

Ogwell Parish Council Meeting April 13th 2026

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

Also present: County Councillor S Rogers, District Councillor P Parker together with 5 parishioners.

Apologies Cllrs. Daws, Flower and Lant

Declarations Members to declare any interest in matters for discussion
No declarations were made.

Minutes The Minutes of the March Parish Council Meeting were amended to add under Item 2.4 re the proposed visit of MP Martin Wrigley “Letter to be signed by the Chairman subject to approval” and then approved and signed by the Chairman.

Reports from County and District Councillors

County Councillor Stuart Rogers advised that he is attending a Meeting with Kier Construction and a Ministry for Justice representative at Channings Wood Prison and may be able to obtain a Portacabin for the Parish. He has arranged a further Meeting with DCC, TDC and DNP at Buckfastleigh Town Hall and the Clerk and Cllr. Wynter will attend on April 24th.

Cllr. Parker reported on the recycling Centre upgraded at a cost of £5 million and work continues to strengthen entrances to Parks in Teignbridge against unwanted visits by Travellers.

He mentioned that the road closures in Ogwell are being monitored and that the Local Plan for Teignbridge will be adopted in May 2026 with a new Plan starting in June 2026. As always, the level of proposed new houses in the District remains of concern. The Government expect Teignbridge to provide 1088 new homes up from the previous figure of 700.

Planning Appeal 26/00018/REF Rydon Farm Ogwell – Appeal against refusal of Planning Application 25/01731/FUL Proposed new self build dwelling to replace existing Class Q Approval 23/01606/NPA
We dealt with this matter by re-sending our comments made in November 2025 when we confirmed that the style and layout of the proposed self-build met with our approval. These comments have gone to the Planning Inspectorate and have been acknowledged.

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

Green Scheme Solutions have confirmed that work will start on April 20th 2026.

The Annual Inspections have been forwarded to all Councillors and will be considered in detail once the proposed upgrade work has been completed.

To receive any updates from Ogwild and other working parties

Ogwild The Little Green has been cut for the spring. The carved Tree Trunk benches currently in Rectory Field will need to be moved to new sites.

Shop Project -The Chairman confirmed that the final Accounts are presently in hand.

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

To consider any progress towards visit by MP and Devon Highways representative to Ogwell to look at Highways matters

It was agreed that a working party be set up to consider Highways Issues in the light of the hoped for visit. This was proposed by Cllr. Martin, seconded by Cllr. Aylett and agreed that the working party should consist of Cllrs. Martin, Carey and Aylett.

To receive any updates on Paths and Highways

In the absence of Cllr Lant we have no present update on the annual return on footpaths to DCC.

See above on agreement to set up a working party to discuss Highways Issues affecting Ogwell Parish.

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. As yet no response.

To look at how road closures around Ogwell are affecting parishioners

We have heard from parishioners that the Taxi replacement for the Bus Service, while helpful is not entirely suitable in some cases with residents having to walk to designated spots to pick up the Taxi and times not always convenient. Time constraints mean the bus service is not visiting the older part of the village. It was agreed that the Clerk would try to contact the Bus Company to see if anything can be improved.

Communications updates

Cllr. Pauline Wynter advised that there has still been no positive response to date in answer to her request for a new team to take on the Magazine and it still remains that a new publishing system is needed. With regard to Advertising, the final 2025/6 invoice has been paid and Bay Exterior Cleaning, a new Advertiser will pay 2/3rds fee for the rest of the year.

Finance Report

BACS Payments made and confirmed since the last meeting: Wotton Ltd £885.00 Printing Parish Magazine DALC £42.00 Councillor's course, R Hannaford £1,067.00 Quarterly Stipend. HMRC £266.80 Tax on Stipend, S Jones £385.00 Grass Cutting, Playsafety Ltd £208.80 Annual Inspection of both Play Areas, South West Water £35.17 Water at Toilet Block, RA Wrayford £300.00 Annual spring cut and remove grass on Little Green, DALC £867.95 Annual Affiliation fees including to NALC, Memorial Hall £56.10 Payment for Parish Council Meetings.

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

The Clerk is presently preparing End of Financial year figures for the Internal Auditor

To consider a Formal Complaint against the Clerk concerning an item in the Parish Magazine

A complaint brought by Councillor Aylett concerning the mention in the report to the Magazine of the proposed visit to Ogwell by MP Martin Wrigley which did not specify that Cllr. Aylett, acting in a private capacity had made the invitation and received a promise to attend. The report stated that MP Martin Wrigley had been asked to come and that the Parish Councillors hoped to engage with him concerning traffic issues in Ogwell. After somewhat inconclusive discussions and unhelpful exchanges, time constraints led to the closure of the Meeting.

Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman

There was no time to consider any items under this heading.

Next Parish Council Meeting –

The next Parish Council Meeting which will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting, (date rearranged after the Meeting) will be on Friday May 22nd 2026, at 7pm in the Memorial Hall

Chairman
22nd May 2026