer have overall majority on the District Council as Independents make up the largest party, but will work with the Conservatives to continue the Council's work. Mentioned Ogwell Brook – see later report.

**Report from PCSO** –None available

**Planning** –2.1 - No Planning Applications received since the last PC Meeting.

**2.2 Public Toilets at the Jolly Sailor, transfer of ownership from TDC to OPC** – Recent legislation suggests that TUPE should not present a problem to the Parish Council and we again ask Teignbridge to confirm that ownership can be passed without any obligation for their Agency employee.

**2.3 Electricity on the Green**– Costings are being sought from Rob Flaherty (Electrician)

**2.4 Grass-cutting Schedule** – Liaise with Simon Jones to obtain a list of areas he is presently responsible for – Clerk will make contact.

**2.5 Phone Box – options for removal or sale** – The Contract signed upon the purchase of the Box precludes the Parish Council from selling to a rival of BT but otherwise does not stipulate that the Box should not be sold. Therefore we can advertise the Box for sale if we wish.

**2.6 Ogwell Brook** – Having contacted Teignbridge re the state of open areas, the site will be visited by Planning/Enforcement Officers to assess what needs to be carried out by the Developers.

**2.7 Tree-pruning – at the corner of Tor Gardens** – a resident wishes to prune a tree for which she is responsible but this is not our area of responsibility. If no TPO it can be pruned without contacting Teignbridge.

**2.8 Tree-pruning – Request re Sycamore on Green overhanging Rosemount**- Check to see if a TPO exists, if not Rosemount resident wishes to prune, if a TPO is in place we will have to obtain permission.

**3.Paths and Highways** –

**3.1 –Footpaths and 3.2 Cycle Paths** - No specific updates.

**4.Communications**

**4.1Website** – a new Website is in place but in view of Cllr. Sterling's resignation we need some-one with appropriate knowledge to run it. Phil Stronach, Parish Magazine Editor, has offered to run the Website for 6 months and thereafter would wish to tender for the future running of the site. This was considered acceptable and Mr Stronach was thanked for his offer.

**4.2 Newsletter** – This is ongoing and contact will be made with Corbyn Sterling.

**4.3 Bonfire Night** – At the last minute there was a change of date because of the weather but still a very good attendance of 200 plus and thanks were expressed to everyone who had helped.

## **5. Democracy**

**5.1 Finance Report** - Cheques written and agreed since last Meeting – Simon Jones £244.00 – grass cutting and hedge trimming, Ogwell Memorial Hall £39.00 Hire of room, Devon County Council £33.00 Purchase of Waste Tickets for green waste, Playdale Playgrounds £1,282.36 new equipment and improvements to Play Area on the Green, Royal British Legion £25.00 Wreath and donation.

Figures for Half-year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 are available and show that we are on track with the Annual Budget.

**5.2 Neighbourhood Planning** – Request for PC to submit to TDC – Agreed.

**5.3 Broadband Update** – Cllr. Broome has provided an update – The cabinet on the Green is now set up and capable of receiving faster Broadband but will need the fibre-optic cable to be installed which means a trench from the cabinet at the end of Margaret Road to the Green. At present no firm date for this but Cllr. Broome will keep chasing.

**5.4 Update on search for a new Parish Councillor** – Elizabeth Dyas has put her name forward via the web-site and has been encouraged to attend the next PC Meeting. Also we have the written resignation of Corbyn Sterling – we now need two new Councillors. A new Casual Vacancy Notice to be posted and TDC informed.

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

No urgent matters were brought forward.

**7. Date of next meeting** – The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman  
8<sup>th</sup> December 2014