

# TEIGNGRACE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018

Present: P. Adams, W. Coombes, A. Gale, J. Martin, J. Penfold.  
C. Martin, G. Gribble, B. Thorne

Apologies: R. Page, V. Pike

Mike Clarke has passed away and J. Martin remembered him for the valued work he did for the Parish Council and the Two Rivers Campaign.

07/18 MINUTES:

Minutes of the Full Meeting held on 9th January 2018 having been circulated, were agreed and signed.

Proposed by A. Gale. Seconded by J. Penfold.

08/18 MATTERS ARISING:

Stover Way: Double Yellow Lines: P. Adams contacted Peter Burge to see if the temporary barriers can be erected to allow the undergrowth to establish. He replied as follows:

"Thank you for your emails and updating me on the situation within Teigngrace. Unfortunately, it seems we are dealing with some very determined individuals, you may remember we discussed that during the works we had at least one-person stop and promise to "drive over that bank when you leave". I know also that an individual (possibly the same individual) made a similar comment to a colleague checking the lines shortly after they were laid.

With this information I believe that any temporary barrier or obstacle will not provide any deterrence (Mr Brooks has already observed someone moving a cone) and as suggested by Mr Brooks the most effective action will be for tickets to be issued. Unfortunately, due to the location, the restriction within Teigngrace will be infrequently visited by the civil enforcement patrols and as a result, there has not been an opportunity to catch these offenders and issue a ticket. However, as we are reasonably confident that these are dog walkers and the visits are regular it should be possible to build a picture of their habits, which I can then provide to the enforcement officer for a number of targeted visits.

As you both live within sight of the restriction (at Ventiford) you are well placed to try and record the times/days vehicles are parked on the lines, I will then pass any patterns observed (over perhaps 2 or 3 weeks) to the civil enforcement team.

Please let me know if you are willing to assist." {12/05/2015}

Teigngrace Highways Issues: P. Adams contacted Scott Riddell regarding various issues, his reply was as follows:

"Thank you for your e-mail.

1. I have driven the two lanes of Ventiford Bridge and I do not agree the patching is poor. With our budgets so limited and trying to stretch them every which way, we are dealing with the safety defects and (unfortunately) the fact a surface is uneven simply cannot be classed as a priority.

2. I have picked up some potholes, which I will log. For your future information, the public can log potholes either through our call centre or through our web site, about a third of the way down our page.

3. I have spotted the lifting DYLS also and will get these sorted." {09/01/2018}

Village Field – J. Penfold to fit a trampoline spring to small gate so that it will self-close. {05/09/2017}

Elector Fund: P. Adams investigated whether Village Hall painting and applied for Grant of £155.10.

Received confirmation as follows:

"Re: Elector Fund Application Ref : 57086

On the understanding that the grant (£155) is to pay towards the cost of refurbishment of the village hall as per your application. Please accept this e-mail as confirmation that you have been awarded an Elector fund grant." [09/01/2018]

Vehicle Issues: White Iveco P. Adams to contacted Vanessa Pike. Her reply was as follows: "Just to let you know myself and the Neighbourhood Beat Manager (PC 1824 Graham Derbyshire) checked the 5 issues today that you have raised.

1. WA07CDU, area checked vehicle not found.
2. Black Audi, area checked vehicle not found.
3. Silver Mini, Brooks Lane checked vehicle not found.

We will check the above again when we are on our next set of late shifts.

4. Small White car at Forches Cross has been moved.

5. Double Yellow Lines checked this morning, will monitor over the next few months. I have also liaised with Mr Brooks who has been in contact with Highways. In order to help the Civil Enforcement Officers enforce the lines a bigger picture needs to be built up by monitoring the area over some time. In the meantime we will keep checking the area and deal with any issues detected.

We will contact you next week after our late shifts to report our findings." [09/01/2018]

Network Rail Access: P. Adams wrote to Network Rail, as gate was unlocked. Reply was as follows:

"Thank you for getting in touch regarding the Network Rail gate left unlocked. Our control have alerted the line operations manager local to the area, we anticipate this will be corrected shortly if not already.

Thanks again for taking the time to get in touch. If you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact me." [09/01/2018]

Parish Litter: J. Martin contacted the Teignbridge Blitz Team who have been out and collected the rubbish. [09/01/2018]

Brocks Tor: 4WD vehicle now entering, P. Adams to contacted English Nature / Devon County Council again to see if the hole can be blocked. The reply was as follows:

"Coincidentally, I was there this morning!

The Oak bollards at the roadside are locked in place and do not appear to have been tampered with.

One of the timber chicane gates was open; as it has been most times, I've visited since the trail was commissioned. Previously I have relocked the combination padlock and left them as they were intended. Today, this was not possible as the drop bolt and padlock had been removed.

As the bollards and chicane gates prevent unauthorised vehicular access, the only illegal incursions could be from motorcycles and possibly quad bikes who can pass through the gap provided for cycles and horse riders.

To my knowledge, the only party with a need and right to access the site is Devon Wildlife Trust or their contractors and I will contact them to see if they have any information regarding the missing gate lock.

Interestingly, their field gate on to the permissive footpath was also missing the padlock usually in place and thus perhaps they have recently been on site?

Alternatively, it is possible that persons unknown have opened the gate to permit easier horse or cycle access. Following the Rowcroft Hospice charity event last October, I did check that the gates had been returned to a locked position.

