

TEIGNGRACE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING 1st NOVEMBER 2016

Present: P. Adams, W. Coombes, A. Gale, J. Martin, R. Page, J. Penfold.
R. Coombes, C. Martin, J. Sanders, P. Soper.

Apologies: None.

38/16 MINUTES:

Minutes of the Full Meeting held on 6th September 2016 and the Interim Meeting held on 4th October 2016, having been circulated, were agreed and signed.

Proposed by A. Gale. Seconded by R. Page.

39/16 MATTERS ARISING:

Teigngrace Highways Issues: Summer Lane and Brocks Lane - These are in serious need of re-surfacing – especially as they form part of the Stover Way cycle route. [SP] Summer Lane has been allocated some funding out of the Pothole Action Fund grant, which you might have heard about. It will therefore be patched this year, and be surface dressed either next year or the following one. Brocks Lane I will look at, and request any safety defects are repaired. If the condition is as bad as you suggest, then I will make a bid for funding from future years budgets.

Stover Drive entrance – Ditch requires digging out to match level of repaired culvert. [SP] I have written a ditching order for our contractor, and all the ditches in the vicinity will be machine cleaned shortly (hopefully within the next few weeks) We will be cleaning the ditches from Hearders Bend through to 12 Oaks Bend. Completed.

Bend Signage – Provision of chevron sign on the bend by the big oak tree. Has there been any progress? [SP] We have had the results back from the recent speed survey carried out here, and they are pleasing, showing average speeds, which would be very compliant even in a signed 30mph limit. Northbound mean speed of 25.4mph and southbound mean speed of 24.3mph. Speeds at this level would not support funding for any new signage, and it would not be appropriate for us to do so.

Water at 12-Oaks Bends – Road is now clear, but ditch in field requires cleaning and it is now dry enough to enter the fields. [SP] I have spoken with Andrew Gale and we are cleaning out the ditch in his field at the same time as the roadside ditches. It will be on a Saturday within the next couple of weeks. Completed.

Gullies from Iron Gates to Ley Green – These require cleaning again. [SP] Are these gullies causing a significant problem? i.e. flooding of the road or property? We can arrange ad hoc cleans, but we have a very limited budget to do so. Therefore, we have to be selective in what we order; bearing in mind, our limited budget needs to take us through the winter.

The two gullies between Iron Gates and Green Acres are blocked. In addition, if funding is tight, why are the ditches behind Stover Park cleared annually as these have no effect on drainage in Ley Green. P. Adams to write to Simon Pearson. {06/09/2016}

Teigngrace Parish Charity – J. Martin reported that the case had been forwarded to the Ombudsman. {08/01/2013}

Templer Way, by River Teign Dogs: K. Lee (Sibelco) still has not submitted planning application. {05/11/2013}

Leaning Oak Tree: K. Lee (Sibelco) will be applying for a road closure for 3-5 days. Still no progress. {06/09/2016}

Stover Way: Dog Bins: Do you know who provided the Dog Bins on the Stover Way – only we could do with one more at Teigngrace Lock? (There is one at Olympus Scrapyrd End and one at Ventiford end). [PB] The dog waste bins are provided by Teignbridge District Council. [TDC] Regrettably, there is no funding available for further provision.

Old Exeter Road Exit: The hedge is overgrown at the exit onto Old Exeter Road and you have to exit onto the road before you can see. (This exit is still dangerous as there is not enough off road space, to allow for meeting someone coming out onto the road when you are trying to enter). [PB] I will investigate who is responsible for the maintenance of this hedge; if necessary, I will have it cut back again when the Contractor is on site carrying out other works. Completed.

There are no warning signs on Old Exeter Road, which indicate the crossing. [PB] This is intentional; there are a number of hazards for drivers to be aware of in the length of road around the bridge and level crossing. I was advised by our road safety team that additional warning signs specific to cycle joining the carriageway would convey no further useful information to drivers and would result in only further clutter and obstruction on the road side. The road safety team consider that drivers will already be aware of and driving in a manner appropriate to negotiating the bridge and crossing that they will be aware of and able to react as necessary to cycles joining the road (as they would for vehicles joining).

