**Parish of Ogbourne St Andrew,**

**Ogbourne Maizey and Rockley**

**Revised Minutes of the Meeting**

Held by Zoom at 7pm on 14th September 2020.

**Present:** John Hetherington (Chair)

Jenni Clarke (Clerk)

 Nick Parsons

Alan Brown

Sid Vincent

Public present Ian and Carol Davis

Liz Wright

Rob Mills

Stuart Williamson

Richard Sollis

Sue McNally Mills

**Apologies:** Yvonne Parsons

 John Edmunds

 Steve Heaven

1. **Matters Arising from the Last Meeting**

It was agreed to go forward with the suggestion that we should hire someone once a month to help keep the villages tidy. **Jenni Clarke** suggested Darren West and will approach him and see if he is interested.

**Nick Parsons** reported that the land has been cleared and levelled and the container has arrived. Soon it will be painted green and the Hazel trees cut into a proper hedge. It will then be ready to accept a delivery of salt for the winter.

**Amendment to Parish Minutes - 14 Sept 20**.

Road Naming – Ogbourne St Andrew

9 Months ago, a proposal was put forward by Cllr Nick Parsons, In the light of Emergency Vehicles, Delivery firms and Taxi, having issues finding houses around Ogbourne St Andrew, to look at the naming of 3 Roads within Ogbourne St Andrew. Several street name proposals were put forward from Bruce Fox and Angie Maundrell, based on local and historical (1842 Tithe Map) knowledge.

In liaison with Wiltshire County Council, the proposal was reviewed, however it was made clear that any changes to Street names, regardless if that street hadn’t been named before, an attempt by Cllr Nick Parsons to redress on the basis that the street never historically had a name and that Wiltshire Council had a statutory duty to name and number streets as well as cover the costs, met with negative results. However, it was pointed out that regardless if the house was ‘Named’ or ‘Numbered’ currently, there would be a financial cost, initially of £133.40 not including VAT per street to be named, then £48.51 for each subsequent effected house, then a extra £60.64, if a house was already ‘named’.

Further funding would be required, to produce and site the new street name sign to a cost of £250 for each sign, supplied and installed by Wiltshire County Council.
Additionally, it was explained that every house owner would have to consent in writing to the Road Naming changes to take place, with any dissents then leading into a possible lengthy and legal action. Also, every house holder would be responsible for changing their own house details with the Bank, Insurers etc.

Following a briefing to the Parish Council on the progress of the Road Naming proposal and the overall Financial cost now over £3000+, it was felt by Cllr Nick Parsons, that the public money could be spent on other projects for the good and benefit of the entire Parish and that the Road Naming proposal for Ogbourne St Andrew was a non-starter, which was agreed by Parish Council members.

Further information on Street naming, processes and costs, can be found on the below link:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/streetnaming>

1. **Update on Community Pub**

**John Hetherington** has circulated a letter explaining that the pub, Silks on the Downs, is up for sale and the owner Mark Braddock has given the village first refusal to buy it. John has recruited 12 volunteers to help with a steering group and they are now looking for a leader to guide the group. This would have to be someone who believes passionately in the project and has the enthusiasm to drive the project forward.

1. **20mph Zone in Maizey**

**John H** has put in another bid to CATG to get the speed limit reduced in Maizey and has asked for the necessary metro count to check on what speed people are travelling at now. He is suggesting that instead of waiting years for CATG to approve it, in which case it would be paid for by WC, we should pay for it ourselves and get it done much sooner.

1. **Bonfires**

Nick P has reiterated the warnings from Wiltshire Council about people making bonfires in their gardens. He will be printing out the directive from WC and putting it up on the notice boards. It is also up on the website. Essentially the community need to make small fires rather than large ones and be much more considerate of their neighbours and the prevailing winds.

1. **Cycle Track Signage**

**Alan Brown** suggested that some **Caution** signs should be put up at certain main intersections on the cycle track both for cyclists and walkers because cyclists tend to approach these points at great speed and there could be a car approaching at the same time. The points in question are the road up to Crawlings Piece, the entrance to the Copplestone’s Farm and the intersection at the end of the Copplestone’s farm, up from Wetpits Road . Alan will contact Sustrans about this. It was also noted that some of the information on the new signposting is incorrect.

1. **Unknown Caravan at the top of the downs** (behind Crawlings Piece)

John H is to investigate the situation and try to establish who has set up camp there. Apparently the man works at Emma Lavell’s stables. However this is not a satisfactory situation and suitable action needs to be taken.

1. **Path leading from Olympia to Maizey**

The path that runs behind the houses in the Olympia has become very overgrown over the years. As a byeway the path should be a lot wider than it is at present and this is due to trees and creepers encroaching over the fence of the neighbouring property. **John H** will contact Catherine Burrell and seek agreement on how we deal with this.

1. **Finances**

The two bank balances are as follows:

 **Current account £2517.91 Savings account £7112.60 Jenni Clarke** said the finances were looking very healthy at this stage and we were now able to commit to a few new projects.

She explained that the internal auditor Liz Wright, had not been entirely happy with the final accounts this year and so together they had revised them into a more comprehensive format for the future.

Jenni reported on the parish website saying that all websites now have to be compliant with new laws on accessibility for disabled people and therefore she is booked on a webinar to understand what that entails.

She also commented on our agreement with Ford Fuels called the Cygnet Consortium and how difficult it is to contact the Manager when it comes to claiming our annual agreed rebate from them.

1. **Planning**

There are 3 planning applications that have been approved.

**The Old Cottage** - creation of a parking bay.

**The Old School** - overgrown hedge to be cut to ground level, a Silver Birch needs trimming and a crown reduction to a Common Ash overhanging the road.

**2 The Willows** – replacement garage with hard standing and gate to the road.

1. **Jobs for the Parish Steward**
	1. The open culvert opposite Crowlynch needs clearing.
	2. Some of the drains need clearing as they are blocked with straw.

**Post dated: Ian Davis has reported both of these two jobs on My Wiltshire**

1. **Correspondence**

**John H** received an email from the treasurer of the PCC requesting assistance for the maintenance of the churchyard. £500 will be sent to the Church. The PCC also queried the demise of the notice board just outside the church grounds and it was suggested that they should see to it replacement themselves.

1. **New Parish Clerk**

The advertisement period has expired and it was decided that the role should go to Charlie Usher. However Charlie decided to withdraw her application and **Allison Holland** offered her services. Since Allison had been the Clerk prior to Jenni Clarke, she is very familiar with the role and she will be reinstated as the new parish Clerk from October.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 9th November 2020** and the remaining two of the year will be:

Monday 11th January 2021

Monday 8th March 2021