

Parish of Ogbourne St Andrew, Ogbourne Maizey and Rockley

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7pm on 11th February 2019 at The Haven.

Present: John Hetherington (Chair)
Jenni Clarke (Clerk)
John Edmonds
Yvonne Parsons
Nick Parsons
Sid Vincent

Apologies: Steve Heaven
Alan Brown

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

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

2. Matters Arising

Steve Heaven is still to fix the hinge and seal on the Maizey notice board .

Sid Vincent is aware that he is still going to organise the cutting down of the tree on the corner with the A346 at the war memorial and also find some large sarsen stones to put around the war memorial.

Nick Parsons is going to find out more about what is needed by law if residents are going to watch for speeding on the main road and then we will make an appeal for volunteers through the newsletter.

It was noted that the line of white stones along the road up at Maizey Farm was still there.
John Hetherington will follow up on this again with Martin Cooke at the next CATG meeting.

Nick Parsons is sending out the declaration form that he produced in accordance with GDP Regulations for the councillors to sign so that their details and photos can be used on the website and for other documentation.

3. The Rebuilding of Meadowside

Various people have expressed concern over the height of the new house on this property. The owner did apply and was granted approval for a loft conversion but subsequently the whole house was demolished and is now being rebuilt. The PC did not object to the original planning application because the conversion would have taken place under the existing roof.

However, now the whole roof has been rebuilt and it is considerably higher than the last one. The Parish Council will be sending a formal objection to Wiltshire Council.

4. Churchyard Maintenance

It was decided for various reasons that the Parish Council should not take on the full responsibility of maintaining the church grounds. However we will support the PCC with more money when possible and will source some new quotes for the maintenance required in order to save money.

5. Planning

The only planning application was for **Meadowside**. They are planning to cut down the 7 large Conifers lining the front of their plot. It was noted that these trees were obviously planted as a windbreak but the PC has no objections as long as they have consulted all their surrounding neighbours. **John Edmonds** will respond to WC with a statement to that effect.

6. Finances

The Current A/C stands at £2,735.75 and the Savings A/C at £4,079.96

JC applied for the Precept in January and it will remain at £20 per household. We have received an invoice for £1000 from WC for the work done on the wheelie bin area for Crawlings Piece. This will be paid before the end of the month.

7. Jobs for the Parish Steward

Jobs for the Parish Steward are

1. Clear the culvert into the River Og near Wet Pits.
2. Clear the gully that runs down from Rosie's Meadow to the River Og in Ogbourne Maisey.
3. Clear the drain outside The Marr.

8. Correspondence

We have received an email from Simon Meyer who lives in The Old Cottage, complaining about the amount of dog fouling in the village and particularly on the verge of his property. He has written an article about it for the next newsletter and JC has given him some stickers to put up outside his house. The PC will reinforce the message that people must pick up after their dogs and explain that they need to be aware of the health risks involved because dogs eat meat as opposed to grass.

9. Other Business

JC to contact Thames Water and request that they come and repair two of their tarmac patches in the road on the corner of The Old Forge in Og St. Andrew.

YP is concerned about the activities involved in building the extension at Townsend. In the planning application the conditions were that no hedge should be taken out and no new access or drive be put in. Both of these have happened. The PC will again be sending a formal complaint to Wiltshire Council.

YP also queried whether the white lines on the A346 at Bay Bridges could be reinstated as it is difficult to see where the road ends and the lay-by starts. **JH** to follow up on that with Martin Cooke.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 15th April 2019 at 7pm.**