Double Yellow Lines: We discussed this last night at our Parish Council Meeting and we are happy with the proposed layout. Is it possible to also consider double yellow lines on the 90 degree bend in the village near to the post box as we also have a historic parking problem there, so while the legal stuff is being prepared; it may make sense to include that area now? [PB] I have submitted a formal request for the parking restrictions (double yellow lines) as discussed. With the request, I have included a draft arrangement drawing. Please review the drawing (attached) and let me have any comments, you will be consulted formally as part of the TRO process and also have an opportunity to comment independently however addressing any issues early on with shorten the order process. Further to my previous email, I discussed your request for additional restrictions elsewhere in the village with the traffic orders team and they have corrected me in that they can be advertised under the same order as the Ventiford restriction. Are you able to send me a plan of your proposed restriction near the post box? I will investigate if the cycle scheme budget can be used to deliver the physical lines of the additional restriction, however if this is not possible do you a source of funding for them?

P. Adams to send Peter Burge plan of lines around the bend from Owls Corner to Hearders. {12/05/2015}

District Councillor Fund: Funding has been approved for the notice boards. Project No 1226 – Teigngrace Parish Council, Notice Boards, £1,164. A. T. Dempster will personally cover the costs until the Invoice can be provided to D.C.C. P. Adams to order Notice Boards and request Invoice so that he can forward information to T. Dempster. {01/09/2015}

Heltor Lorries – These have been hauling sand and had not been sheeted. P. Adams to ask if this is required. [IL] I am very sorry for any hassle this may have caused you. The last thing that we want to do is upset the local residents. However, it is very annoying because as you say the drivers have already been spoken to on several occasions about this matter, but it seems to have not sunk in, so it looks like I need to now make it official and put it in writing to them all.

By doing any driver that is caught, repeatedly flouting the rules could find himself subject to our disciplinary procedures that could ultimately mean him losing their job! Hopefully that may get their attention and they may get the message this time.

I am away in Weston Super Mare today and in the East Midlands on Thursday and Friday so will try to get a letter drafted in the next few days before I go. Once again, very sorry for any inconvenience caused and please pass on our apologies to Mrs Norris.

If you have, any further issues please contact me. {06/09/2016}

Green Acres: The Parish Council agreed that they were still in disagreement with the findings of Teignbridge District Council and will pursue with the Local Government Ombudsman. [O] The Ombudsman's final decision Summary: A Parish Council complains about the Council's failure to take planning enforcement action. The Ombudsman will not investigate this complaint because the Local Government Ombudsman may not investigate complaints by public bodies.

It was decided that no further action could be taken. {05/01/2016}

Parish Council Website: P. Adams is investigating mobile broadband as a solution for provision of broadband service in the Village Hall. {01/03/2016}

The Devon Emergency Community Flood Resilience Fund: P. Adams has received the signs and will distribute. {01/03/2016}

Village Field Grass Cutting: 'No Parking, Access Required At All Times, sign has been erected. This has been provided free of charge by Teign Signs. P. Adams to write a letter of thanks. {01/03/2016}

Village Field Fence: The Village Field fence repair has been completed. {01/03/2016}

Teigngrace "Naiads" sign: J. Martin has organised the replacement sign. M. Bullous has replaced this free of charge. P. Adams to write a letter of thanks. {03/05/2016}

Forches Cross Litter. Litter has been removed. {03/05/2016}

Beating the Bounds: Newton Abbot Town Council have taken the decision to postpone the Beating of the Bounds event until Spring 2017. {06/09/2016}

Stover Park Tip: [IL] Earlier this year we completed the work to bring the tip height to just below the agreed height. We are constructing some temporary drying cells on top of it at the moment to hold material from the cleaning of the settling lagoons. These consist of clay bunds approx. 2 meters tall, creating areas to hold the slurry from the lagoons whilst it dries enough to be used for material to go on the in pit tip. All our waste material from the production of clay is going on the in pit tip (backfill).

Re hydro seeding, we are currently investigating the option of bringing topsoil to site to dress the external facing slopes of the tip, this is considered a better option if we can make it happen. Currently I don't have any detail on timescale.

William of Orange Oak: The Oak Tree was hit by a straw lorry and this shook the tree and broke off a large limb, which fell into the road. D.C.C. have been asked to re-inspect the tree. The log number is ENQ 16931904. D.C.C. have inspected the tree and were not concerned. {06/09/2016}

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FINANCE:

Statement balance 30/09/2016 £2556.55

Precept received 30/09/2016 £700

Cheque 000145 £110.00 Grounds & Gardens, Village Field Grass. Raised.

