

Parish Council Meeting 8th September 2014

Present : Chairman M Simmons, Vice-Chairman I White, Parish Councillors C Sterling, A Hall, J Larkworthy and R Broome

Also present County Councillor S Barker, District Councillor D Smith together with 4 parishioners.

Apologies – Cllrs.M. Colclough and T Flower

Declarations – Members to declare any interests in matters for Discussion. Chairman M Simmons declared an interest in both Planning Matters below.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 11th August 2014 – Approved and signed by Chairman

Report from County Councillor – Cllr. Stuart Barker mentioned that Road Works are now in progress in Ogwell and details of work to be completed is now sent out en bloc from Devon County Council to Parish Clerks for the District.

Report from District Councillor – Cllr. Dennis Smith reported a quiet month but did mention that there are Planning problems with the Waste Disposal/Recycling access and egress in Minerva Way.

Report from PCSO – Non available

Planning –

2.1 14/02270/FUL –Chy Carne, Ogwell Green – Raising of roof to form additional accommodation and associated extensions to include raised terrace, roof balcony and revised layout of access on eastern boundary. Councillors commented on possible problem with the proposed Balcony overlooking neighbours but no objections to be sent to Teignbridge.

14/02282/NPA – Holbeam Mill, Ogwell – Application for prior approval under part 3 class MB(a) and paragraph N of the GDPO for change of use of a barn from Agricultural use to a Dwelling. No objections to Teignbridge.

2.2 Public Toilets at the Jolly Sailor, transfer of ownership from TDC to OPC

1. Update on TUPE issue – The August meeting did not take place and Chairman M Simmons will liaise with Mark Wells to move this along. Cllr. Barker advised that the TUPE issue should not arise as the cleaning is on a Contract Service and can be put out to Tender.

2. Maintenance –We will try to move this along with a Schedule of works to be obtained from Simon Jones and we need to look at the Football Pitch at Dawes Close which is not in a good state.

3.Paths and Highways –

3.1Report on contact with DCC Highways on state of Speed Humps - Peter Brunt at Highways has been contacted about the upkeep of the Humps and Cllr. Barker promised to chase this up for us. Emma Nicks at DCC is a contact re maintenance.

3.2 Tree across footpath near Puritans Pit – Agreed that Ted's Tree Services should be approached and also we will contact DCC (Jonathan Rowlands) to see if they can assist.

4.Communications

4.1Discussion as to use of Basecamp – Discussions as to usefulness of this tool – possibly needs to be used more by Councillors but still considered to be a very useful aid to communication for Councillors and for the storage of information.

5. Democracy

5.1 Finance Report - Cheques written and agreed since last Meeting – Rita Hannaford – Expenses £113.58, TDC £21.00 Licence re Bonfire Night on the Green, C.Sterling £242.82 Purchase of Fireworks for Bonfire Night, Wotton Printers Ltd £325.00 Printing Newsletter, Fenland Leisure Products Ltd. £133.20 Cradle Swing Seat and chains for Dawes Play Area. A Direct Debit has been signed for Annual Subscription to Community Council of Devon for £50.00.

5.2 Neighbourhood Planning Update – A Meeting took place on 21st August and details will go into the Parish Newsletter to increase awareness for Parishioners. A Public Meeting will take place on 25th September.

5.3 Broadband Update – Cllr. Broome reported that his contacts at BT Openreach are being evasive and we are dealing with a complex situation.

5.4 Update on search for a new Parish Councillor - The need for a new Councillor is to be highlighted in the new Newsletter.

5.5 Request for increased rent for Tennis Club– Under the lease there is provision for the rent to be reviewed at three yearly intervals and 2nd September 2014 is the first review date since the Lease was renewed in 2011. The request from the Gilberts is for the rent to be increased from £105.00 per quarter to £120.00 per quarter. These details have been passed to the Tennis Club to be considered and we await their confirmation that they are happy to increase the rent to us to the same figure. The proposed rent increase seems reasonable and as long as the Tennis Club Committee confirms to us that they will pay the increased rent, it was agreed that we comply with the increase.

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

6.1 A letter of thanks from the Memorial Hall Committee - This was read out at the Meeting and the Chairman attended to echo the thanks and to update us on decorating the various rooms which is now all but completed and has been achieved with volunteer help.

6.2 A suggestion from a parishioner re keeping the old Notice Board site in Reynell Road clean – A lady called Jo Morgan has offered to clean up the area and it was agreed that this is a good idea if she wishes to do the work. It was agreed that the pointing between slabs should be looked at and considered at a future meeting.

6.3 A response from Best Kept Village – sadly we didn't win but they found some nice things to say – a copy of the results will be put on the Web-Site.

6.4 Electors Fund - We can get £1.55 per head for parishioners and will discuss at the next meeting with a view to getting a grant from this fund to put Power on the Green

7. Date of next meeting – The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 13th October 2014 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
13th October 2014