

Ogwell Parish Council Meeting July 13th 2026

Present – Chair P Wynter, Deputy Chair T Flower, Parish Councillors: T Carey, M Lant, P Martin and S Aylett. Also present: County Councillor S Rogers together with 7 parishioners.

Apologies Cllrs S Reynolds, K Farrell-Wright and P Parker

Declarations Members to declare any interest in matters for discussion.

Cllr. Tim Flower declared an interest in the Planning Application for Canada Hill as he lives adjacent to the site and will join in discussions but not vote.

Minutes The Minutes of the May Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting together with the June Extraordinary Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Reports from County and District Councillors Stuart Rogers reported:-

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) This is to go ahead and DCC should hear the Government's decision on it by next Wednesday when Parliament goes into recess.

Devon Communities Together are interested in the regeneration of redundant Community Assets (Jolly Sailor) and there could be match funding available.

Stuart agreed to arrange an Engineering review of surfacing on Canada Hill which is becoming dangerously smooth in hot conditions. Stuart mentioned that potholes should be logged now to be dealt with before winter. No reports from District Councillors available

Planning 26/00945/FUL – Land at Canada Hill – Construction of six dwellings with access and landscaping works.

Outline Planning was granted 6 years ago and the previous full application, which was agreed by TDC has now expired. This application is similar to the lapsed application. Cllr. Flower and his neighbours have raised issues concerning Highways – the entrance road is not adopted, Stormwater drainage now to be to local stream or stormwater sewer on Coniston Road, Overdevelopment where 5 houses would be preferable to the 6 proposed, Biodiversity 60% of habitat lost to development and biodiversity net gain likely to be offset outside Ogwell. Finally, the current plans don't reflect the existing built environment, so misleading. Cllr Flower will forward his response to Councillors to assist in a Parish Response which will raise the above concerns. Deadline 22nd July 2026.

Play Areas – To confirm repair work at Dawes Close Play Area under Warranty and additional wear and tear replacements

Earthwrights have confirmed Warranty work on the Tower valued at £1600 but covered under their warranty and advised additional work caused by wear and tear and low level vandalism to the Tower seat and Grassmat areas which will cost £988. plus VAT. This was circulated to all Councillors and agreed to enable repair work to start as soon as possible. It will also include repair to an existing bench. Confirmation proposed by Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Lant and all agreed.

To consider a new Bench for Dawes Close as requested by parishioners

A new bench has been requested to assist with parental seating when supervising play. A suitable spot has not been identified and it was agreed that Cllr Aylett would ask the parishioner who requested the bench for her thoughts on where it should be placed. Another Parishioner would like a plaque in memory of a deceased friend at Dawes Close Play Area and it was agreed that the Clerk will ask him if he would like to contribute towards the cost of a bench and provide a suitable plaque.

To look at additional items for the Play Area on the Green

Cllr. Reynolds has been in discussion with Green Scheme Solutions to consider any further proposed additions, including possible replacement fencing. It was agreed that Cllrs Flower and Reynolds would liaise with Simon of Green Scheme Solutions as to further possible expenditure.

To receive any updates from Ogwild and other working parties

Ogwild Cllr Martin updated us on the Swift Box project at the Church and also advised that progress has been made towards more biodiversity in the Churchyard.

Shop Project Accounts now signed off and now a 3 month wind down period towards closure unless an alternative comes forward.

Road Working Party Has met to discuss the impact of increased traffic caused by the increase in size of Channings Wood Prison. A Speed Limit of 30mph all through the village is considered necessary to calm present speeds. Cllr Stuart Barker will request a meeting with DCC Highway Officers to consider the request.

To consider a request from the Events Committee for funding Firework Night at a cost of £2,250

There is a proposal that for this year the Firework Display will be provided in full by a specialist provider

and will include a light show and cover all setting up and clearing up. A proposal put forward by the Events Committee that because of possible Insurance issues a professional display Company with their own Insurance cover would ensure that the event is carried out safely. The cost will be £2,250 plus VAT and will take place on Friday 6th November to take advantage of a 10% discount, included in the price. Proposed by Cllr Flower, seconded by Cllr Martin and all agreed that this will be a Parish Council event run by Events Committee volunteers.

To consider any progress re protection of Parish Land issue raised under Extraordinary Meeting in June It was agreed that this matter would be deferred pending receipt of further information due from Cllr Rogers which is coming from DCC Archives.

Risk Register – To consider an updated Risk Document/Register

The Chairman thanked Cllr Aylett for the work she has carried out preparing this document and it was agreed that consideration and adoption would be deferred to a future meeting to allow Councillors to consider the document in detail.

To consider the way forward for the Jolly Sailor An update on this item is deferred to the next meeting at the request of Cllr. Martin.

To receive any updates on Paths and Highways No additional items to be considered apart from Road Working Party matters above.

Communications – To receive any updates including on the Parish Magazine future

The Chair advised that Trevor Ashford has withdrawn his offer of assistance so at the moment there seems no way forward. It was agreed that we would put a request for a new Parish Magazine Editor on Facebook to see if that generates any interest.

Finance Report

BACS Payments made and confirmed since the last meeting: N Walters £42.40 Plants for Ogwild, T Flower £49.45 Plants and seeds for Ogwild, Simon Jones £732.00 Grasscutting around the parish, Wotton Ltd £885.00 Printing Parish Magazine, Ogwell Events re Fair £400.00 Steam Engine, Greenslade Buses £875.00 provision of free bus for the Fair, SW Sound and Light £312.00 PA System for Fair. Technique Property Services £394.92 Toilet provision for Fair, South West Water £42.80 and £52.28 monthly Water Bill for Toilet Block, Ogwell Memorial Hall £56.10 Hire of Hall for Meetings, DALC £18.00 Councillor attendance at Webinar, Clerk Stipend for 3 Months £1,067.20, HMRC £266.60 Tax on Stipend, TDC £2,848.80 Annual cost of emptying Dog Bins, Lee Accounting Services £192.00 Internal Audit.

Direct Debits – Pulse8 £115.16 and £121.28 re SharePoint, Email and Magazine, Lloyds Bank £4.25 x 2 Monthly Bank Account Fee, EDF Energy £136.18 6 months Electricity on the Green, British Gas £19.75 and £19.57 Electricity at the Toilet Block.

£5.00 and £6.00 received from TeignLottery for Ogwild.

Quarterly Figures Income and expenditure for the first quarter of the new financial year have been sent around to the Councillors. The Clerk advised that taking into account one-off payments we are in line with budget.

To discuss use of AI at Meetings and consider costs. It was proposed by Cllr Aylett and seconded by Cllr Flower that we continue to use AI at Meetings after a couple of months experiment which was considered very beneficial in helping with accuracy and completeness. Also proposed and agreed that a contribution towards costs of £138.00 per annum, based upon 50% of present costs to the Chair who is providing this facility

Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman

1. Complaints Procedure A document recommended by the Monitoring Officer of Teignbridge Charlie Fisher has been circulated to Councillors. Proposed by Cllr Martin seconded by Cllr Flower and all agreed to adopt the Complaints Procedure.

2. Request for funding by Ogwell Pre-School A request just received for a grant towards costs of providing new and updated equipment and items for the Pre-School. Total cost £1,458.80. It was agreed that we needed a little time to discuss and the matter will be considered at the next Meeting. **Clerk to check with Pre-School as to percentage of pupils from Ogwell Parish.**

Next Parish Council Meeting –

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday August 10th 2026, at 7pm in the Memorial Hall

Chairman
10th August 2026