

Ogwell Parish Council Meeting June 10th 2024

Present : Chair S Reynolds, Deputy Chair T Flower, Parish Councillors P Martin, M Lant, P Wynter, S Harrison and T Carey. Also attending 3 Parishioners

Apologies – Cllrs S Parker-Khan, R Daws, P Parker and K Farrell-Wright

Declarations - Members to declare any interests in matters for discussion. None declared.

Minutes The Minutes of the May Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meeting approved and signed by the Chairman.

Reports from County and District Councillors Cllr. Sarah Parker-Khan advised that she has been in touch with DCC Scott Riddell re Channings Wood and the increase in Construction Traffic and the route they should use to the prison. We have asked her to keep us informed and share any information from the Prison or the Developers which will affect Ogwell Parish.

No reports from District Councillors who sent their apologies.

Planning – 24/00797/HOU/LBC – Manor Cottage Ogwell – New car charging station on existing Bedroom accommodation. No adverse comments to make.

Play Areas – To consider update on repairs to MUGA

As Cllr. Farrell-Wright is away this will be considered at the next Meeting

To consider updates from Ogwild and other working parties

Ogwild Rectory Field received 3rd prize £50.00 in the Woodland category at the Devon County Show. A request that anemones should be planted around the village where appropriate was agreed and can be funded by the Council.

Rectory Field Open day celebrating 50 years with the Woodland Trust will take place on July 27th 2024.

Feedback from the Open Gardens days June 8th and 9th Both days were busy with a total of 400 visitors raising around £4,000 for the National Garden Scheme's charities.

To consider feedback following Meeting with Climate Change officer Will Elliott at Teignbridge

A Meeting took place at Teignbridge attended by Cllrs Wynter and Carey together with the Clerk

A further meeting is arranged for July 18th to follow up on the areas discussed. Teignbridge is keen to get as much information as possible to towns and villages in order to raise awareness and promote Climate friendly options.

To receive update on a Speed Indication Device for Canada Hill We understand that a speed test on Canada Hill has been carried out and now await feedback on the results.

Cllr Carey to report back on progress

To agree a Biodiversity Policy for the Parish The Biodiversity Policy Plan has been circulated and it was proposed by Cllr. Harrison, seconded by Cllr. Martin and agreed that the Plan should be adopted. It was agreed that a sub-committee to consider the Plan and updates going forward, will be set up by Cllr. Wynter and can include non-councillors. We have already received detailed information on Bracken and the need to control it from a parishioner and will consider adding something on the control of invasive species to the plan.

To consider the Shop Project including funding An update reporting that share purchase is continuing and there are some new members of the Shop Project team bringing areas of expertise. The announcement of the General Election on July 4th has stopped the Grant application process until after the Election which could cause some delay.

To consider condition of Toilet Block

It has been reported that the Toilet facilities are not always being maintained to an acceptable standard and

We need to contact John Turner formally to get his confirmation that he intends to continue to clean the Toilets to an acceptable standard and also bring us up to date with Invoices. The Clerk has been asked to write along these lines and we will consider the way forward in the light of his response.

Clerk to write to John Turner as agreed

Paths and Highways – Update –It has been reported that the footpath leading from Canada Hill has become overgrown and Cllr Lant will report this to DCC for clearance. Given the level of growth along footpaths this spring it was agreed that Councillors would try to walk all the footpaths and report back where action is needed.

Communications – To receive updates on Communications systems

Cllr Wynter was thanked for another colourful and informative edition of the Magazine. There has been an Increase in the cost of printing an Edition to £920.00 partly explained by some extra copies for the residents of the Pinnacle on the Roundabout, not in Ogwell Parish but the residents keen to support the Shop. Cllr Wynter will consider looking at other printers to compare prices.

Finance Report -BACS payments made and agreed since last Meeting – J Turner £350.00 - Cleaning Toilet Block, Wotton Printers £920.00 Jun/July edition of Magazine, Clerk £140.88 – 6 months expenses including Ink supplies and Broadband contribution, Geosphere £108.00 re Parish Online Mapping Service, Clear Insurance £1653.42 – Annual Insurance Premium, Simon Jones £820.00 Grass-cutting, S Aylett £47.99 re Shop Project, Branded Cups £1104.00 and Greenslade Tours £1,400.00 re Ogwell Events Committee, Teignbridge DC £2,659.20 – Annual cost of emptying Dog bins on Green and Play Area, Dawes Close, TP Flower £445.00 Repairs to Toilet Block, SW Water £28.75 Re Toilet Block Direct Debits £74.88 Pulse8 re 365 Backup system (Sharepoint) and Magazine, British Gas £16.75 Electricity at Toilet Block.

We have received £4.00 from Teignlottery re Ogwild and £50.00 from Devon County Show re Rectory Field The Documents relating to the Annual Audit are presently with our Internal Auditor, Lee Accounting Ltd

Urgent matters at the discretion of the Chairman

Planning Items just received

1. 24/00895/FUL 18 Westwood Road – change of use from C3 to C2 to operate as a Childrens Home

The application is for 3children and 3 adult carers on rota in a 5 Bedroomed property to operate as close to a domestic home as possible. The Councillors could see no untoward impact on the community and had no adverse comments to make.

2. 24/00850/CLDE –Tor Haven Farm Ogwell – Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of dwelling in non-compliance with restrictive agricultural workers condition. This relates to a bungalow at the farm occupied by the son of the owner of the farm, who states he is not employed on the farm but works elsewhere and has done so for over 10 years, living at the property with his wife who also does not work on the farm. In order to qualify they must prove that they have lived at the address and been employed elsewhere for more than 10 years and been continuous in the last 10 years. We have no evidence one way or another and therefore no comment to make. This does not remove the Agricultural Tie, but allows them to continue in their home.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday July 8th 2024 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
8th July 2024