

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF OGBOURNE ST GEORGE
HELD ON THURSDAY 12 MAY 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL
FOLLOWING THE APM

Those Present: Mr M Grove (Chairman)
Mrs C Manos
Mrs C Mudge
Mr P Rouse
Mr K Macdonald
Mr C Freeman (Clerk)
Mrs J Milton (Wiltshire)
Apologies were received from Cllrs Wallace & Willis
and PC Sarah Watts (Neighbourhood Officer)

5 residents & visitors were present

Election of Chairman: Cllr Martin Grove was proposed by Cllr Rouse and seconded by Cllr Manos. There being no further nominations Cllr Grove was deemed elected Chairman.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman: Cllr Grove declared, and signed, Acceptance of Office as Chairman of the Parish Council in front of the Proper Officer, the Clerk, who signed it.

Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Paul Rouse was proposed by Cllr Macdonald and seconded by Cllr Mudge. There were no other nominations and Councillor Rouse was deemed elected as vice-chairman.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising: **Bytham Road Warehouse Landscaping** – The Clerk reported that he had advised the Planning office of the alleged lack of planting contrary to the terms of the planning permission. The response that the planning enforcement officer had visited the site and identified sufficient planting had caused some consternation but it was agreed to wait to see if the plants grew.

Power Contract – The Clerk advised that he now expected the contract in the next few days.

Clerk's review – The Chairman advised that due to pressure of work he had asked, with the Clerk's consent, that the working party on the Clerk's remuneration delay meeting for another few weeks.

Parish Forum – The Chairman reported that he had attended the inaugural meeting of the new Parish Forum which seeks to find any commonality of purpose among the parish councils in dealings with the Area Board and to share expertise on issues which they have in common.

Area Board – The Chairman was keen to ensure a Parish Council representative attended each Area Board meeting. Although the Agenda was long it was comprehensive and provided a thorough briefing for the attending representative. The Chairman stated that as Wiltshire Council

funds were allocated at these meetings it was imperative that the Parish Council's position was represented and it had a duty to administer its responsibility. Councillor Milton said that significant discussion regarding the cycle path had taken place at the last meeting and it was important that the PC participate. The next Area Board meeting date is 21st June.

Rights of Way – Cllr Manos asked that the dates of the maps referred to at the last meeting be confirmed in the minutes as 1794, 1923 and 1982. Councillors expressed concern that the original line through the stepping stones may be lost and as they were considered a feature in the village that was unacceptable. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Head of Rights of Way, Richard Broadhead, to receive a definitive answer regarding whether the path has been diverted and that the stepping stones remain the actual right of way and therefore cannot be removed and were worth protecting. Furthermore what way marking could be installed for clarification and where liability would rest if a person fell off the bridge and suffered injury. Cllr Macdonald said he would update his previous footpaths and stiles survey, with the help of Cllr Rouse, who volunteered that the Ridgeway trails office may assist in repairing any paths or stiles close to the Ridgeway. These Councillors were thanked for their efforts.

Finance:

Annual Return: The Parish Council approved the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2011.

Annual Governance Statement: The Parish Council approved the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2011.

Payments: A current statement of the financial position of the Parish Council was distributed by the Clerk. It was agreed to thank the internal auditor, Mrs Brenda Rice, with a gift voucher for £50 as she had audited the PC for the last five years and in future make an annual contribution of £25 for this work. The following payments were made:

WALC subscription	£141.85
Southern Electricity - Power	£185.81
Community First - Insurance	£291.14
Printing of Dragon – 2 months	£24.00
Clerk's Salary	£258.47
Bawden	£303.60
Internal Audit – gift voucher	£50.00
Southern Electric Contracting	£67.85

The Clerk advised that the renewal of the insurance was less than last year but he was also seeking an alternative quote which he was authorised to accept if it were more cost effective with equivalent cover.

Planning:

Outcomes of planning applications since last meeting:
Buckerfields Nursery – Objection – Granted with specific conditions
The Manor House Conservatory – No Objection - Granted
Brockfield House – No Objection – Granted
Ashwood House – No Objection

Litter Picking Day:

Cllr Macdonald reported that the litter picking day had been a success in that approximately six full black bin liners of rubbish were collected. It

was agreed to put a thank you message in the Dragon. It was suggested that a similar operation be carried out regularly, possibly every six months. Suitable sites for litter bins would be reported via the Parish Plan.

Marlborough Road Bus Shelter:

Cllr Macdonald reported that it had been cleaned and de-ivyed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.04. The next meeting would be held on Thursday July 14th 2011.

Signed as a true record:.....

Martin Grove – Chairman – 14th July 2011