

Parish of Ogbourne St Andrew, Ogbourne Maizey and Rockley

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7pm on 11th September 2018 at The Haven.

Present: John Hetherington (Chair)
Jenni Clarke (Clerk)
John Edmonds
Alan Brown
Steve Heaven
Ian Davis

Apologies: Yvonne Parsons
Nick Parsons
Sid Vincent

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read out and adopted.

2. Matters Arising

Steve Heaven was thanked for revamping the Maizey noticeboard. It is looking very good now and there are just a couple of little hitches to correct.

Jenni Clarke confirmed that the war memorial cross is insured.

The Heritage Board's planning application has been approved and is going ahead.

Nothing has happened about the tree on the corner of the main road so **Sid Vincent** is reminded about finding someone to cut it down and also finding some big sarson stones to protect the war memorial. **JC to remind him.**

On the GDP Regulations **Nick Parsons** is going to produce a form for the parish councillors to sign as they are the only ones of whom we keep personal details. **JC to remind him.**

We have recently been reminded that councillors must update their personal and business interests online annually.

3. CATG Matters

The speed restriction signs have been put up in Ogbourne Maizey.

JH confirmed that we will have to pay about £1000 towards the cost of the new bin area for Crawlings Piece.

4. Donation to the PCC for Maintenance of the Churchyard

The decision on how much to give the PCC towards the ground maintenance of the churchyard was postponed from the last meeting because there were only 3 people present. **Alan Brown** suggested that rather than give a donation, the Parish Council takes over the responsibility of keeping the churchyard tidy as from next year and he is going to get some quotes for that. A previous quote that Alan got in June last year was £1,583 from RB Garden Services. In the mean time it was decided we should give the PCC £500 again this year.

5. Bungalow at the end of Church Lane

It has been noted that the bungalow called **Meadowside** has been completely demolished and there is concern as to whether the owner, Mr Mike Place, has had permission to demolish the house and rebuild it. Last year we did pass a planning application to do certain alterations but not to demolish it. **JH is going to investigate.**

Post Meeting : John did get hold of Mike Place. Apparently when the builder removed those components of the house that were to go, the structure became unstable and had to be demolished. The builder is now pressing on and is building a house identical to the finally agreed plans. Wiltshire building inspector has visited the site this week and is overseeing the work. Mike said he had not told the planning department about all this and John advised him that he should keep them updated. He might find that if the house lies within a conservation area he may have needed a licence to demolish the house.

6. Planning

The renovation of **The Old Cottage** (a listed building) is now going ahead but **AB** reported that there seems to be a new building going up at the bottom of the garden which was not in the original plans. **JH is to investigate this as well.**

Post Meeting: John visited the property and found a 12 foot square concrete slab with electricity cables and a mains water pipe running to it. This was intended as a shed but John pointed out that they would probably need planning permission since it now has power and water supplies. He suggested the owner gets in touch with Wiltshire Council to clarify the situation.

The Forge has applied for permission to reduce the height of the walnut tree in their garden. There were no objections.

7. Finances

There was little to report. Alex Hegarty has been paid £45 for printing the newsletter and Steve Heaven was paid £55.16 for materials to repair the noticeboard.

The Current A/c stands at £2,998.12 and

The Savings A/c £4,056.

8. Parish Steward Jobs

Two jobs were sited

- a. clearing the foot path along the A346 between St Andrew and St George
- b. digging out the ditch along the road into St Andrew alongside Crowlynch

After the last meeting **JC** wrote to Martin Cook asking for our parish steward's details and help for Badger's Corner but has not had a reply. **JH** is going to approach him again at the next CATG meeting.

We are concerned that our villages are looking rather untidy and neglected and we can no longer rely on Wiltshire Council to tidy up. It was suggested that the Parish Council should possibly purchase a strimmer and some weed killer so that we can tackle some of the problems ourselves. Another suggestion was trying to find someone who would be prepared to do some tidying up and we would pay them. This also brought up the possibility of increasing the precept in order to do that.

9. Any Other Business

JH advised that he will be away for our meeting in January so Alan will chair.

JC no longer has a commitment on Monday evenings so we will revert back to PC meetings always being held on the first Monday of alternative months.

Post Meeting: **SH** cannot do the first Monday of the month so we will seek agreement on the second Monday of the month instead.

Therefore the next meeting will be on **Monday 12th November at 7pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.