

TEIGNGRACE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING 5th JANUARY 2016

Present: P. Adams, W. Coombes, A. Gale, J. Martin, R. Page
B. Thorne, M. Hindle, J. Jolliffe, C. Martin, K. Mitchell, J. Penfold.

Apologies: D. Rollason.

01/16 MINUTES:

Minutes of the Full Meeting held on 3rd November 2015 and the Interim Meeting held on 1st December 2015, having been circulated, subject to a minor alteration were agreed and signed. Proposed by R. Page. Seconded by W. Coombes.

02/16 MATTERS ARISING:

Imerys Stover Works Tip: Ian Lee's mobile number is 07879434296.

Road sweeping has been undertaken as promised and the drains cleared, however there is an issue with the D.C.C. drain under the drive entrance. P. Adams to write to D.C.C. Highways. {01/11/2011}

Teigngrace Parish Charity – J. Martin reported no update. {08/01/2013}

Templer Way, by River Teign Dogs: Sibelco were supposed to be erecting signs by the end of 2015. P. Adams to write to Keith Lee to chase progress. {05/11/2103}

Stover Way: Peter Burge, D.C.C. replied as follows. "The Stover Way is largely complete however a Contractor will be beginning next week on the final items and snagging remaining on the whole route from Bovey Tracey to Newton Abbot.

This will include;

The earth banks at Ventiford Bridge and the Summer Lane junction

Removal of temporary fencing panels

Additional direction and warning signs throughout the route (including signs warning users that they are re-joining the carriageway at Ventiford and Brocks Farm)

General clearing/cleaning, such as where the Waterway Recovery Group has pulled mud and debris onto the path.

Are you able to provide a description/location for the trees/logs so I can investigate further? Vegetation cleared in preparation for and during the works was chipped or removed from site although where appropriate material was stacked to provide wildlife habitat and hasten the reestablishment of new vegetation. I was not aware of any material remaining on the site that would present a risk during a flood however I will investigate and instruct the follow up Contractor to move/remove where necessary.

Dog waste bins are provided and maintained by Teignbridge District Council, I can make enquiries, however a request direct from the Parish Council will likely receive a quicker response.

The structure crossing the original bywash was constructed by the Waterway Recovery Group / Stover Canal Society following the opening of the Trail and it does not form part of the Stover Trail scheme. Devon County Council Engineering Design Group were not involved in the design or approval of the structure, if you require further information on the structure it would be best to contact the Stover Canal Society."

P. Adams replied "Thanks for arranging to have the earth banks done. Unfortunately someone (the same vehicle, we think) tried to park on them both and has spread them out across the road. Is there any chance that they can be made higher so that this cannot happen?"

P. Burge replied "A colleague is inspecting the works this morning, I will report back once he has had a chance to look at the damage."

P. Adams replied "OK, thanks.

Also, regarding the 'debris' (cut logs etc.) along the RHS of the path from Ventiford to Old Exeter Road. I looked again yesterday, and this is pretty much all the way down. Also at the Exeter Road end, some more brush scrubbing has occurred and this was left overhanging the path as well as being a flood risk."

P. Burge replied "Having discussed the banks at Ventiford with my colleague and reviewed photos I think the best course of action is to make no further changes to the banks and continue to monitor the situation.

I appears that a vehicle has attempted to pull into the verge directly adjacent to the bridge and as you mention in your email, likely the same vehicle has overrun the verge adjacent to the junction. As the banks were formed on Friday and there is evidence of one vehicle trying to park it suggests the banks have discouraged the majority over the weekend. The debris on the road near to the junction suggests that this was not any easy manoeuvre for the driver and I would hope that it will discourage them from attempting to mount the bank next time.

I am reluctant to build the banks any higher at this time.

We have cleared the debris from the road and will keep monitoring the parking here, please let me know if you observe vehicles parking on the banks." {12/05/2015}

District Councillor Fund: P. Adams had a price for three new Parish Notice Boards. These will cost £388 each. P. Adams to ask T. Dempster for the forms. {01/09/2015}

Oak Tree outside 'The Orchard': The quote for Baker to perform a tree survey was £160. As the tree is owned by Devon County Council the Parish Council felt that we should approach them first. P. Adams will write to D.C.C. and point out our concerns over the health of the tree considering that it is an Ancient Tree and of historic importance. {01/09/2015}

Teignrace Highways Issues: Gullies were cleared, but the one near to Iron Gates is blocked again with hedge trimmings from the Green Acres site.

P. Adams received the following response from Kier Construction regarding the drainage at Drum Bridges. "I apologise for the delay in responding to your enquiry, but we have been awaiting a response from the design consultants responsible for the scheme. This has now come through and is as follows:

The drainage being installed is predominantly revisions to the original drainage to accommodate the revised road layout. The increase in drained areas as a result of the works is small. Full consultation was undertaken with the relevant statutory authorities to obtain the necessary approvals for the scheme and a Flood Risk Assessment was not required as part of this process.

I trust this information meets with your requirements, but should you have a need for any further details regarding the drainage, these can be addressed to Nigel.Edwards@jacobs.com" P. Adams to write to Nigel Edwards. {03/11/2015}

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FINANCE:

No statement since 1/10/2015.

Balance as of 1/10/2015 is £2282.41.

Precept was discussed and it was decided to maintain the precept at £1400. P. Adams to send the precept request to Teignbridge District Council. Proposed J. Martin, seconded R. Page.

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PLANNING:

None.

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STOVER CANAL:

Rob Harris replied to our concerns over the construction of a bridge through a drainage ditch: "Thank you for your email. I am sorry that your council has not been made aware of the situation as we understand it.

