

## Ogwell Parish Council Meeting February 9th 2026

**Present – Chair S Reynolds, Deputy Chair T Flower, Parish Councillors: P Wynter, S Harrison, M Lant and S Aylett.**

**Also present: County Councillor S Rogers, District Councillor P Parker together with 2 parishioners.**

**Apologies** Cllrs T Carey, P Martin and R Daws

**Declarations** Members to declare any interest in matters for discussion.

Re Rosemount item. Cllr Aylett declared an interest and took no part in the discussions.

**Minutes** The Minutes of the January Parish Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman with the following amendment. “Cllr. Aylett handed back her completed Register of Interests to the Chairman before Christmas 2025 and the Chairman handed the document to the Clerk at the January Meeting”.

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

County Councillor Stuart Rogers reported that Devon County Council’s budget is going to Council this month. 79% of the Budget will be spent on Adult and Child Care, 11% for Highways and 10% for everything else. This suggests that there is going to be little spare funds to tackle the backlog of potholes caused by recent weather. On being asked about our requests for Grit Bins for Larksmead Way and Westwood Cleave he asked that the details be forwarded to him again **which the Clerk will do.**

District Councillor Paul Parker advised that the proposed NA3 Hearing may be cancelled because of disagreements on the agenda and it may turn into a Public Enquiry.

On a positive note, he advised that TDC are improving their recycling percentages.

### **Planning 26/00085/HOU – 3 St Bartholomews Road – Single Storey rear extension with terrace over.**

It was agreed that we would make no adverse comments on this application.

### **Rosemount – To consider any further updates regarding a request for easement across the Car Park adjoining the Village Green**

We have received a further letter from Tozers Solicitors, acting for the owners of Rosemount which acknowledges our letter advising that the Parish Council does not wish to grant an easement and advising that they will be taking their clients’ further instructions. It was agreed that we will await further contact from Tozers before taking any further action in regard to the request for an easement. In connection with this property and following 25/01346/CLDE (Certificate of Lawfulness for use of the site for assembly and storage of stoves) which was refused by Teignbridge Planning Authority, we have asked TDC Enforcement Department to take action regarding the continuing use of the site for the business purposes.

### **Play Areas – To receive an update on proposed repairs and replacements and to consider new signage**

Green Scheme Solutions have confirmed that work will start as soon as weather permits including some new signage.

### **To receive any updates from Ogwild and other working parties**

#### **Ogwild**

The Ogwell Events Committee have given a grant of £300 towards the work carried out by Ogwild. **Rectory Field** A report was sent around by Cllr. Paul Martin which covered the various options open to the continued use of Rectory Field. This includes a Lease minimum 5 years which would in effect give responsibility for the upkeep and management of Rectory Field to Ogwell Parish Council. A survey from a qualified Arboriculturist has suggested that in the medium term, significant costs would be incurred to manage the mature trees on the site. His advice was not to enter into a Lease agreement because of potential costs. After discussions it was agreed that we needed more time to consider all the implications. If we chose not to enter into a lease, the other agreements would curtail future activities at the site.

The Sub-Committee considering a system for recognising contributions to the Community is still considering the best way to achieve this.

**To confirm purchase of a Polycarbonate Outdoor Cabinet for the Defibrillator**

The Clerk has ordered the replacement Cabinet which has been delivered and now needs to be installed.

**To receive any updates on Paths and Highways**

The Annual Return re Parish Paths has finally been received and Cllr Michael Lant is considering a response but as the return is in a somewhat different format, he needs to contact DCC for clarification.

**To receive any updates on recent requests for additional Grit Bins**

A further request for an additional Grit Bin has been received for Westwood Cleave and this request has been forwarded to Councillor Stuart Rogers to be considered in addition to Grit Bins for Larksmead Way.

**Second copies of our requests have been forwarded to Cllr. Rogers.**

**To consider way forward re flooding in Rectory Road**

For the second year running Rectory Road has flooded badly and the problem has been presented to DCC Highways with Scott Riddell visiting the site and confirming that work needs to be done. However, Scott has advised that there was no money to deal with this matter last year and given the recent flooding issues across Devon it is extremely unlikely that Rectory Road will be dealt with this year as it is not considered a priority. In order to consider what could be done at Parish Council level, the clerk wrote to Clive Morgan of Rendells, the land agent for the fields below Rectory Road. He has confirmed that he will pass the PC's request to the owners and get back to the Parish Council.

On the matter of flooding around the Parish, Clive Morgan has offered to provide a map or details of Buddle Holes which should be cleared of leaves and debris on a regular basis.

**Communications updates**

Cllr. Pauline Wynter advised that there has been no response to date in answer to the article in the February edition of the Magazine asking for anyone interested in taking on editing the Magazine to get in touch.

The Chairman advised that there are only a couple of outstanding payments for adverts which he will chase.

**Finance Report**

BACS Payments made and confirmed since the last meeting: South West Water £52.83 Water at the Toilet Block, John Turner £1,400.00 being payment for September – December 2025, Simon Jones £340.00 Cutting back hedges etc., Memorial Hall £56.10 Parish Council Meetings and £36.30 Hire of Hall for Ogwild, Parish Online £432.00 re Website, Wotton £885.00 printing Parish Magazine. Direct Debits – Pulse8 £115.16 re SharePoint and Magazine, Lloyds Bank £4.25 Monthly Account Fee. £5.00 received from TeignLottery and £300.00 from Events Committee re Ogwild and £660.00 from Magazine Adverts.

**Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman**

1. Rosemount The Parish Council has received a number of complaints recently asking that more be done to safeguard the Car Park at the Village Green and the access road to the Car Park from use by Commercial Vehicles using the Car Park as access to the adjoining property (Rosemount). This matter is dealt with earlier in the Agenda where we have asked Teignbridge to enforce their own decision to refuse permission for the business activities to be carried on at the site.

**Next Parish Council Meeting –**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7pm in the Memorial Hall

**Chairman**  
**9<sup>th</sup> March 2026**