**Ogbourne St Andrew, Ogbourne Maizey and Rockley Parish Council**

Minutes

**Monday 6th March 2023 at 7pm at Southview, Ogbourne St Andrew**

**Present:** John Hetherington (JH) (Chair)

Jan Whitehead (JW) (Clerk)

Nick Parsons (NP)

John Edmunds (JE)

Brian Dean (BD)

Alan Brown (AB)

Carys Gregory (CG)

Nicky Place (NPL)

Carol Davies - Parishioner

Debbie Turnell - Parishioner

**Apologies:**

1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Welcome to Carys and Nicky, our new councillors.

Precept has been submitted – awaiting confirmation.

Issue of horse warning signs was brought up at Local Highways and Footpath Group (LHFIG) – form has been received.

Schematic – covers all parts of the parish. No issues with GDPR as all information in public domain.

A nominee from the Parish Council can act as resilience hub agent if we inform WCC

Salt bin in OSA is reasonably full. Ogbourne Maisey also OK. Salt to be broken up.

Roles on the Parish Council were agreed as follows:

Maintenance – Alan Brown/John Edmunds

**Action: JH to contact Julie Hussey about reporting Rockley issues for follow up**

Roads & Signage – Nick Parsons

Flooding – Nick Parsons

Rivers – Brian Dean

Planning – John Hetherington/Carys Gregory

Community engagement & comms – Nicky Place

Footpaths & Rights of Way – Carys Gregory

Finance – Jan Whitehead

1. Village Maintenance

Trees on Main Road – branches are falling off the trees onto the A346. It is thought that WCC are responsible for clearing branches fallen from these trees.

Accidents on the A346 recently – there are no apparent links between them. Police will investigate and they will report to WCC about any improvements needed to the road.

1. Health and Social

King’s Coronation. We will do something as this is an historical event. Possibly give all the children something to mark the occasion. A street party in Marion’s field was suggested, using gazebos if the weather is bad. Games and other activities to be organised.

**Action: NPL to coordinate event for Monday 8th May.**

**Action: JW to approach The Silks about potentially opening.**

It was suggested we organise a footpath walk/jog to walk some of the less walked routes. Date to be chosen in the summer.

**Action: CG to organise a route and date.**

New wildlife ponds – the Carters have created some wildlife ponds near Bay Bridges. They are on a public footpath.

**Action: JW to send a letter of thanks.**

1. Planning

No issues raised with the removal of a couple of trees in Sheepridge.

1. Finance

Since the last meeting we have had a donation of £120 and interest received on savings.

Bank Account £4260.70 Savings £5959 .69 Total: £10220.39

NS&I do not have another account which can be held in the name of the Parish Council so propose that we remain with the Investment Account which currently pays 0.6%. This is in line with the Lloyds Instant Access account.

The year end for the Parish is 31.3.23 and we will need an independent reviewer prior to submitting our return.

Carol Davies agreed to be the independent reviewer.

1. Correspondence

None

1. AOB

Debbie Turnell lives in Maizey Manor Farm. The track up to the Downs from Ogbourne St Andrew is a public right of way. The gallops to the left are private, however many people are not respecting the private gallops and putting horses and riders at risk when dogs are not under control. This is a daily issue. There is also a problem with poo bags being left on the land.

Paul Murray has raised an issue about the diverting of traffic into Ogbourne St Andrew when there is an issue on the A346. We need to explore what the police approach is in the event of issues on the A346.

Martin Cook (WCC) has been invited to inspect the condition of the roads in the village. He is in touch with a parishioner regarding a possible approach. The parishioner will be our representative in any discussions.

The meeting closed at 20.10

Date of next meeting: 15/05/23 - AGM

Dates of meetings for 2023: 03/07/23, 04/09/23, 06/11/23