When Devon Council constructed the Stover Trail, a new, continuous bywash channel was created on the field side of the fence. This picks up all the flow from the watercourse passing under the railway and flood water from the meadows. The original bywash alongside the canal is now redundant as its top end has been stopped up by the trail and the overflow weir above the Graving Dock is not in use.

The County asked if the Trust wanted the old bywash filling in but we declined the offer as it will still help drain the trail in times of flood. The blockwork bridge is there to provide a wheelchair access to the lockside path. The upstream dam will be removed as soon as the bridge has been stone clad and the three pipes will allow the water level to balance out .

There has been no planning application made for this structure as it was deemed to be outside the curtilage of the listed structure. However, in view of the concerns of your council, our representative will seek clarification on the matter from Teignbridge planners and we will advise you of their reply when it is received."

"I received an update on the situation at our Trust meeting last evening, as follows:

A planning application is being submitted to Teignbridge planners for work to complete the boiler structure at Graving Dock Lock. This is on the advice of the listed building officer who supports the application to construct a chimney on the existing, listed structure. Also included in this application will be details of the blockwork bridge to formalise the matter of wheelchair access to the lock. Following consultation with the planners we do not anticipate they will have any objections and we hope that, following the usual consultation procedures, the application can be granted.

I hope that you will find this information, together with that regarding drainage previously sent, is sufficient for your council's queries. However, please let me know if you have any further comments."

"The planning application has not yet been submitted to Teignbridge DC for consideration but will be very soon. No doubt it will be brought to the attention of Teigngrace Parish Council in the usual way.

I hope that you did not suffer too badly with the recent flooding. Hopefully, though, it will demonstrate the flows around the Stover Trail and the Graving Dock in particular, have not been adversely affected by its construction. We have some flooding pictures on the Stover Canal Trust Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Stover-Canal-Trust-1377991912473237/>"

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A.O.B.:

Sandbags: Teignbridge District Council have asked if we require any further sandbags. P. Adams to request 50 more. {05/01/2016}

Teigngrace Flood Management Scheme: Robin Selby was concerned over the amount of water entering the scheme upstream of the weir (through the copse). R. Selby to contact Keith Lee at Sibelco to check the banks upstream of the weir. {05/01/2016}

Teigngrace Highways: A. Gale requested that the level crossing sign be removed at Teignbridge Gate as the railway use has stopped. P. Adams to write to Simon Pearson. {05/01/2016}

Flooding, School Road: On 30/12/2015 there was a large volume of water flowing down the stream which runs parallel with School Road. This was flooding the main village road and the bottom of School Road. Imerys were contacted and the Quarry pumps were turned off and this reduced the flow considerably. P. Adams to write to Ian Lee and request that the pumps are routinely turned off during times of flood. {05/01/2016}

Teigngrace Traffic Incidents: There were three more accidents last month all in one week at the bend by 'The Orchard'. Vanessa Pike was contacted so that a record could be maintained so that we can get some traffic calming measures. The response she received from D.C.C. Highways was "Below is the reply I received from Simon Pearson, Neighbourhood Highway Officer. Web Site: www.devon.gov.uk

The Parish Council have raised a similar concern a while back.

Below is an extract of my reply sent to the Parish chairman back in May this year;

With regards to traffic speeds, as you are aware there is not a signed speed limit through the community and having looked at some previous traffic speed data (it is fairly old data, but nothing significant has changed concerning road layouts etc., so is useful for an indication) it doesn't show anything to suggest a problem with speeds.

The data which was taken along the straight section between Ventiford and Hearders bend shows a 24hr average mean speed of 28.2mph and 85%ile of 34.3mph which would be compliant even in a signed 30mph limit.

Unfortunately however, there are always going to be a minority of drivers which choose to travel at an inappropriate speed.

The average daily volume of traffic was only 475 vehicles in a 24hr period, which is the scheme of things is very low.

Having looked at the Police accident data for the last 5 years it only shows one recorded accident involving two vehicles on Ventiford Bridge, and thankfully was just a bump.

The latest ones you mention wouldn't yet be available to view on the database, and in recent years would only be recorded by the Police if injury is caused, as they have taken the decision to not record damage only accidents.

Do you think things have changed recently as a result of all the works going on around Drumbridges and Heathfield? – I think people might perhaps be using Teigngrace a cut through to avoid the works?

I Hope the findings prove useful .”

W. Coombes to contact V. Pike and request a site visit with her and Simon Pearson, so that the situation can be fully explained. {05/01/2016}

Green Acres: The lack of compliance with the details of the planning application and conditions are of serious concern.

- a) Run off from the site is still not being controlled – in fact water was being pumped from the site onto the highway. This is putting the properties at risk of flooding in Ley Green.
- b) There are still additional buildings not covered by the original planning application.
- c) The drainage ditches were full of water and overflowing.
- d) The new building is not mobile and the siting and size of it bears no relation to the planning application.
- e) A septic tank has been installed and the Parish Council were not aware of this having been agreed by the Environment Agency.
- f) The hedge was cut and all the hedge trimmings left in the highway – blocking the gullies once again.

The enforcement officer was supposed to have visited the site by the 18th December 2015. We have not heard any results form this visit.

P. Adams to write to T.D.C. and request a site visit with Mr Hobbs the Planning Enforcement Officer. {05/01/2016}

Meeting closed 21:04.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT PLANNING MEETING WILL BE ON 2nd FEBRUARY 2016, THE NEXT FULL MEETING WILL BE ON 1st MARCH 2016.