

Ogbourne St Andrew, Ogbourne Maizey and Rockley Parish Council

Minutes

Monday 4th July 2022 at 7pm at Southview, Ogbourne St Andrew

Present: Nick Parsons (NP) (Chair)
Jan Whitehead (JW) (Clerk)
Yvonne Parsons (YP)
Brian Dean (BD)
Alan Brown (AB)
John Edmunds (JE)
Ian Davis (Parishioner)
Mark Hegarty (Parishioner)

Apologies: John Hetherington (JH)

1) Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising

Still looking for a Finance representative on the Council – to carry out independent reviews.

We are covered for grounds maintenance work by our insurance policy. Prior notification of any activity is required.

Jubilee celebrations – again thanks to Saleha Pinhorn for organising. Marian has offered use of the field for other community events – thanks to Marian.

Rockley junction sign was moved.

Drain cover has been repaired at junction.

Drain outside Crawlings Piece needs repair – this has now been reported 4 times. It is a BT responsibility to repair. To be monitored.

Retrospective claim to be made to Marlborough Area Board for 50% of cost of repairing bus stops. Bus companies have been requested to update timetables.

Speed limit in St Andrew and Maizey – police have been down to the area to check speeds and the survey is under way on the A346.

CATG – road signs consultation has been sent from WCC today. Closing date is 8th August.

Tree assessment – there is a cost associated to this. Looking for volunteer to take a look. Current owner to be contacted to advise need for assessment.

No interest in the current vacant Councillor position. NP to approach a parishioner in Rockley.

The minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Approved unanimously.

2) Community Pub Project

Good progress being made with volunteer sessions each Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. The first Annual Members Meeting took place last Wednesday. The Committee are hoping pub will open by the end of the summer. A Manager has been appointed and started on 1st July.

3) Village Maintenance

- a. A parishioner raised the issue of safe walking from Maizey to the pub at the AMM. The stretch of pavement which is currently overgrown – the fence of the house is not on the boundary of their land. Owners are clearing the pavement as quickly as possible. However, a long-term solution is required – possibly WCC adopt the whole pavement up to the fence. There is an option to write to the Chief Constable regarding the safety issue with the narrow path and vehicle speeds. **Action: YP to contact WCC to request a meeting and discuss potential long-term solutions.**
- b. Request from disabled parishioner to have the footpath cleared on the Marlborough side from Crawlings Piece to the bus stop. Only option currently to access via the road.
- c. There is an option to consider employing our own maintenance team to carry out small items. **Action: NP to investigate**
- d. Pot holes and other issues to be mapped. **Action: YP to follow up with WCC.**
- e. Parish Steward to be requested to cut back outside properties at Ogbourne Maizey end of the village
- f. Village gates to be cleaned and weeds to be cleared.
- g. Clearing of the gullies outside The Olympia, Southview to the Og – to be scheduled for autumn.

4) Health and Social

- a. Defibrillators – 1 for Maizey, 1 for St Andrew church, 1 for pub, 1 for Rockley, 1 for events. Maintenance – batteries cost £250 each. Monies set aside will cover the cost of the batteries. Monies raised by the pub will be used to purchase a cover for the one sited at the pub. Consortium for purchasing to be approached to provide costs for supplies.
- b. Idea for late summer fete was proposed at the Jubilee event. Postpone until next year as it is probably too late for this summer.
- c. Royal British Legion in Marlborough to be restarted. This will be publicised in the village.

5) Planning

- a. The concern about the lodge being built at Maizey Manor Farm in Ogbourne St Andrew has been raised with WCC. WCC have written to the owner and are awaiting their response.
- b. An application has been received from the owners of the Old School House to fell an apple tree and heavily prune 2 sycamores. No objections were raised to this application.
- c. Several parishioners have raised queries over the boundaries of the conservation area. **Action: JW to request a record of the boundaries from WCC.**

6) Financial Report

AGAR form has been submitted to the Auditors and is posted on the village website.
Expenses since the last meeting have been as follows:

£500	Jubilee expenses refunded
£150	WALC subscription
£1250	Bus stop repairs
£250	Insurance renewal

Current account: £5849

Savings account: £5954

TOTAL: £11,803

A request was raised for a new account to put money aside for maintenance of village assets. Some assets need to have a value assigned to them, for example the container. This to be taken into account for the budget process for this year.

Action: NP to apply to Area Board for 50% cost of defibrillator batteries

7) Correspondence

- a. A request has been received from WCC to audit our salt bins. We are then able to request a refill and any repairs required.
- b. We have received notification of the Preshute Neighbourhood Plan consultation. **Action: JW to circulate to Councillors**

8) AOB

- a. Clerk of Ogbourne St George and AB are trying to get the footpath cleared between the two villages.
- b. The triangle at Rockley has been fenced off by the owner.
- c. 2 x 50mph signs are missing between Ogbourne St Andrew and Ogbourne St George. **Action: NP to raise with WCC.**
- d. Land for Sale for £750K – 2 fields opposite the end of Wet Pits Lane either side of the old railway path. JH looking into it.
- e. Graffiti on the old railway bridge and plate layers hut. **Action: NP to contact Sustrans re cleaning this up.**

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 20.15

Date of next meeting: 05/09/22