

## **Parish Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

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

**Also present County Councillor S Barker, District Councillor M Colclough and D Smith together with 1 Parishioner and two prospective County Councillors who wished to introduce themselves to the Meeting ahead of the County Council Elections on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Apologies** – Cllr. Sarah Landfear who has also tendered her resignation – see below. Also at this point we welcomed a new Parish Councillor, Eve Taylor who signed her Declaration of Acceptance Form and will also complete Code of Conduct, Registerable Interests Form.

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

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017** - Approved and signed by the Chairman

**County Councillor** - Cllr. Stuart Barker advised on additional funding for Adult Care in Devon amounting to £15million which has followed some persistent lobbying. He also mentioned that Schools in Devon receive less funding per pupil and lobbying to put that right continues.

**District Councillors** – Cllr. Mary Colclough pointed out that although Ambrook Ward is not changing in so far as Ogwell is affected, in fact Woodland is coming out of Ambrook and will be part of Ashburton. Concerning Devolution of power, Teignbridge plans to support a “Heart of the South West” Committee.

**Planning** – 2.1 –Planning Applications –

16/03236/FUL –14 Croft Road – Revised plans for alterations and extensions to roof including side Dormers and Gable Window plus new vehicular access & raised ramps for disabled person – the revised plans still mean that a neighbouring Bungalow is overlooked from a proposed Gable Window, but, the neighbour having registered her objection, it was agreed not to comment adversely.

17/00149/FUL – 10 Brownings End – conversion of garage and First Floor side extension – no adverse comments except that we find reproducing some Plans for Powerpoint presentation result in blurred images as we try to enlarge very small original drawings.

17/00495/FUL 1 Dawes Close – Single storey extension to front – although the proposed building line extends slightly forward, there is still room to park a car on the premises and there were no other adverse comments.

**2.2 Power on the Green –Billing from EDF Energy** – We received an estimated Bill for more than £300 which the Clerk disputed. After a reading obtained by Cllr Flower confirmed that no Electricity had been used, an amended bill of £6.04 (standing charges) was agreed and paid and will be reclaimed under Clerk’s expenses. It seems that prompts to send in a reading are no longer provided and the aim is to steer users towards Smart Meters, the alternative is that we try to get meter reading to EDF before they send out estimated bills which is what we will do for the time being, next reading due mid-May.

**2.3 Play Areas** - Cllr Dyas reported on a productive meeting at Teignbridge, which she attended with Sarah Landfear. Teignbridge are now fully involved with the project and will be finding funding for a proposed Skate Zone. Letters of support for the revised Plans are in hand and a group of young people will comment on the skate zone and hopefully become involved in the scheme as will Pre-School youngsters who will draw pictures of what they would like to see in the Play Area. Extended discussions of the implications and what are the next steps towards getting the project

off the ground. Cllr. Dyas will be keeping the Council in the picture as the Plan progresses and was thanked by the Chairman for all the work she has put in to date.

2.4 Linden Homes – We understand that Teignbridge may be considering Enforcement Action as Linden Homes have failed to meet Key Plans already agreed.

2.5 Locality Budget Application and Rural Aid Grants – Michael Simmons on behalf of Ogwell Football Club has submitted an application for Locality Budget Funding for Denbury Playing Fields proposed new Clubhouse and has copied us in as we have agreed to assist this project as set out in November 2016 Meeting.

The Rural Aid Fund opens for Applications and runs from 17<sup>th</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017. It was agreed that we should apply for funds toward some aspect of our Play Area.

2.6 Neighbourhood Plan - The Plan is now with Teignbridge and we await the outcome.

**3. Paths and Highways** – Nothing new to report.

**4. Communications** – Some comments on keeping our website up to date which is time-consuming. Cllr. Reynolds offered to help as he has some expertise in this field.

### **5. Democracy**

5.1 Finance Report – Cheques written since last Meeting and confirmed – Simon Jones £511.00 Cutting grass and tidying areas around Parish, also includes cheque 1462 dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 for £213.00 which was lost and had to be cancelled, South West Water £18.19 one month Water Bill, R Hannaford £94.11 Expenses including the EDF Energy Bill for Power on the Green £6.04, R Broome £56.99 Carrying Case and cable for Laptop & Projector. John Turner, landlord of the Jolly Sailor presented a bill for cleaning the Toilets since September 2015 which amounted to £4,596.26 and consists of £7.50 per day plus cleaning products etc. It was agreed that this was fair but we will ask Mr Turner to be timely with future bills.

5.2 Casual Vacancies – Katy Farrell-Wright sent apologies for this meeting but will attend in April when hopefully she will join the Council. Eve Taylor has joined but with Sarah Landfear's resignation we have to start the Casual Vacancy process again. The Clerk will put up the required Notices and advise Teignbridge. Sarah wishes to remain involved with the Parish Council's projects especially the Play Area as her health permits. The Chairman has sent our good wishes to Sarah and our thanks for her contribution to the work of the Parish Council.

5.3 TALC Meeting feedback on Paperless Planning Applications – Cllr Broome has sent details of our experience with Powerpoint presentations to TALC including comment on the blurred images that sometimes arise. The next TALC meeting is Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 7pm at Teignbridge.

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

1. Fence at Dawes Close Play Area - Simon Jones has been cutting back some brambles in the Play Area near the rear of properties in Luxton Road and advises that residents are complaining that the fences at the back of their properties are in a poor state of repair and they think that it is the responsibility of the Parish Council to repair or replace the fencing. The Title deeds show that the Play Area was sold to us by Teignbridge as an Open Space with no obligations as regards boundary fencing etc. It was agreed that we are under no obligation in this matter.

2. Toilet Block In need of decorating and some small repairs. Cllr Dyas offered to get a quote to the Clerk and we will take it from there.

**7. Date of next meeting** – The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall

Chairman  
10<sup>th</sup> April 2017