

Ogwell Parish Council Meeting April 8th 2024

Present : Chair S Reynolds, Deputy Chair T Flower, Parish Councillors P Martin, M Lant, K Farrell-Wright, P Wynter, S Harrison and T Carey. Also attending Inspector James Johnson together with one Parishioner

Apologies – Cllrs P Parker and R Daws

Declarations - Members to declare any interests in matters for discussion

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

Report from Inspector Johnson

No District Councillors were in attendance but the Council was pleased to welcome Inspector James Johnson who gave a report on the Ogwell Parish Crime and Incident figures for January to March 2024. It seems that Ogwell has quite a low level of crime and other incidents i.e. Road Traffic Accidents when compared with Newton Abbot Area as a whole with only 22 crimes (assaults, petty theft etc.) and 19 Incidents (Road traffic accidents etc.) and 2 incidents of Anti-Social behaviour. The Chairman thanked Inspector Johnson for attending the Meeting and for his report.

Planning – 24/00469/FUL – The Granary 3 West Ogwell Barton – Installation of small scale 2 panel

Above ground solar pv array (non ground penetrating weighted tubs).

This is a very small scale installation involving 12 panels and the Councillors had no adverse comments

24/00439/REM – Furze Moor West Ogwell – Approval of details for an Agricultural worker's

Dwelling pursuant to outline planning permission 22/02315/OUT (Outline agricultural worker's dwelling (all matters reserved for future consideration) approval sought for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. The appearance of the proposed property is in keeping with the rural situation and the Council will offer no adverse comments.

Play Areas – To consider Annual Inspection of both Play Areas by PlaySafety Ltd.

Play Safety have produced their Annual reports on both Play Areas which are comprehensive and similar to last Year's report. There are some advises but nothing flagged up as needing urgent attention. In the coming months the Councillors will look at the advises and arrange repairs as necessary.

Cllr Farrell-Wright will chase AGI re the MUGA surface at Dawes Close which needs attention.

Cllr Farrell-Wright will report back on progress with repairs to the MUGA

To consider updates from Ogwild and other working parties

Ogwild Cllr Martin advised that the Ogwild team are maintaining the wild areas around the parish and an Open Day is planned for July this year to mark 50 years since Rectory Field was donated to the Woodland Trust. It is also planned to enter Rectory Field in the Community Woodland Section again at the Devon County Show.

Climate Change – Following the Meeting on March 12th with Teignbridge and other parishes arranged by DALC we have been asked by William Elliott, Climate Change Officer at Teignbridge if we would consider meeting with him to discuss climate collaboration priorities as part of a Carbon Action Plan. It was agreed that he should be invited to a future Meeting.

Clerk to invite Mr Elliott to the June Meeting, avoiding May Annual PC Meeting.

Toilet Block – To receive update on remedial work

Cllr. Flower is patiently waiting for the weather to improve to carry out the remedial work.

To receive update on a Speed Indication Device for Canada Hill Cllr. Tim Carey advised that Scott Riddell of DCC Highways with whom he has been liaising is presently away so the matter is still pending.

Cllr Carey to report back on progress at a future meeting.

To agree a Biodiversity Policy for the Parish It was agreed that the Clerk should attach the Biodiversity Plan to the Minutes sent out before the next Meeting so that they can be read and then adopted.

Clerk to send Biodiversity Plan with Minutes

To consider the Shop Project including funding

An offer, subject to successfully sourcing sufficient funding, has been made to the owners of 1A Abbotsridge Drive and accepted. The next steps are to consult with Parishioners and also seek funding.

An Open Meeting is being arranged to take place at Canada Hill School on Thursday 25th April and a meeting in the Memorial Hall will be arranged for the following Thursday.

As a step towards obtaining funding, valuations of the premises and potential business have been carried out and the initial funding for the Shop Project used up. It was proposed by Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Carey and all agreed that a grant of £2,500 should be made from the Parish Council to the Shop Project so that it can continue towards a successful acquisition.

To discuss arrangements for D Day celebrations on June 6th

Cllr Martin advised that preparations are all in hand for a successful day which will involve Canada Hill School, the Events Committee as well as the Parish Council. Food and drink will be available as a National Fish and Chip day is also celebrated and the Beacon will be lit at 9.15pm. Full details in the Parish Magazine and we now only have to wish for a dry day.

Paths and Highways – Update – The annual inspection of Paths Report has been forwarded to Devon County Council by Cllr. Lant.

The Council was advised that Highways plan to close Wolborough Street in Newton Abbot for a considerable period, starting in June. The closure is for replacement of gas mains and will cause a huge amount of disruption as this is a major entrance and exit road for Newton Abbot.

Communications – To receive updates on Communications systems

Cllr. Wynter was thanked for once again producing a splendid Magazine. Funding from advertising ensures future copies can be printed to the end of the year. She advised that she would like to involve others to share the work on the Magazine but has yet to achieve this.

Finance Report -BACS payments made and agreed since last Meeting – J Turner £350.00 - Cleaning Toilet Block, Wotton Printers £895.00 May edition of Magazine, Computcare £570.00 – New Router and Broadband connection for Parish Clerk, Newton Flag makers £57.60 re D Day celebrations, M Sessions £219.99 re wildlife camera and birdbox for Canada Hill School, Bettsworths £600.00 – valuation of Abbotsridge Drive Shop, Croft Surveyors £1140.00 – survey and report on Abbotsridge Shop premises, Playsafety £196.80 Annual inspection of both Play Areas, R Hannaford £988.70 Quarterly Clerk's stipend, HMRC £247.00 Tax on Stipend, Simon Jones £345.00 Grass-cutting, N Walters £93.50 re Ogwild, SW Water £23.83 Re Toilet Block, Rendells £132.00 Update on report on Shop premises.

Direct Debit £74.88 Pulse8 re 365 Backup system (Sharepoint) and Magazine.

We have received further payments for Adverts in the Parish Magazine – total now received £6,116.50 out of which payments totalling £2,605.00 have been made to Wotton Printers.

End of Financial Year 31st March 2024

The Clerk is now in the process of producing Annual figures for the Internal and External Audits.

As at 31st March 2024 the credit balance on the Parish Council's Accounts stood at £30,876.15.

The AGAR will be available for completion and approval at the next meeting.

A list of Funds earmarked for future expenditure was produced and discussed. The funding towards a defibrillator for the School is no longer required and can be removed and the agreed funding for the Shop project added.

Urgent matters at the discretion of the Chairman

1 Milton Farm Ogwell – We have been made aware that a planning application for a change of use of agricultural buildings to a flexible commercial use (Class E) 24/00145/NPA was made on 26th January but notification was not received by the Parish Council and Teignbridge DC have granted approval on March 20th. Having decided that we would have had no objection to this change, no further action is to be taken.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting which will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting will be on Monday May 13th 2024 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
13th May 2024