

## Ogwell Parish Council Meeting January 12th 2026

**Present – Chair S Reynolds, Deputy Chair T Flower, Parish Councillors: P Martin, P Wynter, S Harrison, M Lant and S Aylett. Also present: County Councillor S Rogers, District Councillor P Parker together with 3 parishioners. Also attending: Rob Stanton and Simon Parsons project directors from Kier Construction. Councillor S Aylett handed back her General Notice of Registerable Interests to be sent to Teignbridge District Council**

**Presentation from Kier Construction re progress at Channing’s Wood Prison.** Rob Stanton and Simon Parsons updated the Meeting on the upgrading of the Prison, the work, which started in July 2024 is still on track to finish in November 2027. They advised that later this year work is due to start to bring an additional power supply which will be by underground cable and is planned to come in via Old Denbury Road past the Cat Café. This will cause some disruption with partial or full road closure while the cables are laid. They were questioned about light pollution and advised that everything was being done to keep this to a minimum. The request for an additional Car Park to be accessed via Denbury, recently turned down by Teignbridge, was made by the prison authorities, not Kier Construction. The Chairman thanked them for attending the Meeting.

**Apologies** Cllrs T Carey and R Daws

**Declarations** Members to declare any interest in matters for discussion. Cllr. Aylett declared an interest in the item re Rosemount and left the Meeting whilst this was discussed.

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

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

County Councillor Stuart Rogers reported that the County was supposed to receive additional money from central funds towards Highway improvements but this has been used up covering recent bad weather expenses. District Councillor Paul Parker advised that the Planning Inspector has set 11<sup>th</sup> February for a virtual hearing for the refusals for NA3 appealed by Vistry and Bakers. Cllr Daws will send a further update in due course.

### **Planning Rosemount – To consider a request for easement across the Car Park adjoining the Village Green**

We have received a letter from Tozers Solicitors, acting for the owners of Rosemount regarding an easement for a vehicle to access the rear of Rosemount via the access lane and car park adjoining the Village Green. The letter stated that the owners had been advised by the Parish Council that a deed of easement would be entered into which is not the case, when approached we agreed to consider the request which is why the item is on the Agenda. The letter from Tozers advises that the owners are claiming to have used this access to the rear of their property for three decades and thereby created a right presently undocumented. After lengthy discussions it was agreed that the Parish Council did not wish to grant this easement and that we should consider seeking Legal Advice. In the first instance we respond to Tozers’ letter stating that no easement has been agreed and there is no intention to do so. We await further correspondence.

### **Play Areas – To receive an update on proposed repairs and replacements**

Green Scheme Solutions have sent a Sales Order totalling work to be carried out as soon as weather and availability permits. Total cost £10,735 plus VAT. The Chairman will liaise with Green Scheme Solutions to get the work underway.

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

**Ogwild** Councillor Martin prepared a report which has been circulated to the Councillors detailing the work carried out in 2025 and confirming that the situation with the Woodland Trust is still under discussion.

**Shop Project** - The Shop Project is now being wound up, and the CBS will be dissolved in line with FCA regulations. Those Investors requiring repayment have been repaid. Any surplus monies left, c.£9K, will be transferred to the Ogwell Memorial Hall Charity to be used for a future village project.

It was agreed that we should try to retain the Community Spirit generated by the project, although at present there is no specific new project in view.

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

### **To consider replacing the Defibrillator Cabinet with a Polycarbonate Outdoor Cabinet**

The Clerk has details of an Outdoor No Lock Cabinet – AED Armor Polycarbonate – with heating which

can be obtained for £445.00 plus VAT. The existing metal cabinet has been in place for nearly 8 years and is rusty and looking unfit for purpose. The Clerk has checked that the Warranty on the Cabinet only lasts for 8 years and therefore a claim would not succeed. It was agreed to replace the Cabinet with a Polycarbonate version.

### **Lamp Light of Peace – To consider whether we should join in**

We have received details of this scheme to keep 11<sup>th</sup> November as an annual recognition of the need to promote peace in the world. The lamp would be lit on November 11<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 11am. The Lamps can be purchased for £55.00. After discussion the Council felt that this was not a Parish Council matter and was not within our remit.

### **Climate and Nature Bill – To consider a proposal that Ogwell Parish Council signs up to this Bill as a Supporter**

This proposal was brought by Cllr Wynter who had sent some details of the Bill to the other Councillors. After discussion it was agreed that the Councillors needed additional information about the purpose and content of the Bill. A vote was taken, 2 Councillors voted for the proposal 1 Councillor voted against and 4 Councillors abstained. Cllr. Wynter advised that she could circulate additional information.

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

We have received a request for additional Grit Bins for Larksmead Way and understand from DCC that requests for new Grit Bins should come via the Parish Council, or our County Councillor. It was agreed that Councillor Martin would send details of where the Grit Bins are needed to Cllr Rogers who will pass the information to Highways.

### **Communications updates**

The next edition of the Parish Magazine will be out in February 2026. The Chairman has been sending reminders to Advertisers re payments for Adverts and most have now been brought up to date. Cllr Pauline Wynter advised the Meeting that she will be resigning as Editor of the Magazine in September and Paul Wynter will resign as Advertising Manager at the same time. She also advised that whoever takes on the job will need an alternative platform to edit the Magazine as the one she uses, Microsoft Publisher, is due to close in the Autumn.

The Chairman thanked Pauline and Paul for their contributions to making the Magazine the success it currently is and we now have the task of trying to replace them.

### **Finance Report**

BACS Payments made and confirmed since the last meeting: South West Water £28.20 Water at the Toilet Block, Clerk Stipend £1,067.00 for the quarter, HMRC £266.80 Tax on Stipend, Simon Jones £125.00 Cutting back Brambles, S Reynolds £53.00 re 2 x Searches at Land Registry and a copy of Open Spaces Society book on Common Land.

Direct Debits – Pulse8 £103.16 re SharePoint and Magazine, Lloyds Bank £4.25 Monthly Account Fee. EDF £19.12 Electricity on the Green and British Gas £22.07 Electricity at the Toilet Block. £5.00 received from TeignLottery re Ogwild and £1,210 from Magazine Adverts. We have also received a refund of VAT paid £2,080.22

**Precept for 2026/2027** The Clerk sent in the request for the Precept for 2026/7 to be £60,000. This was queried and it was explained that in 2026 we expected to pay out £15,000 plus towards repairs and replacements at the two Play Areas in our Parish. No further comeback so far.

**Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman** No urgent matters were brought forward.

### **Next Parish Council Meeting –**

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

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