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

Minutes

**Monday 3rd July 2023 at 7pm at Southview, Ogbourne St Andrew**

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

Jan Whitehead (JW) (Clerk)

Nick Parsons (NP)

John Edmunds (JE)

Alan Brown (AB)

Nicky Place (NPL)

Carys Gregory (CG)

**Apologies:**

1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Nikki Rickman and not Julia Hussey. Nikki Rickman’s PA has offered to find a Parish representative in Rockley.

Trees overhanging A346. JH spoke to Marion Blakeney.

JH has written to Police Commissioner to request an officer at the entrances to Ogbourne Maizey road when there is an accident, plus a request to place extra signage advising this is a single track road. Currently awaiting a response.

Another footpath walk to be planned following the successful walk last time.

**Action: JW to load soft copy of the neighbourhood plan to the website**

Relevant financial paperwork was submitted to PNK, accounts published to the website and notice of public rights regarding inspection of the accounts are on village notice boards. The inspection period ends on 14th July.

The amount of £500 paid to the PCC is a contribution to the maintenance of the churchyard and not a donation. It was proposed that the contribution is made this financial year.

Proposer: AB, Seconder: NP. Carried unanimously by those present.

1. Village Maintenance

The bank outside Crawlings Piece has recently been mown.

It has been requested that the footpath from Ogbourne St George to Ogbourne St Andrew cleared.

Some potholes have been filled on the village roads.

Lee Piper has advised that some of the potholes are now holes and therefore require resurfacing.

1. Health and Social

NP attended the recent Police update about engagement. They are keen to engage with the local community and are happy to attend Parish Council meetings. They are also keen to provide contact numbers for the local policing team. However, we may get attendance from Devizes or Swindon depending on timing.

A number of drivers have been caught speeding recently. They have been requested to attend specifically at school bus pick up and drop off times.

1. Planning

No planning applications have been submitted.

**Action: JH to follow up on Maisey Manor Farm building**

A letter has been received from the Planning Inspectorate regarding the public inquiry into making the access to Green Lane from the gallops on the Downs a bridleway/footpath. Statements of case must be submitted to Secretary of State by 6th September 2023. The Parish Council made a case for it to become a public footpath. The inquiry will be held at Silks on the Downs on Tuesday 31st October 2023 at 10am and also online. CG will attend.

1. Finance

Since the last meeting, the following payments have been made from the current account:

WALC membership

Insurance

Coronation expenses

Clerk expenses

Current account balance: £5960.51 Savings: £5959.69 Total: £11,920.20

1. Correspondence

SSEN Resilient Communities Fund is now open for applications. We have applied before and been turned down. We should consider an application – deadline is 31st July. Our village resilience plan needs to be updated. We have the container to store items which may be of use during an emergency and donations are always welcome.

**Action: JW to forward information to NP to investigate.**

NP has asked ARK to keep the Parish Council updated on progress with reinstating of the River Og across the meadow into the pond area and any potential impacts.

**Action: JH to contact ARK to request an update**

Prepared Resilience Event on 31st August at Tidworth

**Action: JW to send details to NP**

We have been notified of a new register of defibrillators. It was agreed that we should add the details of all defibrillators in the parish once they are installed.

**Action: JW to register defibrillators at appropriate time**

1. AOB

2 defibrillators still need to be installed in Ogbourne Maizey and at the Church.

**Action: JW to contact Steve Heaven regarding installation**

**Action: JH to obtain contact details for installation site in Ogbourne Maizey**

The Community Pub committee are keen for the community to take ownership of the Community Benefit Plan to ensure that it meets the needs of the community and are seeking the assistance of the Parish Council in finding interested people. NPL agreed to help in finding interested people to help to run the plan and to be the Community Benefit coordinator for any activities in association with the pub committee. Any ideas will also be publicised via the parish newsletter.

**Action: NPL to speak to Mark Colbourne in the first instance**

The meeting closed at 20:17

Date of next meetings: 04/09/23, 06/11/23