

Ogwell Parish Council Meeting March 9th 2026

Present – Chair S Reynolds, Deputy Chair T Flower, Parish Councillors: P Wynter, S Harrison, T Carey, K Farrell-Wright and S Aylett.

Also present: County Councillor S Rogers together with 3 parishioners.

Apologies Cllrs M Lant, P Martin, P Parker and R Daws

Declarations Members to declare any interest in matters for discussion.

Cllr. Tim Flower declared an interest in the planning application for Springbank and took no part in the discussions and decision on that matter.

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

Reports from County and District Councillors

County Councillor Stuart Rogers advised that a meeting at Ashburton Town Hall on March 17th will address economic matters of interest to Towns and Parishes in his district. Cllr. Aylett agreed to attend to represent Ogwell. A follow-up meeting to that held last November which addressed Town and Parish issues on highways and infrastructure among other topics, will take place at the end of April in Buckfastleigh Town Hall. Cllr Rogers advised the meeting that we should log all Potholes on DCC website and also report any badly repaired potholes so that the sub-contractors carrying out the work can be held to account.

Finally, he made a plea that we consider actively encouraging any potential Foster Carers to contact DCC as the need is acute and vulnerable children are routinely being sent out of the County at great cost both emotionally and financially.

District Councillors Richard Daws and Paul Parker sent apologies and also updated the Council by email on the NA3 development which seems to be continuing although the recent Planning appeal in February will now turn into a Planning enquiry which will possibly take place in May. It seems that the Developers are taking a chance that work already completed will be permitted. The Wolborough Residents Association are seeking further legal advice.

Planning 26/00161/HOU – Springbank Ogwell – Single storey side extension and extension of terrace

This is a fairly small extension on a sizable plot and we have no adverse comments to make.

26/00183/HOU – Larksborough Rectory Road – Replacement of side and rear extensions and new porch canopy and steps This property is being upgraded by new owners and we have no adverse comments to make.

26/00114/MAJ – HM Prison Channings Wood – Variations to increase height of T60 Houseblocks, provide additional parking and amend elevations and extend Contractors' compound into field to the north of existing area. The variation to increase the height of the T60 Houseblocks was apparently dealt with some time ago and did not form part of this application which only dealt with extending the Contractors' compound. It was agreed that a response should be formulated mainly bringing attention to the light levels which still seem excessive.

Play Areas – To receive an update on proposed repairs and signage

Green Scheme Solutions have confirmed that work will start as soon as weather permits including some new signage. Cllr Stuart Rogers asked that we send details of the proposed spend to him as he feels there may be some DCC funding available. **Clerk will send details.**

To receive any updates from Ogwild and other working parties

Ogwild

Rectory Field After discussions separately held by Ogwild it has been agreed that to take on the Lease under the onerous conditions required by the Woodland Trust would not be in our interests so we will continue to use the field for recreational purposes and leave the management to the Woodland Trust. We understand that the Woodland Trust has no objection to Ogwild continuing to care for the trees that have been planted on behalf of parishioners.

The Sub-Committee considering a system for recognising contributions to the Community is still in debate.

To consider Council's position re proposed visit by MP and Devon Highways representative to Ogwell to look at Highways matters

Cllr. Aylett reported on a Meeting held in Newton Abbot which she attended which sought to address the concerns of residents regarding the traffic chaos caused by roadworks, diversions and just too many vehicles using the increasingly inadequate road system. MP Martin Wrigley attended the meeting and Cllr. Aylett has persuaded him that he should come to Ogwell to see the problems on the ground. It was agreed that Cllr. Aylett would write to Martin Wrigley inviting him to meet with members of the Parish Council and, once we have his agreement a working party can be formed to ensure we make the most of his visit.

To receive any updates on Paths and Highways

In the absence of Cllr Lant who is dealing with the annual return on footpaths to DCC there is nothing further to report.

To receive any updates on recent requests for additional Grit Bins

Cllr. Rogers has received further copies of our requests for additional Grit Bins and has sent this to the Department dealing with the matter.

Update re flooding in Rectory Road

We are still awaiting a response from Clive Morgan of Rendells re access to the fields below Rectory Road Re Buddle Holes around the Parish a map has been provided by Clive Morgan showing where at least some are situated.

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 need to move to a new publishing system was discussed and it was suggested that we should ask Compucare for advice in achieving this.

The outstanding debts re Adverts remain uncollected so the Adverts concerned should now be removed from the Magazine unless a repayment agreement can be reached.

Finance Report

BACS Payments made and confirmed since the last meeting: N Walters £37.40 Plants for Ogwild, L Evans £50.00 Talk for Ogwild, M Sessions £10.25 Ogwild Expenses, South West Water £35.64 Water at the Toilet Block, Imperative Training £534.00 New Cabinet for Defibrillator.

Direct Debits – Pulse8 £115.16 re SharePoint and Magazine, Lloyds Bank £4.25 Monthly Account Fee. £5.00 received from TeignLottery.

Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman

There were no matters of urgency brought forward.

Next Parish Council Meeting –

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday April 13th, 2026, at 7pm in the Memorial Hall

Chairman
13th April 2026