Proposed J. Martin, Seconded P. Adams.

Precept to remain at £1400.

Proposed R. Page, Seconded A. Gale.

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PLANNING:

Reference: 16/00922/MAJ

Location: NEWTON ABBOT - Stover Golf Club, Stover

Proposal: Proposed Extension Works To Replace Land Taken From Stover Golf Club For The Proposed A382 Corridor Improvements Scheme. This Involves The Construction Of Four And A Half Holes With Biodiversity Enhancement Measures Such As Vegetation Planting And Creation Of A Lake. The Existing Land Is Mixed Agriculture Bordered By Hedgebanks And Woodland.

Applicant: Mr A Carpenter

Grant of Conditional Planning Permission.

Reference: 16/01830/COU

Location: TEIGNGRACE - The Barns, Teigngrace

Proposal: Change Of Use From Residential Garden And Workshop To Tea Garden With Part Change To Existing Building To Create Kitchen And New Toilet Building

Applicant: Mr & Mrs K And S Discombe

Grant of Conditional Planning Permission.

Reference: 16/02630/CONSLT
Location: Various sites in Teignbridge
Proposal: Consultation from British Telecom on the removal of 52 phone boxes
Applicant: British Telecom PLC

I would be grateful to receive your comments on the above consultation. The documents may be viewed online here:

<http://gis.teignbridge.gov.uk/TeignbridgePlanningOnline/SearchResults.aspx?SearchReference=16/02630>

No objection to removal of the telephone equipment as zero calls have been made during the last 12 months, but the Parish Council would like to adopt the Telephone Kiosk as it is of historical importance to the village. (It was originally positioned at Teigngrace Halt). J. Sanders has been cleaning the Telephone Kiosk for the last few years. J. Martin thanked him for this.

[6 For, 0 Against]

Reference: 16/02693/MAJ
Location: NEWTON ABBOT - Land At Berry Knowles, Bovey Road, Newton Abbot, Devon,
Proposal: Outline application for residential development (up to 135 dwellings), access from Old Exeter Road, public open space, landscaping and associated works and infrastructure (approval sought for access).

Major Application

The Parish Council would like to strongly object to this application on the following grounds. It is in an area designated as Countryside.
It is not in an area designated for development in the Teignbridge Local Plan. If this application is passed, it will make a mockery of the Local Plan.
The references to the Rugby Club application are irrelevant as this has expired and recreational use is completely different to a large housing estate.
The access roundabout will flood.
The proposed flood plain compensation ponds will not work, as they will always be full of water. If floodplain compensation is required, then ground at a higher level will need to be reduced to the flood plain level.
Old Exeter Road cannot cope with the traffic already using it. (The listed structure, which is the Causeway, is continually collapsing). Another 270 vehicles will be unsustainable.
Teigngrace Road will become even more of a rat-run.
Existing exit onto A382 will not cope with the increased traffic flow.

[0 For, 6 Against]

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STOVER CANAL:

Both P. Adams and W. Coombes were concerned by the amount of trees being cut down. W. Coombes asked if there is any provision for replacement trees in the plan. J. Martin to investigate. {01/11/2016}

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A.O.B.:

Forches Cross Parking: This is a problem again as it is restricting access and blocking the exit of the A382. J. Martin to contact Knowles Hill School {01/11/2016}

Teigngrace Highways: The road signs on the approach to Newton Abbot are very dirty and need cleaning. P. Adams to write to Simon Pearson.

Activity On Land Near to Brocks Farm: K. Lee (Sibelco) replied as follows:

“We are aware of this, as the land is going to be let to Sibelco employees to use as allotments.

We installed a new gate in the entrance to the field leased from us by Andrew Gale. It seemed a better location than the existing gate opposite Brocks Farm house, after discussion with the current owner.

The gate was blocked by Andre Gale, when for good reasons he became concerned that possible undesirable persons were occupying the site.

Regretfully and with hind sight, we should have communicated our intentions to him sooner, and it would have saved him the effort of putting the bales there.

We propose to have a meeting with Andrew soon to resolve the situation.

Let me know if you require any further information.”

Meeting closed 20:40.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT PLANNING MEETING WILL BE ON 6th DECEMBER 2016, THE NEXT FULL MEETING WILL BE ON 3rd JANUARY 2017.