

# Ogbourne St Andrew, Ogbourne Maizey and Rockley, Parish Council Meeting

## Minutes of the Meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7 pm

at

4, Wet Pits Lane, Ogbourne St Andrew

**Present:** Nick Parsons (Chair)  
Elizabeth Wright (Clerk)  
John Hetherington  
Yvonne Parsons  
John Edmunds  
Brian Dean

**Apologies:** Alan Brown  
Stuart Williamson

- 1. Minutes from the last Meeting:** The minutes from the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 was approved.

### **2. Matters Arising:**

NP stated that SW was unable to attend this Parish Council meeting to update the members of the Council of recent developments, however it was noted that Parish volunteers had recently assisted with the clearing up of the Silks Grounds, despite the harsh weather that day.

NP mentioned as there have been no comments received or amendments requested about the previously discussed draft Parish Council Governance Statement and draft Standing Orders by Parish Councillors, these will now be adopted and uploaded to the Parish Council Website.

Following the implementation of offsetting the cost of producing the Parish Newsletter, Alex Hegarty has currently not received any enquiries about placing adverts in the Parish Newsletter, however AH will shortly start the production of the December issue.

NP confirmed that bus stops, and their current repairs are the responsibility of the Parish Council as WCC has reduced its liabilities by handing them over to Parish Councils to maintain. Work is required to repair the Swindon side Bus Stop roof.

NP stated that the works on the A346 pavement to remove compacted obstructions from the Junction of the A346 Ogbourne Maisey, to the War memorial are still waiting clearance by WCC. NP to Chase

WCC still have not completed the hedge and foot pass cutting and clearance between Ogbourne St Andrew and Ogbourne St George – AB & NP are chasing. (At the time of writing up the minutes this works has been carried out)

NP has ascertained that the grassland by Rockley Church, was the location of the Rockley missing notice board, confirmation has been sort via WCC to confirm that this triangle of grassland is not privately owned, before a replacement noticeboard is place

NP mentioned that the next CATG meeting is on 09 Dec 21 location TBC, NP confirmed that in consultation with CATG he had reduced our previous Traffic Assessment costs for the Ogbourne Maisey speed review from 100% (£2500) to 25% (£625).

NP stated the grit bins have been checked for content; JE mentioned that the contents of Rockley's bin is solid, NP suggested that this could be put forward as a request for the Parish Steward to undertake.

### **3. Village Maintenance.**

- a) **Drains** NP mentioned that Parishioners should be encouraged to report drains that need clearing via the My Wilts APP, currently the drain at Wet Pits needs to be flushed at least twice a year. BD mentioned that the drain on the main road opposite the War Memorial floods when it rains, this has been reported to WCC, also JE reported, that the road outside Box Cottage needs new verge gutters cut made to drain the water into the river off the road. this has been reported to WCC.
- b) NP asked that pictures should be taken of any flooding, which can then be shared with WCC for forward flood planning.
- c) NP asked that if any Councillors reported any work with the My Wilts App could they record the reference number for future reference.

#### **4. Planning.**

- a) There was only one application for our parish at Stable Cottage, Old Eagle, where they wish to erect an orangery at the rear of the property. (JH)  
Application agreed and passed.
- b) JH was asked where the Parish conservation area ends and where are the boundaries of the AONB. JH to investigate further.

#### **5. Financial Report:**

Current Account: TBC      Saving Account: TBC      Total Funds: TBC

Due to a signatory issue with the handover of accounts on the change of the Parish Clerk, the current account information was available. Once the issue is corrected the account details will be made available to all.

NP notified Parish Council members a Parish Budget review for the 22/23 budget year needs to be considered, the precept set, and the details reported to WCC by 18 Jan 2022. NP noted that there has been no change to the precept for the last four years, and if there was to be an increase the precept, a justification for their increase would have to be discussed at the Parish budget review meeting.

#### **7. Correspondence:**

- a) A new booklet has been received from WCC: "Community Environmental Toolkit" it was noted that the pages were incomplete, and a replacement copy requested from WCC.
- b) Wiltshire Police: Have appealed for help with their Community Christmas Appeal. asking for donations or help from people to pack hampers and deliver boxes to lonely and isolated people over Christmas. Full details on this appeal can be sort from the Parish Clerk.
- c) NP noted that there was an emailed request from the **PCC** for financial support to the Parish Church. NP stated that this request would have to be reviewed, along with any other financial request from Parishioners or interested organisations at the Parish Budget review meeting, not only to ensure that it was legal to do so, but to judge the overall benefit the Parish Community as whole would receive from that financial donation from public funds.

#### **8. Community Speed Watch**

There are now 10 trained CSW volunteers, however during a recent Wiltshire Police location review of the areas potentially used by the CSW, it was noted that on average the 30-mph speed limit through the village was actually exceeding 41.7 mph, this means not only does a further average road speed survey to be carried out

before the CSW can safely start, but we may see a greater presence of Police in our area in the interim. The last road survey of the A346 was carried out in 2012.

## **9. Winter Preparations**

- a) NP stated that he holds several specialist inflatable sandbags in the Parish Storage facility, Parishioners with potential and historical flooding issues can ask for a number if required.
- b) The Parish Storage container combination code number will be given to all Councillors for Emergency use.
- c) The Parish emergency plan is being reviewed, any Parishioners who would like to volunteer to assist during a Village Emergency, should pass on their details to the Parish Clerk, equally if you have item such as Tractors, Chainsaws, Power Generators or Pumps that could be used in an emergency, please pass on your details.
- d) NP stated that if any local farmer or landowner who was willing to clear snow, through the village could be paid by WCC for doing so. Interested Parishioners should pass on their details to the Parish Clerk for their details to be passed to WCC.

## **10. AOB**

- a) As a security precaution councillors private email addresses will be removed from the Parish Website. Emails sent to the Parish Clerk can be marked for the attention of, which will be forwarded to the relevant person by the clerk.
- b) The Woodland Trust will be delivering 60 mixed species trees for use on the Community Garden Project. If there are surplus trees available, Parishioner will be given an opportunity to plant a tree on their own land.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9:40 pm. after thanking NP and YP for their hospitality.

### **End of Minutes**

The Parish Budget Review meeting will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.00 pm at the Parish Church, Ogbourne St Andrew

Please note all attendees including Councillors are to complete and pass a COVID Lateral Flow Test prior to attending all Parish Council meetings until further notice.

If Councillors and Parishioners are unable to attend in person, this meeting can be joined via Zoom online conferencing, details to follow.