

Ogbourne St Andrew, Ogbourne Maizey and Rockley Parish Council

Minutes

Monday 1st July 2024 at 7pm at The Haven, Ogbourne Maizey

Present: John Hetherington (JH) (Chair)
Jan Whitehead (JW) (Clerk)
Alan Brown (AB)
Brian Dean (BD)
Nicky Place (NPL)
Carys Gregory (CG)
John Edmonds (JE)
Alison Purchase (Parishioner) (AP)
Ian Davis (Parishioner)
Jeff Mason (Parishioner)
Mark Whitehead (Parishioner)

Apologies:

1) Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Noticeboard has now been erected in OSA

The request to repair the footpath bridge has been declined by WCC.

Crawlings Piece is now strimmed.

Action: JW to chase up WCC for an update on the footpath widening.

There is no limit on the Ogbourne Maizey bridge other than for vehicles over 40T which require prior permission.

We need to address the issue of large farm vehicles using the OSA village road – perhaps widening the road, slowing the vehicles, reducing the damage to the bridleway.

Action: JH to write to the landowners outlining the concerns.

Action: JW to arrange meeting with Martin Cook to assess the issues with the road width and potential solutions for the drainage ditch.

Action: JW to investigate whether there are additional signs which could be erected on existing signposts to slow traffic.

Action: JW to investigate equipment to be used in the village to keep verges under control.

New padlock to be purchased for the container.

Action: Contact owners of The Forge regarding closed footpath.

The minutes were approved.

a. Co-opting of new Councillor

Alison Purchase has confirmed that she is eligible to stand.

Proposed: JH, Seconded: AB. Carried unanimously. JH welcomed AP to the Council. AP was asked to take on the role of managing the appearance of the villages.

2) Village Maintenance

a) Flood Plan Update and Wardens

There have been a couple of meetings with Danny Kruger, but since the election has been announced we do not have an MP. Once the election is complete the new MP will be contacted.

Action: JW to chase up contractor to assess possible drainage solutions.

Drainage ditch opposite Box Cottage needs to be cleared from the field to the river.

Action: BD to speak to landowner.

The bank in Wet Pits needs to be built up to prevent flood water flowing onto the bank and road.

Action: JH to write to ARK to request remedial work is undertaken on the bank and to request that the old route is also utilised in times of excessive rain/floodwater.

We still do not have a Flood Warden for the village. Jeff Mason agreed to be the Flood Warden and will put up notices to request additional help.

Action: Jeff Mason to investigate possible flood gates for vulnerable properties.

b) Ownership of ditches and gullies

JW to check with Martin Cook regarding ownership of ditch opposite Crowlynch/Southview/Meadowview and The Willows.

Landowners are responsible for keeping their ditches and gullies clear to prevent flooding.

3) Roads and Footpaths

a) Road repairs and cleaning in OSA

Action: JW to follow up with WCC on road cleansing and pothole filling.

Trees are overhanging the road on the left at the exit from OSA.

b) Footpath Bridge in St Andrew

MyWilts case has been closed as WCC are not prepared to address this issue.

Parish Council to look into repairing once the ditch has been cleared.

4) Health and Social

The village event was very successful – attended by people from Ogbourne St George, Ogbourne St Andrew and Ogbourne Maizey. Thanks to Octypus for providing icecreams for the children. Thanks to the Leach family for use of the field. Thanks to NP for arranging this – it will be an annual event.

5) Planning

Change of use has been agreed at Rockley

Front extension on Paddock Gate – no objections.

Action: CG to check on the work being done at New Barn Farm

6) Financial Report

The accounts have been published and are available for inspection until 15th July. Notices have been posted.

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

PCC Contribution	£500
Noticeboard erection	£50

Income since last meeting:

Insurance monies for replacement SID	£3725
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Current account balance: £10717	Savings: £6005	Total: £16722
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7) Correspondence
None

8) AOB
None

The meeting closed at 20:15

Date of next meetings: 02/09/24, 04/11/24