

Parish Council Meeting 13th February 2017

Present : Deputy Chairman R Broome, Parish Councillors T Flower, S Reynolds and L Dyas. Also present County Councillor S Barker, District Councillor M Colclough together with 18 Parishioners

Apologies – Cllrs. Davis, Landfear and District Cllr. Smith

Declarations – Members to declare any interests in matters for Discussion. Cllr. Tim Flower declared an interest in the Planning application for Land at Canada Hill as he is a near Neighbour to the property and took no part in the discussions and deliberations on that Application.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 9th January 2017 - Approved and signed by the Deputy Chairman

County Councillor - Cllr. Stuart Barker mentioned an increase in the Adult Social Care Budget and also some extra funding found for Highways. PCSOs are to be replaced by some extra Police but also volunteer Local Wardens who would act as “Eyes and Ears”. School funding will see some increases and some cuts (Canada Hill School fall into this latter category)

District Councillors – Cllr. Mary Colclough advised that the District Council Budget is to be ratified confirming the increases in Council Tax. The Boundary recommendations will see Wards reduce from 25 to 24 but one extra Councillor. Ambrook Ward is unaltered.

Planning – 2.1 – Planning Applications –

16/03382/OUT – Land at Canada Hill – Outline Application for 6 Dwelling and upgrading Access Road. A lengthy discussion and the Public Forum allowed us to hear the comments of the neighbours who would be most affected. Although detailed plans for 6 houses were included in the Application we concentrated on the Access to the site and whether any development would be desirable. It was decided unanimously to recommend rejection on the grounds of poor drainage which would not be addressed by proposed soakaways (Clay soil) and the poor access to the site. It was mentioned that the owners of the site had cleared a woodland which was ecologically beneficial and thereafter a survey on the cleared land showed little animal activity. The Neighbourhood Plan was also considered which indicated that the site could be of community benefit with a small wooded area reinstated, possible allotments and play area and improved drainage, all perhaps allied to a small development.

16/02961/FUL – 2 Coniston Road – Loft conversion with pitched Dormer Window to front – No objections

16/03239/FUL – Trewin The Green – Retrospective application for single storey extensions and replacement of patio with decking to rear and new landscaped garden to front – The property has been much improved and since the decking to the rear overlooks no other property there are no objections.

17/00287/VAR – Furzemoor West Ogwell – Variation of condition A.2 (1) as attached to Schedule 2 part6 of the General Permitted Development Order 2015 to allow the keeping of livestock in building – the Application gave no information re the proposed keeping of animals – how many or reasons for the change but given the fairly remote location, in principle we have no objections.

2.2 Pond Meadow Auction – Pond Meadow is due to be Auctioned on March 15th After discussions it was agreed that although a desirable site from a community point of view, given the guideline price (£85k - £90k) and the possible cost of upkeep – the culvert would need looking at, coupled with the fact that this site was not highlighted in the Neighbourhood Plan, we would not pursue a purchase.

2.3 Neighbourhood Plan – Adoption and Examiner arrangements

It was firstly agreed that the choice of an Examiner for the Plan would be delegated to the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

The Neighbourhood Plan is now in its' final Form and Councillors having been provided with copies of the Plan, formal adoption was proposed by Cllr. Tim Flower, seconded by Cllr. Steve Reynolds and agreed by all present. The Plan is now submitted to Teignbridge and will be subjected to an Independent Examiner and finally a referendum in the Parish. Thanks were expressed to the whole Steering group for all the hard work, over the last three years which has brought us to this point.

3. Paths and Highways –

3.1 Speed Humps on Canada Hill – Update on repairs – The broken Hump has been repaired but very sketchily and Cllr. Barker promised that the order is in for further repairs to be carried out when funds permit.

3.2. Work on Parish Footpaths – Cllr. Broome reported that the Annual Survey has been completed and submitted to DCC. It was agreed that further work on Footpaths 1 and 8 replacing another stile with a gate and replacing a Marker post would be paid from the Parish Paths Account amounting to £330.00

4. Communications – More and more parishioners communicate by Facebook which is something under consideration when time permits.

5. Democracy

5.1 Finance Report – Cheques written since last Meeting and confirmed – Simon Jones £213.00 Trimming Ash Tree, cutting hedge at Sunny Hollow and cutting Green, South West Water £38.00 Two months Water Bill, Ogwell Memorial Hall £56.00 re Hire of Room for meetings, Alert Electrical Services SW Ltd £355.78 Installing Electrics to Cabinet on Green, Daniel Ramsey £330.00 work on Footpaths, from PPP Account. Standing Order to Teignbridge re quarterly Dog Bin charge TDC would prefer a standing order to be set up rather than receive cheques, so it was agreed that a mandate be signed for future quarterly charges of £81.64 will start on April 1st 2017. Search for a new Internal Auditor - Sadly, Ken Abraham who has been our Internal Auditor for many years is now seriously ill and cannot continue, so we need to find a new Auditor – It has been agreed that Hania Lee of Lee Accounting, Kingsteignton will do this year's Audit – recommended by the Clerk of Denbury and Torbryan Parish Council.

5.2 Casual Vacancies – We have two new candidates for the two vacancies, Eve Taylor of Rydon Ball Plantation, Denbury Road, Ogwell and Katy Farrell-Wright, email address katy@webformed.co.uk The Clerk will send Agendas to both for the next Meeting.

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 13th March 2017 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall

Chairman
13th March 2017