**Parish of Ogbourne St Andrew,**

**Ogbourne Maizey and Rockley**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

Held by Zoom at 7pm on 18th May 2020.

**Present:** John Hetherington (Chair)

Jenni Clarke (Clerk)

Yvonne Parsons

Nick Parsons

Sid Vincent

Alan Brown

**Apologies:** Steve Heaven

John Edmunds

1. **A Summary of Lockdown**

There has been no Parish Council meeting since lock-down. This is the first meeting to be held by Zoom. **Nick Parsons** summarised what has been happening.

The Speed Watch Course was booked to go ahead on the 19th March and then lock-down came into force a few days before that date**.** Hopefully we will pick up with this when things returns to normal.

This yearflooding in the parishwas” just manageable”. Nick has a Wiltshire Council water engineer coming out to identify the problem areas near Sheepridge and Wet Pits. He will report back on this later.

**Nick** has applied to SSE for £3000 of funding to support our flood response efforts. The idea is to buy an old shipping container and convert part of it into an office and keep the other half for storage of equipment. It will be placed on a small piece of land off Wet Pits Lane which the council owns and will need to be cleared first. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 again, the SSE has changed its priorities for this year but has informed Nick that his submission was good enough to get funding at a later date.

The Council still plans to go ahead with the naming of the roads in the village. Bruce Fox suggested consulting the 1842 map of OSA and Nick has discovered that there is funding available for new road signs. So the following has been established:

The road from the War Memorial to The Forge is called **Hassichs Lane**

The road from The Forge to Townsend is called **Reeves Lane** and

The road from the Church to The Maundrells is called **Poughcombe Lane**.

1. **Planning**

**The Gregorys** in Box Lane have applied for a minor adjustment to be made to the plans that have already been agreed. There were no objections.

1. **Finances**

**Jenni Clarke** presented a draft of the Accounts Statement for the FYE 31 March 2020. It will be presented again at July’s meeting for signing in person. This year’s Precept of £3907.20 was paid into our bank account in April and we spent £330 on a skip for the benefit of the local community.

The two bank balances are as follows:

**Current account £6924 Savings account £4080.** It was decided to transfer £3000 from the current account into the savings account. John Hetherington also suggested that the village needs a defibrillator.

1. **Jobs for the Parish Steward**

There were no jobs for the Steward but **John H** will ask David Pittams if he could regularly cut the grass on the main road between Crawlings Piece and the Bus Stop.

It was reaffirmed that people must cut their own hedges back from the public pavements and they should be made aware that they will be held liable if anyone has an accident caused by overgrown shrubbery.

People should also choose carefully when to light bonfires and show consideration to their neighbours.

1. **Any Other Business.**

It was agreed that the **75th VE day celebrations** went off well and a lot of people made a great effort and enjoyed the day.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

**The next meeting will be on** **Monday 13th July 2020 at 7pm**.

Future meetings will be Monday 14th September 2020

Monday 9th November 2020

Monday 11th January 2021

Monday 8th March 2021