

## Ogwell Parish Council Meeting June 9th 2025

**Present : Chair S Reynolds, Deputy Chair T Flower, Parish Councillors M Lant, P Wynter, P Martin, S Harrison and T Carey. Also attending County Councillor Stuart Rogers, District Councillor R Daws together with 2 parishioners.**

**Apologies** – Cllr P Parker

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

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

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

Cllr. Stuart Rogers asked that we compile an Action List for the Chief Executive of Devon County Council covering matters we would like DCC to deal with on behalf of Ogwell. It was agreed that this item would be placed on the Agenda for July to be discussed.

Cllr. Richard Daws updated us on NA3 and will forward details of the challenge going forward with regard to Wolborough Fen which is considered a site of special scientific interest (SSSI) and needs protecting but Developers are reluctant to involve themselves in the costs which a proper survey would incur.

He also mentioned the Travellers presently occupying Bakers Park and agreed that Teignbridge should do more to remove them more swiftly as this is becoming a regular problem around the District.

**Planning – 25/00624/FUL East Hill Canada Hill –Proposed self-build dwelling and associated Landscaping** – This is an additional build in the grounds of East Hill which has a sizeable plot but is on the edge of the old village. Possibly the size of the plot in addition to the garden area around East Hill Bungalow means that it was created from Agricultural land and therefore the build would not be created from East Hill garden. There is an Archaeologists report included in the Documents accompanying the application which suggests the land is of special archaeological interest. Apart from these matters there was no other objection.

**It was agreed that these comments would be passed to Teignbridge.**

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

The MUGA needs repair work and the Chairman is contacting Simon White who has promised to carry out this work. There are also a few issues of wood beginning to show signs of decay and the Balance Beam on the Green needs some attention.

**An update on Simon White and the repairs to the Muga**

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

**Ogwild** The Bat Walk was well attended despite a wet evening and the Garden Walk was also a success.

**Rectory Field Agreement**– This is still ongoing with a meeting with Woodland Trust imminent to look at the Agreement options on offer.

**To confirm renewal of Agreement with Woodland Trust**

**Shop Group** A Meeting at Canada School will now take place shortly having been postponed to allow the Shop Project Accounts to be inspected by a qualified Auditor.

### **To consider a request from “The Friends of Pond Meadow” to support their wish to acquire Pond Meadow for the benefit of the Parish**

Cllr. Tim Carey proposed that in principle the Parish Council acquire Pond Meadow as an asset for the Parish provided the price is acceptable, and taking into account that the location is in the old village and not readily accessible to residents of the newer part of the Parish. This was seconded by Cllr. Pauline Wynter and agreed by those present.

An open meeting will take place in the Village Hall to discuss the matter in more detail, including the remedial work that will need to be done to make the Meadow safe.

**To receive an update on the suggested cleaning routine for the Toilet Block**

This matter is still in abeyance although John Turner continues to clean the Toilet Block and receive payment on Invoice for doing so.

**To advise the Meeting that HM Prison Service will be hosting Open Day events in Denbury Village Hall on 11th and 12th June 2025 from 4pm to 7pm**

It was agreed that the Clerk and Councillors who were available would attend and report back.

**Paths and Highways – Update** – Cllr. Lant advised that the Dog Bin on Ogwell Road has been replaced. He will be reporting the Dog Bin on Luxton Road which is deteriorating and also needs replacement. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Simon Jones to trim back vegetation on the footpath leading to the Tennis Court.

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

The June edition of the Parish Magazine has been produced and Cllr. Wynter thanked for her continuing efforts to produce a very colourful and readable Magazine.

**Finance Report -BACS payments made and agreed since last Meeting** - John Turner £1,400.00 4 x £350.00 Cleaning the Toilet Block, Greenslades Tours £875.00 Hire of Bus for Summer Fair, Simon Jones £755.00 Grasscutting, Wotton Ltd £865.00 Printing Parish Magazine, P Martin £14.00 Searches re Shop Project, Technique Property £263.71 Hire of Toilets for VE Celebrations, N Walters £41.55 re Ogwild, Geosphere Ltd £108.00 Online Mapping Service, Clear Insurance £1,964.59 Annual Parish Council Insurance renewal, B Penfold £15.00 re purchase for VE Celebrations, SW Water £45.84 Water at Toilet Block, Future Technical Solutions £61.80 Hire of Microphone etc. for VE Celebrations.

Direct Debits £80.16 - Pulse8 re 365 Backup system (Sharepoint) and Magazine, EDF £16.88 Electricity on the Green, British Gas £18.01 Electricity at Toilet Block, Lloyds Bank £4.25 Monthly Account Fees. We have received £4.00 from Teignlottery for Ogwild and a total of £76.10 from caterers re VE Day Celebrations.

**Annual Accounts** These are presently with Hania Lee our Internal Auditor. The Notice of the Publication of Rights and a copy of the unaudited Accounts have been published on the main Notice Board and on the Web-site. The period for the exercise of Public Rights runs from 3rd June 2025 to 14th July 2025.

Cllr Paul Martin asked that the updated Asset Register including the Bus Shelter on Totnes Road valued at the cost of repair £800.00 be forwarded for inclusion on the Web-site. **Clerk to do this.**

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

1. **Overgrown vegetation at the junction of Croft Road and Mill Lane.** This has been brought to our attention by a parishioner and mentioned to Cllr. Stuart Rogers who asked for details to be forwarded to him so that he could pass this on to Highways.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday July 14th 2025 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

**Chairman**  
**14th July 2025**