

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF OGBOURNE ST GEORGE
HELD ON THURSDAY 8 JULY 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30PM

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

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

Apologies were received from: Mr P Rouse and Mrs J Milton (Wiltshire)

10 residents were present

Presentation: Prior to the meeting commencing Mr Michael Edmonds, Councillor with Baydon Parish Council made a presentation on the role of MAVCAP (Marlborough and Villages Community Area Partnership). He outlined that MAVCAP intended to establish a relationship with each PC so that attendance at meetings would only be needed where there is a direct involvement. MAVCAP's initial task would be the updating of the Area Plan through co-operation of PCs. The Partnership exists to identify tasks that need doing in the Area and to present them to the Board as a coherent whole. MAVCAP would support PC's seeking funding.

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

Matters Arising: From the AGM held on 13th May 2010.

Defibrillator – The Clerk had distributed the forms from British Heart Foundation and it appeared there were a significant number of requirements before an application for funding could be submitted. The Parish Council would have to retain a Clinical Advisor, determine the Ambulance Response Time, find suitable volunteers willing to attend an approved training course. It was agreed that if the Ambulance Response Time (which a member of the audience, Colin Stribling, volunteered to obtain and supply to the Clerk) meant that the Parish met the parameters then this project should be publicised in the September Dragon in order to recruit volunteers and set up a task group. The meeting was advised that there was a defibrillator in Chilton Foliat and they could be contacted to discover their experiences. PC Sarah Watts said she had been trained in using a defibrillator which was in her Police Car but she had not been called on to use it in the three years since her training.

Sustrans Cycle Path – The Clerk read a response from Alistair Millington regarding the Cycle Path which advised that clearance works are going well and they have received a good price for aggregate from Earthline. Sustrans is still looking for funding to do all the resurfacing work desired. Mr Millington had been assured by the owner of the Kennels who was just trying to keep the area tidy and felt that once the path was repaired in this area cyclists will naturally follow the path and signage will not be necessary. A former Councillor, Mr Terry Knight, had recently been appointed a Cycle Path Volunteer Ranger and he would be able to monitor the situation. It was agreed to review the matter once the path had been repaired.

Village Hall Playground Tree – The Clerk and Chairman had carefully examined the tree felling requirements and had concluded it would be better

undertaken by a tree surgeon. The Clerk had obtained an estimate of £200 to complete the job and it was resolved to accept this quotation.

Bell Field – Cllr Willis had heard nothing from the School regarding their requirements for the Bell Field. The Chairman enquired of the audience if there were any School Governors present which there were but it was reported that the matter had not been discussed in depth. It was agreed wait until the new Head Teacher was in place so that the School's precise requirements could be established.

Bus Shelter Glass – The Clerk had installed the new glass in the bus shelter and replaced the No Smoking notice the following day. He wished to record his thanks to the unknown person who swept up the glass debris between these two events.

Police Report

PC Sarah Watts attended and reported that the metrocount speed assessment device had been installed in the Old Marlborough Road as part of the assessment for Community Speed Watch. She had been in the village with her speed gun on a number of occasions recently and appreciated that there was a problem with speeding in the village and she felt sure that the metrocount device would confirm this. She had collected registration details of vehicles parked close to the T junction of Main Street and Old Marlborough Road and had written to the owners of the vehicles concerned asking them to desist from parking at that point. She and her PCSO, Polly Ritchie, were working with the children in school teaching them about anti social behaviour. She reported that some criminal damage had been done to the Little Dragon's shed adjacent to the Village Hall and had made house to house enquiries without result.

Finance:

A current statement of the financial position of the Parish Council was distributed by the Clerk.

The following payments were approved:

Bawden village moving	£842.35
SEC lighting maintenance	£66.43
Southern Electric – Power	£183.97
Printing of Dragon – 2 months	£24.00
Clerk's Salary	£258.47

The meeting was reminded that discussion of Parish Council's reserves would be on the agenda of the next meeting.

Planning:

There have been no further planning applications since the plans considered on 24th June, Land adjacent to Mill House. Cllr Wallace highlighted that the landscaping on the Warehouses on Bytham Road should take place during the next planting season.

Parish Plan

On behalf of the 4 initial volunteers Mr Kevin Howard said that little had been done so far although they had found some contacts details and needed to appoint one or two volunteers from the Parish Council as well as more volunteers from the village. They would be choosing a Chairman shortly. Two Councillors volunteered, Cllrs Wallace and McDonald.

Liddiards Green Bus Stop

The Clerk would follow up on the request to make this bus stop permanent.

Parish Steward

It was requested that the Parish Steward deal with the Ivy in the bus shelter but Cllr McDonald volunteered to do it.

Area Board Meeting

Cllr Willis reported on his visit to the Area Board Meeting and would produce a report to be circulated to the Councillors.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.40. The next meeting scheduled for September 9th would be delayed until September 23rd as the Clerk would be away.

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