

Ogwell Parish Council Meeting July 14 2025

Present – Chair S Reynolds, Deputy Chair T Flower, Parish Councillors M Lant, P Martin, P Wynter and T Carey. Also present County Councillor S Rogers, District Councillor P Parker together with 2 parishioners.

Apologies Cllrs S Harrison and R Daws

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

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

Reports from County and District Councillors

County Councillor Stuart Rogers asked the Meeting to provide a list of matters of particular importance to Ogwell – see later in Minutes. He mentioned providing a list of vulnerable people in the Parish which we would like to do but are not sure how best to access the information. Cllr Paul Parker advised about drop-ins in the District re the Local Government Review. He also advised that the long awaited upgrade of the A382 will go ahead but there is not enough money to complete the Trago Mills roundabout to Drumbridges leg of the upgrade.

Planning 25/00786/HOU – 12 Margaret Road – Single storey rear extension, hard standing for Patio and associated works. This is similar to many other extensions in Margaret Road and we have no adverse comment to make

Play Areas – To receive update on repairs to MUGA

The Chairman advised that he has no further news on the repairs which are still outstanding.

To compile an Action List of matters we would like Devon County Council to deal with on behalf of Ogwell Parish – Councillor Stuart Rogers has requested a list of matters for him to take to DCC on our behalf

Following a complaint aired in the Public Forum section of the Meeting, together with our own observation and comments on Social Media, our first matter for concern is Reynell Road Parking and Traffic Issues. There are areas of double yellow lines following previous requests to Highways but these need revisiting in view of the complaints we are still getting.

The second matter which although a fairly small matter, has not yet been attended to, is the lack of road markings at the junction of Ogwell Road and Croft Road opposite the Memorial Hall.

Thirdly, we would like to provide a list of vulnerable people in the Parish of Ogwell but need to ascertain who is on this list before we can pass it on to Councillor Rogers.

Clerk to forward details of items 1 and 2 to Stuart Rogers and ask for any assistance he can give on how to compile a list of vulnerable parishioners.

To receive any updates from Ogwild and other working parties

Ogwild Cllr. Paul Martin reported that he is waiting for Woodland Trust to respond regarding the new agreement to be drawn up for the ongoing use of Rectory Field.

Shop Project The Chairman reported that following a Meeting of the Shop Project, the project is on hold and a few parishioners have cashed in their Shares although the majority are waiting for developments re the Jolly Sailor.

To consider updates following the open meeting regarding Pond Meadow

Following the Public Meeting attended by some 30 plus people the conclusion is that those attending would like to acquire Pond Meadow at a reasonable price and this was also the view of those visiting the stand at the Summer Fair. Unfortunately, the owner, Mr Arthur, has sadly died and so the matter is in abeyance for the time being. A letter of condolence will be sent to the widow and we will await any developments from that contact.

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 consider any feedback following the Open Day Events re Channings Wood Prison and confirmation of a future address to a meeting by a member of the Kier Management Team

Those attending the Open Days learned that according to Kiers the contract is on schedule and on track although extras requested by the Prison Authority may extend the contract somewhat.

Following the Open Days, we have invited Rob Stanton the Project Director of Kiers to attend our meeting in October and he has confirmed this date.

Clerk to remind Mr Stanton of this visit nearer the time.

To receive any updates on Paths and Highways

We have reported some overgrown vegetation affecting Larksmead Way on DCC Website and have passed the details to Stuart Rogers.

Councillor Michael Lant reports no contact as yet from the Parish Paths Officer at Devon County Council.

Communications updates

Councillor Pauline Wynter reported that the next edition of the Parish Magazine will be out in August.

Finance Report

BACS Payments made and confirmed since the last Meeting:- Summer Fair Committee £400.00 re Summer Fair, Southwest Lighting £388.00 re Summer Fair, Clerks Stipend £1034.00 for 3 months ending 30th June, HMRC £258.40 Tax on Stipend, N Walters £26.00 re Ogwild, S Jones £1,100.00 Grass cutting, Teignbridge DC £2754.00 Annual cost of emptying Dog Bins on the Green and Play area, SW Water £28.20, Water at Toilet Block.

Direct Debits – Pulse8 £103.16 re Sharepoint and Magazine, EDF £26.42 Electricity on the Green, British Gas £21.47 Electricity at Toilet Block, Lloyds Bank £4.25 Monthly Account Fee.

£6.00 received from TeignLottery re Ogwild

The Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 are with the External Auditors and quarterly figures to 30th June 2025 have been circulated.

Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman

1 Refusal of Planning Consent at East Hill – We have been approached by the agent acting for the owner in this matter and our help sought re getting the refusal overturned on the grounds that this will add one property to Ogwild, although obviously it will not be affordable or anything other than a pricey house built for the owner who can then sell East Hill once refurbished. It was agreed that we should refer the Agent and Owner to Teignbridge Planning Department

Clerk to email the Agent with these comments.

Next Parish Council Meeting – After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would not hold a meeting in August so the next meeting will be on Monday 8th September 2025 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman
8th September 2025