

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
OF THE PARISH OF OGBOURNE ST GEORGE
HELD ON THURSDAY 13 MAY 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30pm

Those Present: Mr M Grove (Chairman)
Mr P Rouse
Mrs C Manos

Mrs C Mudge
Mr K Macdonald
Mr K Wallace
Mr P Willis
Mr C Freeman (Clerk)
Mrs J Milton (Wiltshire)

PC Sarah Watts attended as the neighbourhood Officer

9 Residents or visitors were present

Minutes: The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting were signed.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Chairman's Report: During the year we have scheduled 8 meetings although only 7 could take place due to lack of a quorum in July. We have established the Bell Field as a proper playing area and purchased, with a grant, proper goalposts for it. Responding to a request from the school the feasibility of further development of the Bell Field is under investigation.

We have investigated Rights of Way issues. Our new councillor Keith Macdonald has undertaken a wide ranging survey of the RoW network. We considered some 18 planning applications, notably opposing the application to establish a Microlight training school at both the Planning Committee meeting and at the subsequent appeal hearing. We also referred one development to the planning enforcement officer. Our nominated representative Councillor Keith Wallace and I, attended Marlborough and Villages Community Area Plan meetings and Area Board meetings. We determined the need for assistance with the Digital Switchover and agreed to purchase two telephone boxes for a nominal sum. We considered and proposed two trustees for the Thomegay Charity. We made Submissions for Community Speedwatch and endeavoured to arrange the installation of a defibrillator in the village – an ongoing project. Salt bins were checked and a new one requested and we arranged salt spreading on the Jubbs Lane and Liddiards Green footways. The clerk is replacing glass in the bus shelter and maintains the No Smoking notices. We have at last achieved completion of the village gateways. Discussion took place around the suggested upgrades to and renaming of the Sustrans Cycle path. When the Wiltshire Council proposed a wholly unsuitable bus stopping area outside the school, we, with timely

assistance from our Wiltshire Councillor, succeeded in replacing the proposal with an acceptable one. We co-opted a new Councillor following the resignation of Roger Smith and resolved to encourage Councillors to undertake training courses. We finally resolved issues regarding diversions through the village when accidents block the main road. The matter was put on an Issue Sheet for the consideration of the Area Board as any initiative would have effects beyond our parish boundaries. A good example of how the Parish Council can interact with this new tier of government. As ever, we have arranged the village grass cutting contract and paid the lighting maintenance and power bills, so that Ogbourne St George can always be seen in a different light! My thanks to the Clerk for the efficient execution of his duties and the guidance he has given to us. Also our thanks should go to my councillor colleagues including Roger Smith, who have all given freely of their time and valued opinions. A special thank you to Keith Wallace who as our, nominated representative on the Area Board has kept us well informed.

Questions on the
Chairman's report:

An elector asked about the outcome of the Area Board Issue regarding traffic diversions during accident blockage of the A346. The Chairman confirmed that Police priorities would be to deal with the accident and leave the traffic to find its way through the village as before and that other diversions were inappropriate.

Financial Report:

The Clerk reported that £3906.08 was brought forward from 2008/2009 which, together with a precept of £4500, VAT refund of £519.48, footway lighting grant of £298, Football goals grant of £200 and bank interest of £2.97 meant the total available for the year was £9426.53. Expenditure of £5701.26 represented the basic costs of services within the Parish such as grass mowing and street lighting together with new goals and various reference publications. £3725.27 was carried forward to 2010/2011. There were no questions on the financial report.

Charity Reports:

Ogbourne St. George Village Hall
Report follows

Ogbourne St George Poor's Land or Poor's Gorse

Tim Frost reported that the Trustees had obtained the approval of the Charity Commission for a change to the Objectives of the Charity, so that funds could be used in future for more general charitable purposes in the village instead of being restricted to payments for the provision of fuel. However in view of the long history

of the
Charity the Trustees proposed to retain part of the funds
for their
traditional purpose. £600 was left from last year's distribution as
the number of recipients had been reduced by leaving the village or
dying. Alec Easter had resigned as a Trustee and Romaine Daw, who
had left the village, would be resigning in due course. In the light of the
change of objects of the charity it was felt that a Trustee with contacts
with the school and younger people in the village would be helpful and
the Trustees will make a formal request in due time.

Police Report:

PC Sarah Watts advised that she had taken over this beautifully trouble free area from Michael Bayliss and had nothing to report. With her PCSO, Polly Ritchie, they would be active in school to ensure the youngsters grew up well behaved. PC Watts noted that speeding through the village was still an issue and she would be supporting our application for a Community Speedwatch Team and undertake radar speed duties in the village herself. It was suggested that the local Police address and telephone number be displayed on the village website with a link to the Wiltshire Police website.

Parish Plan

The Parish Council had distributed through the Dragon a briefing flyer on Parish Plans and the Chairman asked if any one was interested in forming a Steering Group to create a Parish Plan for the village. Four residents put their names forward Ineka Scott, Kevin Howard, Colin Stribling and Cicely Hora. Councillor Milton said she would arrange a meeting with the Chairman of Baydon Parish Council, who had already created a Parish Plan, so that the volunteers could be fully apprised about the task in hand. Councillor Milton stated that where a need was shown in a Parish Plan it would be much more likely that the Area Board would be in a position to provide funding or grants to fulfil the demonstrated need.

There being no further business the Annual Parish Meeting closed at 20:10.