

Parish Council Meeting 12th October 2015

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

Apologies – Cllrs. Ian White, Jason Larkworthy, Richard Broome, Sarah Landfear, M Colclough and D Smith

Declarations – Members to declare any interests in matters for Discussion. Chairman M Simmons declared an interest in the Planning Application for Bowden Lodge.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting September 14th 2015 – Approved and signed by Chairman. One matter arising from the Minutes – to consider an increase in the quote from AMTH Contracting as an additional 43 metres length of hedge to be included after discussion with Cllr Ian White on site. Additional pro rata cost £2216.50 including VAT. Proposed by Cllr Davis and seconded by Cllr Flower and all agreed.

County Councillor's report – Cllr Barker advised that funding should be available next year to carry out some Traffic Regulation Orders so it was agreed that details of the proposals made in recent months should be passed on for consideration when funds become available. He also mentioned Chapter 8 training for Highways including the use of High Viz Clothing and traffic management when working beside the Highway. Once this training is in place the trainee will be covered by County Insurance and details will be obtained for Simon Jones. We were advised that Scott Riddell is our new Highway Engineer. Stuart confirmed that Gullies are usually cleaned out once a year unless they appear to cause flooding when more frequent clearance will take place.

District Councillors' report – see apologies

PCSO's Report – PCSO Debbie McCaffery reported that no crimes were reported last month, only some incidents including the perennial cows on the Green. Three PCSOs cover the whole of Newton Abbot and Highweek as well as Ogwell so are spread quite thinly. They cover 9 Schools and target problem issues that arise while trying to maintain a presence. A contact telephone number 07703 469131 was given.

Planning – 2.1 – Planning Applications

15/02694/VAR – Bowden Lodge, Ogwell Green – Variation of Condition 2 on Application 13/00999/FUL to include revisions to the size of footprint and external appearance including alterations to windows and doors. Cllr M Simmons took no part in discussions. Cllr Flower pointed out that the amended plans would result in an overall reduction in the size of the property and that some amendments were being made to accommodate the comments of neighbours. No adverse comments to be made.

2.2 Public Toilets at the Jolly Sailor – Additional Insurance cover for the Toilet Block amounts to £19.39 and we have received the first Water Bill from South West Water amounting to £22.07. There is also a Rates demand from Teignbridge District Council amounting to some £1500.00 per annum and the Chairman is to pursue a challenge to TDC as we should be exempt from Business Rates as a Parish Council providing a public service.

2.3 Electricity on the Green – Obtaining Planning permission for the Electricity Housing is ongoing.

2.4 Ogwell Brook – 106 Agreements are being followed up with TDC and a further meeting has taken place with Linden Homes resulting in modest but workable proposals for creating Walkways, Picnic Areas etc. to ensure that the landscape surrounding Ogwell Brook is accessible and attractive for the residents.

2.5 Luxton Road Play Area – see above under a matter arising from the Minutes of September's Meeting. The total cost for the fence and hedge tidying will now amount to £6716.50 including VAT

2.6. Tree Vandalism at Luxton Road – A fairly substantial tree has been felled which was part of the Planning agreement for the original Play Area and it was proposed by Cllr Flower, seconded by Cllr Davis and all agreed that the Tree should be replaced and that the Chairman would contact the Press.

2.7. Bonfire Night 5th November 6pm onwards on the Green - A request was made by the Fair Committee who will be organising the event that the Parish Council increase the amount spent on Fireworks to £750 which would ensure a really good display. It was proposed by Cllr Flower, seconded by Cllr Dyas and all agreed.

2.8 Church Path Planter Bed – Maintenance costs reimbursement for plants etc. amounting to £28.44 was agreed.

3. Paths and Highways –

3.1 –Footpaths and Cycle paths - It was suggested that we look at adding a request to slow down through the village on the Ogwell sign approaching from Chercombe Bridge Road which is becoming busier and is single lane in many parts. Ideas to be put forward at a future meeting.

4. Communications

4.1 No new updates

5. Democracy

5.1 Finance Report – Cheques written since last Meeting and agreed – Simon Jones –£538.00 grass cutting, R Hannaford net pay for 3 months £771.70 and quarterly Expenses £29.92, HMRC Tax element of pay £192.80, TDC emptying Dog Bin £81.64, Aon Insurance £19.39 Additional cover for Toilet Block, SW Water £22.07 Water bill for Toilet Block which represents 24 days usage, SW Arb and Fencing £48.00 trimming hedge adjacent to Tennis Court, C Creese, £28.44 for plants and compost for Planters, Summer Fair Committee £750.00 for Fireworks for Bonfire Night.

The Interim figures for the period 1st April – 30th September have been produced showing a healthy balance of £72,565, but £7,450 grant monies belong to Neighbourhood Plan and we have received the full Precept for the year but still have 6 months expenditure to go.

5.2 Neighbourhood Planning update – Questionnaire responses and next steps

Some 200 responses so far which will be considered at the next meeting.

5.3 Consultation on TDC Spatial Planning Documents – The consultations documents are being responded to by Councillors.

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

6.1 Solar Farm and payment into the Community – a payment into the Community at the conclusion of the installation was promised and this to be chased up.

7. Date of next meeting – The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 9th November 2015 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
9th November 2015