

Ogwell Parish Council Meeting October 13th 2025

Present – Chair S Reynolds, Deputy Chair T Flower, Parish Councillors P Martin, S Harrison and T Carey. Also present County Councillor S Rogers together with 7 parishioners.

Address by Rob Stanton – Project Director of Kier Construction on Channings Wood Prison –

Unfortunately Mr Stanton did not attend the Meeting and sent no explanation. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Stanton and copy County Councillor Rogers in on the communication.

Apologies Cllr M Lant, P Wynter, P Parker and R Daws.

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

Minutes The Minutes of the September Parish Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman

Reports from County and District Councillors

County Councillor Stuart Rogers advised that a Meeting will take place on November 28th at 2pm in Buckfastleigh Town Hall to discuss village issues and he is also trying to arrange a meeting with Scott Riddell to address Highway matters. We have indicated that we are concerned with Parking Issues along Reynell Road and also traffic speeds through the village. The road Markings on the road past the Memorial Hall have now been put in place. Cllr. Rogers also mentioned the re-organisation of Local Government. It seems to amount to taking out the District Level of Local Government but what effect that will have on Parishes is yet to be seen.

Planning 25/01580/HOU – 11 Abbotsridge Drive – Extensions and alterations including retaining wall Gable extensions and new raised terrace This is a fairly large property on a fair sized plot and the proposed re-organisation of the layout does not seem to add to the footprint of the property so the Councillors had no adverse comments to make.

Play Areas – To receive update on repairs to MUGA

Green Scheme Solutions have attended Dawes Close Play Area and have carried out repairs needed to the MUGA. An Invoice totalling £1,046.40 has been paid and we have received a proposed maintenance scheme to consider which suggests up to three visits per annum at a cost of £720 per visit plus VAT. It was agreed that we ask for a maintenance visit next Spring and see how that goes, possibly two visits a year would be sufficient to keep the MUGA in good repair.

Re the Play Area on the Green, Green Scheme Solutions have suggested recycled plastic planks to replace wooden items that cannot be replaced under the warranty with PLayerdale.

Chairman will convey our request for a visit next Spring to Green Scheme Solutions.

To receive any updates from Ogwild and other working parties

Ogwild Cllr. Paul Martin reported that a meeting with Woodland Trust is still outstanding and his feeling is that Woodland Trust seem not to be willing to engage with Ogwild.

Pond Meadow Following the death of the owner, this matter is in abeyance for the time being.

Shop Project This also remains on hold.

To receive any updates on the suggested cleaning routine to be established for the Toilet Block

This is still to be achieved at a future date. Meanwhile John Turner continues to keep the Toilet Block in reasonable condition and continues to be paid for his efforts.

To discuss request for additional Litter/Dog Bins in the Parish

We have received a request to consider additional Litter/Dog Bins in the Bunting Close area. As already circulated we pay £2,734 per annum to clear litter and dog bins and would have to purchase any new bins

and pay £14.50 per empty per bin assuming TDC were prepared to add the collection to their route – must be easily accessible from the road. After discussion it was agreed that we would ask Teignbridge to provide one extra Litter Bin in Bunting Close.

Clerk to contact Teignbridge to ask for one extra Litter Bin for Bunting Close. Exact location to be provided by three word code.

To discuss possible barriers to restrict large vehicle access to the Village Green

This matter was discussed in some detail with varying ideas including the thought that so far we have had no issue with travellers and if we put up barriers they would probably damage/remove them if they were determined to access the site. Also, there are several points of access onto the Green and restricting access to the Car Park would only be a part solution, although it may have the effect of stopping large delivery vehicles using the car park. At this point no conclusion has been reached although it was agreed we would have to react if Travellers did arrive on the Green.

To receive any updates on Paths and Highways

It was agreed that we should check the Grit Bins and report any that need topping up to DCC.

Communications updates

The next edition of the Parish Magazine will be out in December 2025.

Finance Report

BACS Payments made and confirmed since the last meeting: Wotton Ltd £865.00 Parish Magazine printing, South West Water £43.10 Water bill for Conveniences, Plunkett Foundation £22.50 re Shop project, Dynamic Fireworks £1,644.15 Fireworks for Bonfire night, RA Wrayford £325.00 cutting Little Green, Simon Jones £690.00 Grasscutting and Hedge trimming, T&R Flower £125.82 re Ogwild, R Hannaford £1,100.20 Clerks Stipend HMRC £275.00 Tax on Stipend, Open Spaces Society £45.00 Annual subscription, Green scheme Solutions £1,046.40 Repairs to MUGA, Memorial Hall £35.70 Hire of room, Starboard systems £501.12 Scribe Annual subscription.

Direct Debits – Pulse8 £103.16 re Sharepoint and Magazine, EDF £19.71 Electricity on the Green, British Gas £20.02 Electricity at Toilet Block, Lloyds Bank £4.25 Monthly Account Fee.

£5.00 received from TeignLottery re Ogwild and £27,500 from Teignbridge being the second instalment of the annual Precept.

Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman

1 Jolly Sailor – The Chairman reported on a meeting with Heavitree about a possible way forward. The matter is still ongoing and will be taken forward by the Parish Council to see how we might reach a successful outcome. Ultimately the site belongs to Heavitree and remains their responsibility – as yet no decisions have been made and discussions are ongoing.

2. Recognition of contributions to the Community – Cllr Tim Carey mentioned the contributions that the members of the Luncheon Club had made to the community, as they have now decided not to continue and wondered if some form of recognition would be appropriate. It was agreed that recognising the various contributions needed exploring and will be considered further at the November meeting.

Next Parish Council Meeting –

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday November 10th at 7pm in the Memorial Hall

Chairman
10th November 2025