

## Ogwell Parish Council Meeting August 12th 2024

**Present : Chair S Reynolds, Deputy Chair T Flower, Parish Councillors M Lant, S Harrison, P Wynter and T Carey. No parishioners attended.**

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

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

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

### **Reports from County and District Councillors**

See apologies

**Planning** – 24/01207/CLDE – Caravan in Orchard below Metley Farm West Ogwell - Certificate of Lawfulness for existing dwelling, change of use of land to residential and a residential outbuilding. This was discussed, in particular the state of the caravan, which from the photographs supplied with the Application, looked to be in a poor state, but the land is owned by the lady in question and is in a remote area only overlooked by Metley Farm. We had no adverse comments to make.

Clerk to pass comments to Teignbridge.

### **Play Areas – To consider update on repairs to MUGA**

As Cllr. Farrell-Wright had given her apologies for this Meeting, the Chairman advised that he would chase AGI regarding the MUGA.

### **To consider updates from Ogwild and other working parties**

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

The event could have done with more attendees to take advantage of the displays and workshops but those attending enjoyed the afternoon.

### **To consider condition of the Bus Shelter on Totnes Road now in our Parish following Boundary**

**Changes** We have Alex Morrison to thank for bringing this matter to the attention of Devon County Council Mark Phillips, Integrated Public Transport manager at DCC has advised us that the Shelter, previously the responsibility of Newton Abbot Town Council is now in our Parish and has asked what we propose to do about necessary repairs. Cllr. Flower has had a look at the Shelter and advised that in his opinion a full refurbishment of the Shelter could cost round £5,000. A suggestion was made that we could consider any business might carry out the work in exchange for permanent advertising. The Chairman and Cllr Flower will assess the state of the Shelter but would then like the Clerk to write to Newton Abbot Town Council regarding the state of the shelter when responsibility passed to Ogwell Parish Council.

Clerk to write to Phil Rowe, Town Clerk at Newton Abbot Town Council following assessment of Shelter

### **To further consider setting up a Sub - Committee to carry out the Biodiversity Policy for the Parish**

Cllr Wynter advised that she has had a brief discussion with the people who would be on the Sub-Committee and a meeting is to be arranged for September.

### **To receive an update on the Shop Project**

The Chairman advised that unfortunately the project is on hold for the time being as Grants are not currently available. A meeting of the Shop Project Members will take place on September 16th and parishioners continue to be encouraged to buy Shares.

### **To consider updates re the Toilet Block**

The Clerk has not paid John Turner for July and August but did receive a telephone request for email details so that Invoices can be sent.

Cllr. Flower has put together a Job Sheet for John Turner to use and will discuss this with Cllr. Farrell-Wright.

**Paths and Highways – Update** – Cllr Lant confirmed that he has re-reported the overgrown footpath leading from Canada Hill with reference number W2417746 so that this can be followed up if the work is not carried out.

**Communications – To receive updates on Communications systems**

We are presently contacting Advertisers who have not paid for 2024 and understand that at least one Advertiser sent funds to the Church Account by mistake. Clerk is following this up with Sam Simmons of the PCC. The Chairman confirmed that he would contact those remaining on the list who have not yet paid. Wottons have increased their price to £920.00 per edition printed and it was agreed that Cllr. Wynter and the Clerk would look into this as a permanent increase in price has not been agreed. Contacting another Printer got a higher quote than Wottons, however, so we may have to accept their price.

**Finance Report -BACS payments made and agreed since last Meeting** – Wotton Printers £169.00 printing re Rectory Field, Wotton Printers £920.00 printing Parish Magazine, R Rowan £21.10 re Ogwild, Simon Jones £850.00 Grass-cutting, B Winkler £80.00 re Rectory Field, Mountain Ash Rural Crafts £135.00 re Rectory Field, SW Water £33.23 Re Toilet Block, EDF Energy £19.66 and £20.31 Electricity on the Green, Memorial Hall £51.00 Hire of Hall for meetings  
Direct Debits £74.88 - Pulse8 re 365 Backup system (Sharepoint) and Magazine, British Gas £17.87 - Electricity at Toilet Block. We have received £5.00 from Teignlottery re Ogwild.  
The Audit Documents are still with the External Auditors PKF Littlejohn for approval.

**Urgent matters at the discretion of the Chairman**

**1. Water Quality in the River Lemon** This was raised by Cllr. Carey and it has emerged that there have been a lot of spills into the Lemon from sewage works. At the present there seemed little useful that we can do as South West Water are well aware of the problem which is not unique to the River Lemon.

**Date of Next Meeting**

We didn't have a break in August but it was decided that we would not have a Meeting in September but would meet again on Monday 14th October 2024 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

**Chairman**  
**14th October 2024**