

Ogbourne St Andrew, Ogbourne Maizey and Rockley Parish Council

Minutes

Monday 7th November 2022 at 7pm at Southview, Ogbourne St Andrew

Present: Nick Parsons (NP) (Chair)
Jan Whitehead (JW) (Clerk)
Alan Brown (AB)
John Edmunds (JE)
Helen Robertson (SSE) for item 1
Melanie Grace (SSE) for item 1

Apologies: John Hetherington (JH)

1) Winter Preparation

Power cuts are now tracked re number of customers who are off. Priority Services Register – free to join - shows those who are vulnerable in a variety of ways. These people will flash in red during a power cut. The more vulnerable are visited/phoned to check that they are OK. SSE are very keen to know all those who are vulnerable in the parish to ensure they are supported appropriately. This service covers prolonged power cuts. Leaflets on the scheme are available from the Parish Clerk – these have a form to register for the scheme – or via the parish website. Light sticks are also available for those who should not use candles. Power banks are recommended to ensure that mobiles can remain charged in a power outage.

105 is the number to dial to get through to the local network operator call centre. This can be used nationwide.

Power tracker is a free app which enables tracking of power cuts and their status. It also shows where EV chargers are located.

Resilience Community Fund – this will be open for applications again in March. It is proposed that we register The Silks as a Resilience Community Hub and identify a village agent. Could apply for a generator, power banks and funding for other resilience items.

Action: JW to request that the Silks is designated as a Resilience Community Hub. Resilience fund application to be made and plan to be developed by NP.

2) Highways Improvements

A parishioner has submitted a Highways Improvement Request Form for the A346 at the byway opposite the Maizey turn. This request is to install a Pegasus crossing due to a number of near misses at this junction.

The Parish in consultation with Wiltshire Council will review all the options to reduce the potential hazard at the junction, some of which due to financial constraints, may not be a realistic option, but all options will be considered.

Action: NP to update and submit

3) AOB

Parish Council

Yvonne Parsons has stepped down as Councillor. We would like to thank Yvonne for all her support and dedication to the Ogbourne Saint Andrew Parish Council since joining back in 2016. Nick Parsons has decided to step down as Chair but will remain as a Councillor. John Hetherington has agreed to take over as Chair from the new year.

Action: JW to contact WALC re advertising for more Councillors

As there were insufficient council members in attendance the budget meeting was postponed to a date to be confirmed in December.

The meeting closed at 20.15

Date of next meeting: TBC

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