**Parish of Ogbourne St Andrew,**

**Ogbourne Maizey and Rockley**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

Held by Zoom at 7pm on 13th July 2020.

**Present:** John Hetherington (Chair)

Jenni Clarke (Clerk)

Yvonne Parsons

Nick Parsons

Sid Vincent

Alan Brown

John Edmunds

Carol Davis

Ian Davis

**Apologies:** Steve Heaven

1. **Minutes of the last meeting.**

The minutes of the previous meetingwere read out and adopted.

1. **Matters Arising**

In the light of how little time the parish steward is allocated to our village, Jenni Clarke suggested that we could possibly hire someone to come and do a full day’s work once a month to help keep things neat and tidy. It would probably entail some strimming, weeding and clearing of pavements. Alan Brown pointed out that the WI tree near The Willows needed attention.

1. **The Chairman’s Report**

**John Hetherington** gave his annual report touching on the exceptional circumstances in which we all find ourselves this year due to Covid-19. He pointed out that this was an historic occasion conducting our meeting on Zoom and still including parishioners who wished to attend. He spoke of the community spirit in the village and the success of the 75th VE Day Celebrations and also the coming together of people to help each other and the vulnerable. Unfortunately as a Parish Council, he said we accomplished less than we would have wished because most of our initiatives were put on hold due to lockdown. However they are in hand and will be picked up in the future. These include the flooding issues of the winter, the naming of our roads in St Andrew and the speed monitoring on the A346. He announced that **Jenni Clarke** had resigned from her post as Parish Clerk and thanked her for her contribution. **Action:** Advertise for Jenni’s replacement. His full report is available to read on the parish website **osa.org.uk**

1. **Finances**

**Jenni Clarke** presented the Final Accounts for the FYE 31 March 2020. The documents were sent out by email to all the councillors and attendees prior to the meeting. There were no queries and the Accounts were approved.

We have spent very little money in the past few years whilst we recover our savings following the installation of the speed indicator devices in 2017. I am pleased to say we have done this. The two bank balances are now in a much healthier state as follows:

**Current account £3119.97 Savings account £7112.60**

Most of our annual bills and subscriptions for the yearhave already been paid. I have budgeted £1000 for remaining costs which are essentially the clerk’s salary and the website. Another £1000 has been reserved for setting up an office/storeroom in the form of an old container for **Nick Parsons** to operate from in times of flooding or large snowfall. Nick has applied for an SSE grant to help with this project and the container will be placed in the woodland plot near Wet Pits which the parish council owns. The grant scheme has been put on hold for this year to direct the money towards covid related projects but Nick has been reassured that it would be acceptable in the future.

1. **Planning**

**Southview –** the application involves crowning 2 trees and reducing their height by 50%. There were no objections.

**Beechcroft, The Olympia –** the application involves the demolition of the existing conservatory and the erection of a single storey rear extension. It will not be visible to anyone and there were no objections.

1. **Jobs for the Parish Steward**

Two jobs for the parish steward.

* + - 1. Clear the footpath between St Andrew and Maisey
      2. Clean all the signs

It was reaffirmed that people must cut their own hedges back from the public pavements.

**Action:** JH to do a flyer to put through doors reminding people that they are responsible for their pavements and their part of the riverbed if they have one.

1. **Any Other Business.**

**New projects for the year –** In connection with the naming of the roads **Nick Parsons** will find out if there is an added costfor giving the properties numbers now that there will be road names because most houses at the moment have names and not numbers.

He also plans to apply for the re tarring of most of the roads in the villages as most of them have not been done for many years and are in a bad state of repair.

As another project for this year **Yvonne Parsons** suggested we install a few dog pooh bins in the villages and have them properly managed.

The meeting closed at 8 pm.

**The next meeting will be on** **Monday 14th September 2020 at 7pm**.

Future meetings will be Monday 9th November 2020

Monday 11th January 2021

Monday 8th March 2021