

Ogbourne St Andrew, Ogbourne Maizey and Rockley Parish Council

Minutes

Monday 5th September 2022 at 7pm at Southview, Ogbourne St Andrew

Present: Nick Parsons (NP) (Chair)
Jan Whitehead (JW) (Clerk)
Brian Dean (BD)
Alan Brown (AB)
John Edmunds (JE)
Ian Davies (Parishioner)

Apologies: John Hetherington (JH)
Yvonne Parsons (YP)

1) Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising

Maintenance team to be reviewed at budget meeting in November – awaiting quotes from companies for consideration.

Pot holes – to be followed up with WCC.

Defibrillators – now purchased.

Retrospective submission for defib batteries to be made.

2 missing 50mph signs still being investigated by WCC

Graffiti – Sustrans have responded.

True and accurate record of the meeting – approved unanimously.

JW to chase up WCC regarding the boundary map

2) Community Pub Project

Good progress being made and hoping to be open soon. There has been great support from volunteers to get the pub to this stage.

3) Village Maintenance

a. Village Steward – some subsidence on the bend outside the cottages in Ogbourne St Andrew and also along the main road. Request being made for engineer to come out. Will also report via the WCC app. Drains and culvert clearance also to be done. Some potholes have been filled, but there are some still to be done.

b. Weeds on the path on the main road – these are being cleared by homeowners. A request to be made for individual homeowners to kill weeds outside their properties

4) Health and Social

- a. Defibrillators – 5 now purchased along with batteries. Funds raised by the pub will be used to purchase the box to put on the outside wall. Church will be an internal one. 2 individuals to be identified in Maizey and Rockley to house the defibrillators for those villages.
Action: NP to look into situation in Rockley
- b. Applications for grants within the rules set out to be submitted by the meeting in November to the Parish Clerk.
- c. Email addresses are now available for all Parish Councillors. These will be circulated with instructions soon

5) Planning

All applications have been dealt with via email.
Maizey Manor Farm – no update.

Action: JW to follow up with John Hetherington

6) Finance

Expenses since the last meeting have been as follows:

£130	Parish Clerk Expenses
£115	Newsletter
£360	Netwise (email provider)
£1470	Defibrillator batteries

Current account: £3766 Savings account: £5954 TOTAL: £9720

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

7) Future Meetings

- a. These will be held every 2 months on first Monday of the month
Emergency meetings to be held as necessary in addition to these.
November meeting will be the budget meeting for 2023

8) Correspondence

- a. A346 Traffic Survey. This was carried out at the same time as the roadworks. It ran from 1st July for 7 days. Speed is set at 30mph. 85th percentile is used for the results. Speeds shown were 34.32mph northbound, 32.51mph southbound, 33.47mph combined speed. Issue of the emergency works was raised. The survey was actually live for 14 days. Roadworks started on 5th July so will have impacted the results. A minor reduction was shown on the dates when the roadworks were in place, but it was judged that this did not have a major impact on the 85th percentile. The results show that there is no need for a community speed-watch as the average is below 35.1mph.

Action: NP to contact Wiltshire Police for advice on what we can now do.

Action: Police to be advised that the pub is about to reopen which means slow entry and exit

- b. Ogbourne Maizey – another complaint received about speed of traffic through the village. NP has advised that the issues should be reported to the police. The road is a through road so it is not possible to have “Village Access Only” signs. No update on the installation of 20mph signs. Set timeline has passed.

- c. Rockley Triangle – concerns have been raised regarding that this has been fenced off. This land is privately owned so this cannot be followed up by the Parish Council. Stones have also been placed at the roadside on the road to Ogbourne Maizey which is causing issues with overtaking. Alternative parking place in Rockley is also on private land
- d. Graffiti on the railway path – Sustrans have responded that they do not have the resources to remove the graffiti. If it is cleaned it is likely that it will reappear again.
Action: NP to speak to WCC to see if they can help
- e. Vicarious liability – email received following a query from the Save the Silks team on the situation with the River Og at the back of the pub. A reminder to all in the Parish that if a property backs onto the River Og, the owner needs to keep their section clear. There is a pamphlet on this – a copy will be loaded to the website.
- f. Footpath access to the bus stop on the Marlborough side – this is still not cleared.
Action: NP to contact WCC
- g. Flood Warden – NP to be notified of any correspondence regarding this. General information to be loaded to the website
Action: NP to review emergency flood plans
- h. There is a proposal to de-trunk the A346 and re-route the traffic to the A350 in Chippenham.
- i. Deadline for the next Parish newsletter is September 17th.
- j. Parish Councillor – there is still a vacancy. This to be highlighted in the newsletter. Anyone interested to contact Nick Parsons or any councillor.

9. AOB

There appears to be some issues with delivery of emails into the ogbourneparishclerk email address. If anyone sends something important and receives no response, please contact the Parish Clerk by alternative means.

Action: JW to follow up with email provider.

Teenagers are congregating in the church porch.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 20.10

Date of next meeting: 07/11/22 (Budgets)

Dates of meetings for 2023: 09/01/23, 06/03/23, 15/05/23 (AGM), 03/07/23, 04/09/23, 06/11/23