

Parish Council Meeting 13th June 2016

Present : Chairman C Davis, Vice-Chairman R Broome, Parish Councillors T Flower, M Simmons, S Landfear and L Dyas.

Also present District Councillor M Colclough and 2 Parishioners

Apologies – Cllrs. Barker and Smith

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

Minutes of Annual Parish and Parish Council Meeting 16th May 2016 - Approved and signed by the Chairman

County Councillor - See Apologies

District Councillors – Cllr. Mary Colclough advised that funding for Superfast Broadband in Teignbridge has been agreed in the sum of £250,000.

Planning –

2.1 –Planning Applications – No new Planning Applications

22 Margaret Road Ogwell – Planning Decision following Site Meeting – Teignbridge Planning Committee decided to defer a decision on this Application until a fresh plan is submitted.

2.2. Playground on the Green 6.2 Request re various matters for the Play Area on the Green – It was proposed that a wooded area adjacent to the Play Area be fenced off for a “Forest Area” by Cllr Simmons, seconded by Cllr. Flower and all agreed. In addition a storage shed located in the Forest Area was proposed by Cllr Dyas, seconded by Cllr Davis and all agreed. The Chairman and volunteers will clear the Play Area of nettles etc. prior to the Summer Fair on June 18th.

2.3 Request to cut grass verges at Abbotsridge Drive – The verges were cut by Simon last year which kept the residents happy. He will do the same this year but it was agreed that we would not formally confirm this.

2.4 Meeting with Linden Homes and Teignbridge - Linden Homes is to submit a detailed Plan of Action to Teignbridge on their revised Plans for the Amenity Areas. Disappointment was expressed that they should be getting away with providing less than originally agreed but the final decision lies with Teignbridge and we have to accept this.

3. Paths and Highways –

3.1 Report – It has been mentioned that some Green Lanes and |Bridleways around the Parish are in a poor state of repair with large water filled ruts etc. It was agreed that as Devon County Council is responsible for upkeep, we contact Ros Davies.

3.2 Reynell Road Parking – We have emailed Cllr. Barker with our suggestions as to where Double Yellow lines would be useful to prevent obstruction at junctions, otherwise the road is self-regulating.

4. Communications

4.1 Report – Basecamp, the storage facility for Documents as well as a discussion forum, was discussed and it was agreed that we would like this facility to continue. Cllr. Simmons will bring details of the cost of the facility to the next meeting.

4.2 Notice Boards – Review of Condition and location - The Notice Board in Reynell Road cannot be accessed as the handle has become jammed – Cllr. Flower agreed to look at this. Otherwise the Notice Boards are in reasonable repair and continue to be used and appreciated by parishioners.

5. Democracy

5.1 Finance Report – Cheques written since last Meeting and confirmed– Simon Jones £460.00 and £270.00 Grass cutting, Emgem Enterprises Ltd £512. 89 Improvements and repairs to water system at Public Toilet block, SW Water £67.45 May water bill,

South West Internal Audit £150.00 Audit fee, Devon County Council £46.50 Hire of hall at Canada Hill School, R Hannaford £143.56 Clerk's Expenses
We have received £1,550.00 from Groundwork UK which is a grant for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Annual Accounts – The Annual Accounts were inspected by our Internal Auditor and the Return signed without adverse comment. The Annual Return is now with the External Auditors. The Councillors agreed that Mr Ken Abraham should continue as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor.

Clerk's Pay - There has been a National Salary Award from NALC which for the present Clerk on Scale SCP 22 means an annual increase this year of 14.2 pence per hour which for Annual hours of 30 x 12 – 360 hours = £51.00 so the Annual Salary is increased from £3,777.00 to £3,828.00 to the nearest pound. The pay is to be backdated to April 1st 2016.

Having provided the details of the National Award the Clerk left the Meeting while the proposed increase was discussed. The Clerk was recalled and was advised that the increase had been agreed by the Councillors. Quarterly pay from June 2016 will be £957.00

5.2 Neighbourhood Plan Update – Details of the Draft Plan will be on view at the Summer Fair. The next Meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee will be on July 14th in the Memorial Hall.

5.3 TALC Meeting Cllr. Broome advised on the TALC Meeting of 26th May at which the review of Boundaries and Wards was discussed – we can suggest changes if we are not happy with the present set-up.

5.4 Solar Farm – Community Benefit Payment - the hard copy of the signed deed was returned to Martifer Solar U K Ltd in February 2016 and the payment of £19,152.54 is still awaited despite several chasers. The Chairman is in consultation with Kate Corvil of ORTA Solar and Freeths Solicitors to expedite payment.

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

6.1 Gullies outside Memorial Hall It has been reported that gullies in Ogwell are becoming blocked and we will ask Devon County Council Highways to deal with this.

6.2 Cycle Routes - We have not heard lately about the proposed cycle route in the Parish and will contact Jonny Miller for an update.

6.3 Casual Vacancies – As we are again short of candidates we will start the process of finding new Councillors with the official Casual Vacancy Notice.

7. Date of next meeting – The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 11th July 2016 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
11th July 2016