

Parish Council Meeting 10th July 2017

Present : Chairman C Davis, Deputy Chairman R Broome and Parish Councillors T Flower, S Reynolds, E Taylor and L Dyas.

Also present District Councillors D Smith and M Colclough together with 4 Parishioners

Address by Nikki Taylor Teignbridge District Council re Dawes Close

A very helpful session as Nikki came prepared with answers to the points put to her by the Chairman and elsewhere we will have the prepared answers to all the points raised. In summary we have £102,000 S106 money awaiting this project, or as much of it as we wish to allocate, providing the remainder is used to provide or improve open space publically accessible amenities in Ogwell, so no buildings. We have to spend the money before 19th May 2020. Teignbridge will expect a plan and costings before parting with the money and can help prepare those. Re outside funding, this can be available subject to successful application and once again, some help and guidance can be given. It is expected that Ogwell PC will run the project but can call on expertise along the way. A very helpful presentation and the Chairman thanked Nikki for the work she has put in on our behalf. A meeting of Councillors dedicated to pushing things forward to be arranged.

Apologies – Cllrs. S Barker and K Farrell-Wright

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 12th June 2017 - Approved and signed by the Chairman after an amendment duly made and noted.

County Councillor - Cllr. Stuart Barker is away on leave and gave his apologies.

District Councillors – The main item reported on was the Outline Planning Application for 1275 houses between Abbotskerswell and Coach Road which will also include a school, care homes and industrial/commercial areas not to mention converting Farm Buildings to make a hotel. Our comments as a Parish Council affected by the proposed development are sought, see below.

Planning – 2.1 –Planning Applications –17/01637/FUL – 53 Larksmead Way – replace 11 timber framed windows with UPVC framed windows – we had no observations to make save to wonder at this needing a full Application.

2.2 Decoration and repairs to Toilet Block - Our chosen supplier A P Property Services will now be starting work at the end of July but after the Fun Day on July 24th when the Toilet Block would need to be fully accessible.

2.3 Play Area – Dawes Close - See Nikki Taylor's address above.

2.4 Linden Homes – It seems that at last Teignbridge Enforcement Officer plans to take Linden Homes to court over failure to provide promised facilities in Ogwell, as it has been noted that Linden Homes are busily promising Play Area facilities on new developments so it is time Teignbridge put their foot down.

2.5 Neighbourhood Plan – The Consultation by Teignbridge on the Ogwell Neighbourhood Plan has been circulated and the consultation period is between 6th July and 17th August 2017. Representations received by TDC will be forwarded to the appointed Examiner.

2.6. Ogwell Green Play Area – Chairman reports AHS are not helpful re our complaint so we will look elsewhere for supplies, maybe bark but also Cllr. Reynolds will research Earth Rights who supply recycled rubber which will last longer.

2.7 Grass Banks at Scratton Path – We have received a complaint from a resident concerning overgrown grass banks at Scratton Path, TDC were also copied in to the complaint. Simon Jones will have a look and if he can safely strim back the area it will be done. Cllr Flower recalls that TDC refused to cut back the area formerly

because of Health and Safety issues. The roundabout at the Cemetery was mentioned and Devon Highways need to consider cutting back growth at the junction so that approaching vehicles from Totnes are visible sooner.

3.Paths and Highways – Footpath 1 off Ogwel Green is getting overgrown since it was fenced off from the field adjoining. Clerk will arrange to get it trimmed back over a 2/300 metre distance.

4.Communications –Working on Quote for upgrade of the Web Site.

5. Democracy

5.1 Finance Report – Cheques written since last Meeting and confirmed – R Hannaford £785.43 - Quarterly Stipend, HMRC £196.20 Tax on Stipend, Simon Jones £512.00 Cutting grass around the parish, S W Water £24.92 Monthly water bill, Pulse8 £93.00 – Annual Web Hosting, DCC £36.90 Hire of School Classroom for Meeting, J Turner £284.68 Cleaning Toilet Block, C Creese £21.25 Plants for Planters.

Teignbridge DC £81.64 emptying of Dog bin on the Green paid by standing order. The National Salary awards for 2016-18 were implemented last year with an increase to Clerk's pay of £51.00 to bring the Annual part-time Stipend to £3,888 in line with Scale SCP 22. For 2017-8 the increase is for £0.107 per hour which for 30 hours per month x 12 x £0.107 is £38.52 for the year, increasing the annual Stipend to £3,926.52. The award started on 1st April 2017 Quarterly gross pay £981.63. Clerk left the room while this was discussed and the increase in line with guidelines agreed.

5.2 Casual Vacancies – We still continue our search for a Parish Councillor.

5.3 TALC Meeting - Meeting June 29th 2017. Cllr Broome has circulated the Minutes.

5.4 Request for funding towards a picnic table at Webber Close – Chairman confirmed that a Picnic Table has been purchased for £114.00 including VAT

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

1. Request for £150 from Memorial Hall Committee re Table Tennis table – Peter Farrell has requested this donation to match a similar amount from a donor for a third table as the numbers wishing to play is increasing. Proposed by Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr Flower and all agreed to accede to this request.

2. Defibrillator update - Re our wish to retain the Telephone box outside the Memorial Hall Planning Application 16/02630/CONSLT to remove 52 telephone boxes still seems to be unresolved – the latest I can find is Feb 2017 where BT acknowledges 31 objections 18 agreements (or no responses) and 3 requests to adopt. It was decided to put this on the next Agenda to get a Defibrillator in place without further delay, affixed to the wall of the Hall with the Committee's permission.

3 Major Planning Application re adjoining Parishes - 17/01542/MAJ Land at Wolborough Barton Coach Road –Outline application for up to 1,275 dwellings plus school, employment space and 2 Care homes plus Hotel & Bar at the Farm– We have been asked for a response by Teignbridge within 21 days – We were opposed to this development since it was first mooted in 2014 but it is now going to happen and we can only suggest infrastructure before housing, good design of all buildings and care re the conservation area surrounding the Church.

7. Date of next meeting – The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday August 14th 2017 at 7pm and will be at the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
14th August 2017