Just spoken to DWT who say there was a mini digger working at Brocks Farm before Christmas and which by-passed the bollards to get in, so my assumptions about vehicle access disproved.

I'll replace the lock and monitor situation."

I've just spoken to Andy Bakere of DWT who thinks the graziers on Teigngrace Meadow may have been using the trail to access their stock currently on site. Andy informs me that previously they have bought and replaced a padlock, so it may be that cyclists have damaged the gate in order to widen their access?"

It appears to have been the grazier gaining access to the site. [09/01/2018]

Ivy on the back of the Coach House: J. Penfold has removed this. [09/01/2018]

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FINANCE:

Statement balance 01/02/2018 is £2094.95.  
£433.15 VAT claim was received on 01/02/2018.  
Cheque 000156 raised to P. Adams for £208.66 cashed on 17/01/2018.  
P. Adams submitted the Precept application.  
Proposed J. Martin, Seconded J. Penfold.

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PLANNING:

My Ref: 18/00192/FUL  
Location: TEIGNGRACE - 2 Ley Green Farm Cottages, Teigngrace  
Proposal: Erection of double garage  
Applicant: Mr A Franklin

Web Link:

<https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning/forms/planning-application-details/?Type=Application&Refval=18/00192/FUL&MN=Y>

Full Planning Application

No objections  
[5 For, 0 Against]

Reference: 17/02647/TPO  
Location: TEIGNGRACE - Oak View, Teigngrace  
Proposal: Crown reduce by up to 20% one oak tree (T1)  
Applicant: Mr Mike Cockcroft

Consent Refused.

Alder Park, Teigngrace, Devon, TQ12 6QW  
Appeal against the refusal of planning application 16/03079/FUL - Provision of timber hut to provide refreshment kiosk and change of use of land to create picnic area for outside seating (Use Class A3). Provision of sewage treatment plan.  
An appeal has been received as detailed above.

My Ref: 18/00472/FUL  
Location: TEIGNGRACE - Newton Abbot Racecourse, Newton Road  
Proposal: First floor extension to form new Owners and Trainers lounge  
Applicant: Newton Abbot Races Limited

Web Link:

<https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning/forms/planning-application-details/?Type=Application&Refval=18/00472/FUL&MN=Y>

Full Planning Application

Objecting on the grounds of reduced flood plain capacity and no detailed flood compensation scheme has been submitted as part of the application.  
[0 For, 5 Against]

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STOVER CANAL:

P. Adams requested a copy of the minutes of the Stover Canal Trust Management Committee Meeting minutes, so that we have up to date information. J. Pike replied as follows:

“The Stover Canal Trust Management Committee considered your request at its meeting on 7 February. The Committee agrees that it is important that the Parish Council knows what works etc. will be taking place on the canal. However, it considers that supplying minutes is not the appropriate way of achieving this outcome.

As you probably know, the Trust was set up with trustees appointed by all the councils concerned with the restoration of the canal - Devon County, Teignbridge, Newton Abbot, Kingsteignton and Teigngrace. The purpose of this was to enable the councils to influence the work of the Trust and to be kept informed of the Trust's activities. The trustees are entitled to attend all Management Committee meetings, as well as Trustee meetings, and receive copies of all minutes.

At the meeting on 7 February, the Management Committee concluded that the present system provides sufficient opportunity for feedback of information to the Trust's member councils through their representative trustees. In the case of Teigngrace, your trustee is John Martin who has confirmed that he understands his role and will fulfil it on behalf of the council.

The Management Committee recognises the particularly close interest that Teigngrace Parish Council has in the Trust's work on the canal. Consequently the Committee would also like to continue to offer a speaker at Council meetings, either in response to a specific request or when considered important to do so by the Trust. This will enable the Trust's work to be explained fully to councillors and, most importantly, their questions and any outstanding concerns to be addressed directly.”

J. Martin reported that the Trust has applied for some grants (Tesco). The AGM will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> March in Kingsteignton Hall 10:30.

J. Martin to circulate the Stover Canal Trust minutes to the Parish Council, so that they can review them before the next meeting.

It was suggested that the Stover Canal section be dropped from the meeting and any issues arising from the Stover Canal Trust minutes will be discussed in A.O.B.as for other local issues.

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A.O.B.:

Gypsy Forum Meeting: J. Penfold reported that he had received the minutes from the last gypsy forum with Teignbridge District Council from November...

The interesting paragraph was as below:

“To determine whether there is a reduction in Gypsy or Traveller pitches of affordable bricks and mortar housing we have to take each site on its merits. An option that can be considered is the provision of these pitches outside the allocated site. For example, both our NA1 and SWE1 allocations require pitches. Rather than trying to get them on these residential sites, it would be acceptable to provide them “off-site” elsewhere. This could be a more cost effective option and would likely be also preferable for the Gypsy and Traveller community. A financial contribution could also be provided to the Council but if this happens the Council would need to have a location in mind to the pitches and have a genuine ability to deliver”.

This is something the Parish Council will need to keep an eye on.

Regarding the proposed site at Liverton, the EA objection was on the grounds of clay soil and poor drainage. This is something that should have been applied locally as well.

[06/03/2018]

Heathfield Railway: This was highlighted as the group are now trying to raise funding. The Parish Council will need to ensure that they are aware of any developments.

Meeting closed 20:43.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT PLANNING MEETING WILL BE ON 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2018, THE NEXT AGM / FULL MEETING WILL BE ON 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2018.