

## Parish Council Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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

Also present District Councillor D Smith together with 2 Parishioners

Apologies – Cllrs. Stuart Barker and Mary Colclough

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 - Amended, approved and signed by the Chairman

County Councillor - Cllr. Barker is recovering from an operation and will not be in action again before November. Re his proposal to give funds towards Denbury Playing Fields former Councillor Michael Simmons, in his capacity as a member of Ogwell FC Is liaising with Denbury PC and Cllr Barker to put together a suitable application for the funds.

District Councillor – Cllr. Smith mentioned a Council Tax Referendum which is being discussed which could impact on Parishes as well as Town Councils if brought into existence.

Planning – 2.1 –Planning Applications –No new applications received this month.

2.2 Play Area at Dawes Close – Consideration of upgrade – After discussions it was proposed by Cllr. Tim Flower, seconded by Cllr Sarah Landfear and all agreed that the Section 106 Monies arising out of the Linden Homes Development, some £100k, will go towards the proposed upgrade of Dawes Close Play Area. Further input of funds from Parish Council will be discussed as the proposal unfolds. A meeting at Teignbridge with Lorraine Montgomery should help clarify what is possible and hopefully identify sources of grant funding.

2.3 Meeting with Linden Homes and Teignbridge - With the help of David Kiernan of TDC we have been trying to establish what constitutes public Open Space in a development and whether we need to get involved in future ownership of such open space or whether it continues to be managed by the Developers as part of the Planning package which seems to be the present case at Linden Homes.

2.4 Use of Canada Hill School for occasional meetings – it was agreed that the November Meeting will be held at Canada Hill School at a cost of £35.30. It was suggested and agreed that in future a meeting each quarter could be at the School.

2.5 Forest School on Green – Rob Ballard will progress the Forest School when his other commitments allow.

2.6 Power on the Green – We are to go ahead with the trench as Western Power will put the duct across the road on October 31<sup>st</sup> and connect on November 1<sup>st</sup>. We will contact EDF Energy to supply power.

2.7 Defibrillator/s in Parish - TDC have come back with a request that we say exactly where on the Memorial Hall we want the Defibrillator situated and how it is to be fixed, also a sketch of how it will look. A further suggestion that we site the Defibrillator in the Telephone Kiosk outside the Memorial met with approval, but we have discovered that BT wish to remove this kiosk through lack of use and will do so in November. We have protested against the removal via Planning at TDC as BT's consultation suggests and will await outcome.

3.Paths and Highways –

3.1 Update – Work on Footpath 8 –A stile is to be replaced by a gate, the work to be carried out by DCC at a cost to the Parish of £350. These funds will be taken from the Parish Paths Account.

4.Communications 4.1 Report and update- Re Website – Cllr. Landfear is looking at a test site for the Web-site and will report further.

4.2 Basecamp – Michael Simmons has confirmed his agreement to provide the Basecamp Facilities and invoice the Parish Council for the cost which originates in US\$ and works out at £20 - £25 per month.

**5. Democracy**

5.1 Finance Report – Cheques written since last Meeting and confirmed – R Hannaford £765.60 Clerk's Stipend for three months, HMRC £191.40 Tax &NI on Stipend, Simon Jones £455.00 Grass cutting, Ogwell Memorial Hall £98.00 Meetings Parish Council & Neighbourhood Plan, Grant Thornton £240.00 Annual Audit Fee, TDC £81.64 Emptying Dog Bin Ogwell Green.

Delighted to confirm that Martifer Solar has paid £19,151.54 into the Bank Account.

5.2 TALC Meeting - 29th September 2016- Cllr. Broome reported on main items discussed which were Devolution of power which seems to suggest an additional tier of Government although the idea is presumably to reduce bureaucracy and therefore cost, and Council Tax referendums which could affect all Local Councils if proposals are adopted.

5.3 Solar Farm – Community Benefit Payment – as reported above the payment has now been received in full and we record thanks to the Chairman for pursuing the company and solicitors to ensure this result.

5.4 Casual Vacancies – Mr Steve Reynolds has been co-opted on to the Parish Council and was welcomed by the Chairman. Steve has lived in Ogwell for many years and we hope he will find being a Councillor a rewarding experience.

We now need two more to bring us up to strength. A poster is on the Notice Boards and the Web-site and we hope this will generate interest.

**5.5. Responses to Draft Neighbourhood Plan**

There have been many responses to the Plan by various bodies included in the consultation but the most important is the response by Teignbridge showing that there is work to be done but basically the Plan was praised and can be brought to a finished state with some tweaking.

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

No new matters brought forward

**7. Date of next meeting** – The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7pm at Canada Hill School Abbotsridge Drive.

Chairman  
14<sup>th</sup> November 2016