

Parish Council Meeting 13th October 2014

Present : Chairman M Simmons, Vice-Chairman I White, Parish Councillors A Hall, J Larkworthy, T Flower and R Broome

Also present County Councillor S Barker together with 5 parishioners.

Apologies – Cllrs.M. Colclough and D Smith

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 8th September 2014 – Approved and signed by Chairman

Report from County Councillor –It appears that Engineers have repaired the Humps and out of date Signs will be removed. In an effort to continue to reduce costs Highways department wish to encourage parishes to take on work themselves especially where other parishes have successfully taken on such things as cleaning signs, filling grit Bins, weed-killing etc. Library Service will go to Community Projects as has been piloted elsewhere.

Report from District Councillor –Cllr Smith emailed a report concentrating on an attempt by TDC to stop Newton Abbot Police Station closing its Information Desk to the public as was planned. They have been assured that Newton Abbot Station will be manned at all times although the information desk will not always be available. Anyone needing to report crime is encouraged to use the phone.

Report from PCSO –None available

Planning –2.1 - No Planning Applications received since the last PC Meeting.

2.2 Public Toilets at the Jolly Sailor, transfer of ownership from TDC to OPC

1.Decision whether to take on WC given changed circumstances and increased costs.We are assured that Ogwell PC will have an issue with TUPE and have decided to reply to TDC that we cannot take over the running of the Ogwell Toilets unless and until this matter has been resolved satisfactorily by TDC.

2.3 Maintenance – Proposed action to address outstanding Parish maintenance- re Playpark on the Green – agreed that work is needed to make an area safe, as outlined in the Annual Inspection and provided Rob Ballard agrees, the work should be done, at a cost of approximately £1,000.

2.4 Weeds on site of old Notice Board in Reynell Road – That site has been tidied but there are others and Cllr. White will make a list.

2.5 Electricity on the Green – Agreed a meeting on the Green to check the position of the proposed cabinet. We have considered already that the Electors Fund should be used to pay for the cost.

2.6 Grass-cutting Schedule – Consultation with Simon Jones – Cllr Larkworthy wishes to speak to Simon to draw up a schedule of where he cuts and how often.

2.7 Phone Box – Decision to repair/replace/remove – after discussion agreed to remove and hopefully sell.

2.8 Snow Warden- Parishioner required to come forward to assist – in the absence of anyone else Ted Wilkins will continue and we will defray petrol/diesel expenses.

2.9 Ogwell Brook – Linden Homes soon to depart –Proposal to approach owners to request how fly-tipping, highway repairs, open spaces and shop marketing are to be addressed.- re Open Spaces, after seeing photos showing fly-tipping, barbed wire, unsafe old pig buildings etc. we will approach TDC to ask that they enforce the original plans for Open Spaces, parks and even a Play Area before developers leave the site in December. The Shop has not yet been marketed. Cllrs. Broome and Flower will send report to TDC.

3.Paths and Highways –

3.1Footpaths – Cllr Larkworthy reported that some of the footpaths seem to be in rather a parlous condition and this will need further investigation and a plan of action.

3.2 Cycle Paths – Cllr. Broome attended meeting at TDC where alternatives to putting cycleway along main road were put forward.

4. Communications

4.1 Website Councillors' views sought prior to switchover-Cllr Sterling not at meeting to receive feedback but the new Web-site is progressing and there will be a link to Basecamp.

4.2 Newsletter – Proposal for formal delivery arrangements to be put in place - agreed that we should use local people and have agreed to pay appropriately.

5. Democracy

5.1 Finance Report - Cheques written and agreed since last Meeting – Simon Jones £742.00 – grass cutting and hedge trimming for August, September and October, Teignbridge DC £81.64 – Emptying Dog Bin on the Green, Teds Tree Services £50.00 Removal of Ash Tree from footpath near Puritans Pit, WRA and AR £250.00 re the Judicial Review, Ogwell Pre-School £200.00 “Sense and Play” equipment.

The sum of £11,000 being the second instalment of our Precept has been received. We have signed a rolling annual Contract with our Internal Auditor Ken Abraham and the annual fee will be based upon turnover.

5.2 Neighbourhood Planning Update –Although poorly attended, the right people are coming forward and another meeting will take place shortly.

5.3 Broadband Update – The new cabinet is due at the end of October.

5.4 Update on search for a new Parish Councillor – Some-one has put their name forward via the web-site and he has been encouraged to attend the next PC Meeting.

5.5 Request for £250.00 towards the Judicial Review of the Teignbridge Local Plan (agreed previously) Agreed that cheque should be made payable to WRA and AR and forwarded to Chairman of Abbotskerswell PC.

5.6 Request from Pre-School for £200.00 towards new “Sense and Play” group- a presentation to the meeting re the new group for younger children which is very successful with numbers increasing weekly. Agreed £200.00 towards equipment for the new group.

5.7 Proposal for Ogwell to consider Communities prepared – No present Emergency Plan exists for Ogwell and Cllr. Hall will investigate how best to put an appropriate plan together.

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

6.1 Approach from Memorial Hall Committee seeking advice on how best to remove error that has been discovered in the list of names on the War Memorial – It appears that an incorrect name appears on the Memorial in the Church and more information is needed before we can consider how to rectify the error.

7. Date of next meeting – The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 10th November 2014 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
10th November 2014