

# Ogbourne St Andrew, Ogbourne Maizey and Rockley Parish Council

## Minutes

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at 7pm via Zoom**

**Present:** Nick Parsons (NP) (Chair)  
Jan Whitehead (JW) (Clerk)  
Yvonne Parsons (YP)  
John Edmunds (JE)  
Alan Brown (AB)  
Carolyn Davis (Parishioner)  
Ian Davis (Parishioner)  
Liz Wright (Parishioner)  
Martin Cook (WCC)

**Apologies:** John Hetherington (JH)  
Brian Dean (BD)

**1) Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

Budget meeting 13<sup>th</sup> January – copies circulated. To be added to Parish Website.  
Bus stops to be followed up at this meeting.  
Road survey now circulated to PC members. Can be circulated on request.  
Removal of earth debris – brought to attention again  
Minutes were approved unanimously by those present.

**2) Community Pub Project**

Stuart Williamson not able to attend but provided update. Now in final stage of agreeing legal terms and working on date to complete purchase.  
Defibrillator will be installed on the pub once purchase is completed. Keith Hammond recently raised funds for defibrillator - £610. Well done to Keith. Remaining funds could be used to buy defibrillators for Maizey and Rockley in due course. Steve Heaven has offered to fit the defibrillator on the Pub when required.

**3) Village Maintenance**

a. Bus Stops. Stone one and wood one is both damaged and need replacing as previously reported, quotes for repairs remain extant. Ownership has been investigated through WCC and Local knowledge and it transpires that the wooden one was built by Parish in 1980s. Stone one was built in early 1960s, but no clear ownership found. NP feels that the Parish will need to repair both but will now engage with the Marlborough Area Board to request additional funding as both bus shelters are in continuous use by Parishioners. Once repaired they will become Parish assets. FOI request made to WCC, but nothing found to identify a single owner.

- b. Road Survey. Report has been circulated to PC from WCC, which supports the request to reduce the speed from 30 to 20 MPH. There have also been 3 complaints about speeding and weight of traffic using the village as a cut through. Responsibility for the Speed reduction process now falls to the Parish Council. Total of up to £6500 to change from 30 to 20mph. CATG have agreed to fund 75% of costs with Parish Council paying the remainder - £1625. This amount is manageable. It may be possible to investigate a width restriction notice, but this would still be subject to costs and may cause issues with horseboxes etc. Due to a time driven action to further the request through CATG, an emailed vote was carried out to pursue the Speed Limit reduction and associated costs, as a result 4 councilors for, 2 against. The reduction from 30 to 20 Mph for Ogbourne Maizey will go ahead.
- c. Community Speed watch is delayed. Cars are currently exceeding the safe limit for the community speed watch team to operate safely on the main road. Another traffic survey to be carried out, in the interim Wiltshire traffic police will be requested to carry out speed Checks on the A346.
- d. The pavement along the A346 between Marphet and Tresco House has hard packed debris, causing an obstacle to users, this debris now must be mechanically removed. A complaint has been received from Bruce Fox to this effect. The Curbstones are also sinking too or covered by tarmac. To be reported via MyWiltshire website. There are also issues with the road surface in general. WCC highways spend is remaining static this year, but prices are higher and no specific works for Ogbourne St Andrew scheduled.  
**Action: Create list of locations with issues and send to Martin Cook.**
- e. A346 – Reported by Brian Dean, the lack of road markings at War Memorial junction. This need area requires repainting.  
**Action: To be reported to Martin Cook**
- f. Parish Steward. Recent trench outside Box Cottage to be dug out following collapse. Pot-holes in roads across Ogbourne St Andrew to be filled.  
**Action: Alan Brown to follow up and Martin Cook to provide list of what Parish Steward is able to do.**

#### 4) Health and Social

- a. Defibrillators. See comments regarding the Community Pub.
- b. Queen's Platinum Jubilee. £500 available for an event. Alex France has volunteered to organize with team of volunteers for St Andrew. This to start from early April. Ogbourne Maizey are also having an event, but only open to residents.

#### 5) Planning

2 requests – one for disabled toilet for Silks on the Downs. No objections. EV charging point at Tresco House. No objections. There is also an application to change thatched porch on Old Cottage to a slate roof. This has gone directly to WCC.

#### 6) Financial Report

£4687.47 in current account, £5953.55 in savings. The contribution to church grounds maintenance pending ongoing Issues with online banking currently, this is also affecting a salary payment to the Retiring Parish Clerk which will be cleared, once this access is rectified.

#### 7) Correspondence

None received.

**8) AOB**

WCC flyer to be circulated. For Local Parish Councils to identify hedges etc which we wish to leave for wildlife and those for cutting. Martin Cook is preparing a digital map of areas for grass cutting, which our information will be added to.

Liz Wright offered that the Junction of Wet Pits Lane and the Corner of the A346 needs to be cut back due to visibility issues. This will be included in list of hedges to be maintained.

Broken 50mph sign to be reported to MyWiltshire app

Next Marlborough Area Board at beginning of June.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 20.21

Date of next meeting: AGM 16/05/2022