

Parish Meeting of Ogbourne St Andrew Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7pm on 4th September 2017 at The Haven.

Present: John Hetherington (Chair)
John Edmunds
Alan Brown
Yvonne Parsons
Nick Parsons
Steve Heaven
Sid Vincent
Jenni Clarke

- 1. Minutes of the last meeting** were read and approved.
- 2. Matters arising.**

Alan referred back to the quote he got for maintaining the church yard and said he thought that whilst the price was much the same as the PCC were already paying, the end result would be of a much higher standard.

John H noted that we had put a notice on the website asking for ideas on what we could spend a grant for £2000 from the Wroughton Solar Park but we had not had any response so the matter has been left open. John was going to check if we could possibly have the old telephone booth in Ogbourne St George that is presently not in use. If we can we would buy a defibrillator for the village and keep it in the telephone booth.

Jenni had bought the 20 mph speed limit stickers for the wheelie bins and distributed them around the village. Anyone needing more can contact her.

Steve is about to revamp the OM noticeboard, a previous attempt to take it down was hampered by a vehicle parked right in front of it.

Most of the wood and chippings from the felled willow tree at the bridge have been removed now only leaving a few very large logs. They will make for a nice little habitat for various fauna and flora.

After Nick had looked into the cost of having a skip, it was decided not to get one as it was very expensive and complicated with what you can and can't put in it. Also with the excellent recycle facility in Marlborough now it is easy enough for people to deal with their waste.

3. Crawlings Piece.

There is no recent news on the project but there is a CATG meeting on the 21/09/17 and John H will find out then what progress has been made. The project is meant to have been given priority status and it has been agreed that the Parish Council should contribute £1000.

4. Road Closure due to water works

It has come to the Council's attention that Thames Water plan to carry out mains replacement work in Ogbourne St Andrew and intend to temporarily close the road through the village up to Townsend. The only vehicle access will be between Wet Pits Lane and its junction with the A346. Wiltshire Council has already made an Order to close the road temporarily. The Order will come into operation on 3 October 2017 and it is anticipated that it will be required until 19 January 2018 depending upon the weather conditions. Pedestrian access will be maintained for residents and business and the Order will have a maximum duration of 18 months.

We feel that decisions were made without a full understanding of the situation and this plan cannot be allowed to go ahead for various reasons, not least because of the danger of the junction between Wet Pits Lane and the A346. Yvonne Parsons is looking into why we have not been notified of this work and to see if we can meet with the appropriate people to point out all of our concerns.

5. Planning

There were 2 planning applications discussed.

- a. **Maizey Manor** – this is a renewal of their application and they are simply altering rooms and windows internally. There were no objections.
- b. **Meadowside in Church Lane** – they want to extend the length of the porch, enlarge some windows, add a balcony and sliding glass doors to the main bedroom and put in some skylights. There were no objections.

6. Finance

Funds available to the PC as at 04/09/17 were confirmed as:

• Current account	£2670.82
• Savings account	<u>£2,045.61</u>
• Total	£4,716.43

The Annual Return has been audited by Grant Thornton and returned with no problems.

7. Jobs for the Parish Steward

New jobs for the Parish Steward are

1. To clean out the drains again, particularly the one opposite the War Memorial and the one by Field Cottage on the main road
2. To clear the straw and leaves that accumulate against the kerbs of the roads.

8. Any Other Business

Following a letter from Andrew McCord about the protection of the War Memorial it was decided that we would take up his offer of providing some large Sarsen rocks to place strategically around the triangle to help stop people driving over the grass or even colliding with the memorial.

Sid Vincent met up with Mr Carter recently. Following the Parish Council's comments on proposals for changes at Flaxfield, Mr Carter assured Sid that he had looked into it all very carefully and had checked that he was abiding by all the rules and regulations.

Yvonne brought up the problem of a lot of traffic coming through the village thinking it is an alternative route when there is an incident on the A346. Nick is going to look into the possibility of putting up a sign saying 'No Through Road, Access only'.

Jenni mentioned that there had been an increase in speeding through the village over the summer especially in the evenings. She wondered if we could get the police to do some spot checks.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th November 2017 at 7pm at The Haven, Ogbourne Maizey.