

Ogbourne St Andrew, Ogbourne Maizey and Rockley Parish Council

Minutes

Monday 2nd September 2024 at 7pm at The Haven, Ogbourne Maizey

Present: John Hetherington (JH) (Chair)
Jan Whitehead (JW) (Clerk)
Alan Brown (AB)
Brian Dean (BD)
John Edmonds (JE)
Alison Purchase (AP)

Apologies: Carys Gregory

1) Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

LHFIG – Martin Cook is arranging for the verge to be cut back up to the bus stop.

Currently waiting for a response from Martin Cook regarding road width and excess soil removal in OSA.

Additional signage has been investigated but currently do not feel it would be of huge benefit. There is a commercial brushcutter available which alongside safety equipment would cost in the region of £300.

Action: JW to send details to Alan Brown. Council approval to spend up to £500 in total on this equipment. Agreed unanimously.

Padlock purchased for the container.

Footpath outside The Forge is now reinstated.

Flood Warden is continuing to follow up on the drainage issues to prevent flooding this winter. JH and JW met with ARK who have agreed to carry out a topographical survey regarding flooding at Wet Pits.

Action: JH to follow up with ARK

Initial patching of the potholes and road cleaning was completed

Action: JW to request a more complete repair of the road surface on the corner outside The Forge

Action: JW to raise issue of footpath height and condition outside The Forge, Crowlync and Southview in OSA with WCC.

The minutes were approved.

2) Village Maintenance

a) Flood Plan Update

Jeff Mason has been working on flooding issues over the summer

b) Update on SID

The SID is now in place and working.

c) Defibrillators

The Rockley defibrillator is now installed at Rockley Manor Stable Block. Steve Heaven has agreed to check on the defibrillators and we will need a maintenance plan in place.

Action: JW to arrange for Rockley defib to be registered with emergency services.

d) Village appearance

AP is looking into the Best Kept Village competition. Each village may need to apply separately. AP will review the guidelines and advise further.

Guidelines exist to help villages to apply and understand the criteria for judging.

3) Roads and Footpaths

a) Traffic speed on A346

A parishioner has raised concerns about the speed of traffic on the A346. This is under continual review and the SID is now back in place which will hopefully reduce speed again. Volume of traffic has reduced over recent years.

Action: JW to contact the police about checking speed from Marlborough to Swindon on their next visit.

4) Community Engagement

Og Dog Day takes place on Saturday afternoon on the field behind the churchyard in Ogbourne St Andrew.

5) Planning

a) Gypsy and Travellers Development Plan

This is now published on WCC website and available for review by councillors and interested members of the public. Comments to be submitted by 5pm on October 5th.

Action: JW to circulate link to Councillors

Action: CG to be asked to carry out a review on behalf of the PC

6) Financial Report

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

Clerk Expenses	£362.25
Website support	£396
Community First Membership	£40
Councillor Training	£36
SID	£2807.99 (Fully covered by insurance and approved by email)
SID installation	£155 (Fully covered by insurance)

Income since last meeting: None

Current account balance: £6920 Savings: £6005 Total: £12925

7) Correspondence

St Andrew's PCC have raised an issue with the condition of the noticeboard outside the church. It was agreed that this should be replaced with a noticeboard similar to the one by the bridge in OSA. Keys to be held by both the parish council and the church. This was approved unanimously.

Action: JW to purchase the board and replace as soon as possible.

8) AOB

The new SID allows for data to be extracted. JH to follow up.

The meeting closed at 20.00

Date of next meeting: 04/11/24