

Parish Council Meeting 9th October 2017

Present : Chairman C Davis, Vice-Chairman R Broome and Parish Councillor S Reynolds

Also present County Councillor S Barker and District Councillor D Smith together with 1 Parishioners

Apologies – Cllrs L Richards, K Farrell-Wright, T Flower, M Colclough & E Taylor (who is planning to tender her resignation). Cllr. L Dyas has also resigned to pursue other interests.

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 11th September 2017 - Approved and signed by the Chairman

County Councillor - Cllr. Stuart Barker reported that recent improvements to School funding means that most Schools will now have additional funding, which is good news for Canada Hill School which previously was in danger of having funding reduced. Cllr. Barker has also given us assistance in a parking matter at Luxton Road and the Chairman thanked him for his input.

District Councillor –Cllr D Smith reported that the Market Walk Shopping Centre improvements will be starting shortly. He also mentioned that financing was approved to buy Strategic Alternative Natural Green Space relating to development SW of Exeter.

Planning – 2.1 –Planning Applications –No new Planning Applications received

2.2 Play Area – Dawes Close - Some further on-site Meetings have taken place and as Cllr. Farrell-Wright was involved we will have to defer discussions to a future meeting. Cllr. Reynolds mentioned that there have been some rumbles against the proposed enhancement of facilities.

Play Area on the Green – Bark has been delivered and spread by volunteers.

2.3 Linden Homes – We still await a report from Teignbridge Enforcement Officer. The Chairman will have another look at the site and chase up TDC.

2.4 Neighbourhood Plan – We understand that the Independent Examiner will be delivering her report by mid-October 2017.

2.5. Picnic Tables on Ogwell Green – Several Picnic Tables have been looked at and the one that seems to suit requirements comes from Southern Timber at £200 plus VAT for one set. It was agreed to get one and see how it looks in situ before considering any more.

2.6 Weed Spraying – Having contacted TDC and discussed the information provided we have taken the advice of Mark Payne, the Grounds Maintenance Officer, that weed spraying now would not be of optimum effectiveness and he has booked us in for a Weed Spraying in early Spring 2018.

2.7 Defibrillator at the Memorial Hall - It was agreed to chase the Hall Committee re putting a Defibrillator on their outside wall.

3.Paths and Highways – We are still waiting for a response from DCC re Footpath 1 off Ogwell Green. It was also mentioned that we might consider a gate access alongside the stile, which would aid maintenance access.

4.Communications –Still considering an upgrade of the Web Site.

5. Democracy

5.1 Finance Report – Cheques written since last Meeting and confirmed – Ogwell Memorial Hall £56.00 Hire of Room, Simon Jones £475.00 - Cutting grass around the parish 7 Removing dead tree from Tor Gardens & 2 Small dead Hawthorns from the Green, AP Property Services £2,458.00 Painting & repairing Toilet Block, SW Arb & Fencing £240.00 Bark for Play Area on the Green, R Hannaford £785.23 Stipend for

quarter ended 30th September, HMRC £196.40 Tax & NI on Clerk's Stipend, J Turner £292.50 Cleaning Toilet Block.

We have received the second Instalment of our Annual Precept £12,152.50.

5.2 Elector Fund – We have received confirmation that our bid for Elector Grant Monies towards the Dawes Close Play Area has been approved and the sum of £2,293.50 will be in the Bank Account shortly.

5.3 - Resignation of Parish Councillor – Liz Dyas has resigned from the Parish Council and also Eve Taylor has indicated that she will be tendering her resignation shortly. This leaves us once again looking for two new Parish Councillors. We will start the ball rolling with the official Casual Vacancy Notice once we have Eve Taylor's resignation.

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

1. Removal of Notice Board at 1 Abbotsridge Drive (Former Shop) – Cllr Flower has removed this and we have received a request from Ogwell Football Club (Michael Simmons) to donate this Notice Board to them which we have agreed to do and Cllr. Flower will arrange to deliver it.

2. Parking at Luxton Road – Residents of Luxton Road have contacted the Parish Council re allocation of Parking Spaces which seems to have become an issue after the many years that have passed since the properties were built. With the help of Cllr Barker we have looked into the background of the arrangements and it was agreed that we would look at Land registry information on some of the Properties to gain more insight before responding to the residents who have contacted the Council.

3. Cutting back bushes on the Green along Rectory Road – this matter has been raised by a parishioner and it was agreed that we would ask Simon Jones if he could trim back the bushes to enable walkers to have back a grass verge along this small stretch of road which the encroaching bushes have obscured.

7. Date of next meeting – The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday November 13th 2017 at 7pm and will be at the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
13th November 2017