

Ogwell Annual Parish Council Meeting May 22nd 2026

Present : Chair S Reynolds, Deputy Chair T Flower, Parish Councillors T Carey, S Aylett, P Martin, P Wynter, K Farrell-Wright and M Lant. Also attending County Councillor S Rogers, District Councillor R Daws together with 17 Parishioners

Election of Chair of Ogwell Parish Council

The Clerk took the Chair and asked for nominations for Chair. Cllr Flower nominated Cllr Pauline Wynter, seconded by Cllr Carey. There were no other nominations. By a show of hands Cllr. Pauline Wynter was elected as the new Chair.

The newly elected Chair signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chair, countersigned and dated by the Clerk.

Election of Deputy Chair

The newly elected Chair asked for nominations for Deputy Chairman. Cllr. Reynolds nominated Cllr. Flower, seconded by Cllr. Lant and by a show of hands Cllr. Flower was elected as Deputy Chair.

Apologies – Cllr. Paul Parker.

Declarations - Members to declare any interests in matters for discussion.

No declarations were made.

Minutes A discussion as to wording in the item “To consider a Formal Complaint against the Clerk concerning an item in the Parish Magazine” led to an amendment omitting the words “unhelpful exchanges” and “time constraints”. The Minutes of the April Parish Council Meeting were then approved and signed by the Chair.

Annual Reviews

Review of Standing Orders After a brief discussion it was agreed that our existing Standing Orders, from a Template provided by Teignbridge District Council will continue without amendment. A copy is lodged in the 365 Backup System.

Risk Register

We have a Risk Register drawn up by a previous Chairman and, after discussing whether any new Risks have arisen in the last year, it was agreed that we should review the Risk Register at a future Meeting so as to ensure that any recent items of possible risk can be considered.

Asset Register

We have a Register of Fixed Assets which was updated by the Clerk as at 31st March 2026 and forms part of the Annual Accounts. It was mentioned that the items in the Asset Register are recorded at Cost Value.

Insurance Cover We have received renewal documents from Clear Councils, Clear Insurance Management Ltd (Formerly BHIB Ltd), to renew at an Annual Premium of £1,997.79. This is an increase of just £33 on 2025. We insure all our items at cost value. It was agreed that we continue to insure with Clear Councils.

Internal Auditor

The clerk has found Lee Accounting Services Ltd of Kingsteignton give an excellent and friendly service and she recommended that we continue to use them which was confirmed by the Councillors.

Financial and Banking Arrangements

The Clerk is using Scribe online Accounting system to produce Income and expenditure returns as well as maintaining Spreadsheets. The Accounts to 31st March 2026 are to be confirmed below and the AGAR completed. Thereafter they will go to Lee Accounting Services for the annual Internal Audit.

Banking arrangements remain as before using Lloyds Bank Ltd and the banking is conducted online by the Clerk. A monthly list of Invoices paid is included in each Monthly Parish Council Meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Flower, seconded by Cllr. Martin and agreed by a show of hands that the present arrangements continue.

Delegation of Councillors Roles and Responsibilities – After discussion it was felt that a full review of roles and responsibilities should be carried out at a future meeting. Cllr. Farrell-Wright felt there should perhaps be a stronger connection to Canada Hill School. For the present the following is noted. Cllr. Flower will continue with Planning and Maintenance, Cllr. Lant with Highways for six months, Cllr. Reynolds will liaise with Green Scheme Solution re the Play areas, Cllr Martin will continue with Ogwild and the Shop Project and the Chair will continue with the Parish Magazine.

Planning 26/00510/FUL – Rydon Farm, Two Mile Oak – New self-build dwelling to replace existing Class Q prior approval (Ref 23/01606/NPA). This is the fourth application for this Barn conversion and the

Parish Council has approved all the previous applications, rejected by Teignbridge for various reasons. The latest application follows the existing Barn footprint and has Class Q approval. The Councillors voted to support the Application.

Clerk to convey Council's Support to Teignbridge.

Play Areas – Update on replacement and repair Works – Green Scheme Solutions Ltd have recently carried out repairs and replacements at both Play Areas at a total cost of £13,734.00. The routine maintenance of the MUGA has also been carried out by Green Scheme Solutions Ltd at a cost of £864.00. These matters have previously been agreed.

Cllr Reynolds will obtain quotes for replacements for items removed.

Clerk to investigate with Earthwrights re the damaged Tower to see if it can be repaired under Warranty.

Ogwild and other working parties – to receive updates

There were no updates not dealt with in the Annual Parish Meeting reports.

Events Committee –Request re Summer Fair Funding

We have received a request from the Events Committee to permit the Summer Fair to take place on the Green on June 27th 2026. We have also received a request to fund a total of £1,905.50 plus VAT £126.10 – recoverable, to cover provision of one Double Decker Bus, Steam Engine display together with provision of Toilet facilities and PA System.

It was proposed by Cllr. Martin that the funding be made, seconded by Cllr. Flower and all agreed.

Paths and Highways – To consider updates

Cllr Lant confirmed that he had sent an Annual Return to Devon County Council re Highways and as we have a balance in excess of £800 earmarked for Parish Paths, he did not request any additional funding.

Communications – Parish Magazine -

The Chair confirmed that she had had a meeting with Trevor Ashford who produces the Ipplepen Parish Magazine and is interested in taking over production although he would not wish to handle Advertising sales. Further discussions to take place.

Cllr. Flower has requested a copy of the Audio recording made of the April Meeting by a member of the Audience which was agreed.

Finance Report -BACS payments made and agreed since last Meeting – John Turner £1,400.00 4 months cleaning Toilet Block, Simon Jones £680.00 Grass Cutting, Green Scheme Solutions £864.00 Maintenance of MUGA, Green Scheme Solutions £13,734.00 Repairs and replacements to both Play Areas, Clear Insurance £1,997.79 – Annual Insurance Premium for Parish Council Policy, Goexshere £108.00 Annual cost of Parish Mapping, Ogwild £91.85 for Plants etc. for Planters around Parish, South West Water £42.27 Water Bill for the Toilet Block, DALC £18.00 for Webinar.

Direct Debits – Pulse8 £115.16 re 365 Backup system and Magazine British Gas £20.37 re Electricity at the Toilet Block, Lloyds Bank Monthly fee £4.25.

We have received £5.00 from TeignLottery for Ogwild and half this year's Precept £30,000.00

Also received £560.00 for Magazine Advertising.

Approval and Signing of the AGAR

Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026

The Governance Statement was approved with one dissenting vote. Cllr. Aylett expressed concerns about compliance with standing orders and risk assessment and requested that her objection be noted in the Minutes. The Governance Statement was then duly completed and the AGAR signed by the Clerk and Chairman under Reference 5.2.1.

Section 2 Accounting Statement 2025/2026 for Ogwell Parish Council

This was duly completed and signed by the Chairman under Reference 5.2.2.

Urgent matters at the discretion of the Chairman

There were no urgent matters for discussion.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday June 8th 2026 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. This will be an Extraordinary Meeting to discuss Safeguarding of Parish Land.

The next full Parish Council Meeting will be on July 13th 2026 in the Memorial Hall

Chair
13th July 2026