

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF OGBOURNE ST GEORGE
HELD ON THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30PM

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

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

PC Sarah Watts

Mr P Rouse had sent apologies that he may be late and attended from 8.26pm
Apologies were received from: Mrs J Milton (Wiltshire)
8 residents were present

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

Police Report: The Community Beat Officer, PC Sarah Watts, apologised for being unable to attend the previous two meetings. She reported that there had been a series of burglaries in the Pewsey area and warned residents to be extra vigilant ensuring properties and outbuildings were securely locked. She asked that suspicious people be reported as appropriate through the 999 system or on the general police telephone of 0845 408 7000. Marlborough Police Station was on extension 739818. She had new SpeedWatch stickers that were available to be put on rubbish bins; the Clerk requested 25 copies for distribution. The Clerk stated that more volunteers were needed for Community SpeedWatch. Cllr Macdonald volunteered and it was agreed to further publicise the opportunity in the Dragon and on the Noticeboards. PC Watts said that she planned to give more time to the neighbourhood watch programmes to try to get them up and running in villages such as this.

Matters Arising: **Defibrillator** – Cllr Wallace had produced a report with further information on the availability of defibrillators and their use. He suggested that the Parish would need two units located in the middle of the village and along the Old Marlborough Road. It was suggested that one unit located at Parklands Hotel could be the first step. Cllr Wallace was asked to further the information collection regarding volunteer training and equipment maintenance so that a tangible proposal could be put together and he agreed to explore these schemes and report at a future meeting. Cllr Manos would find details of training conducted at the Leisure Centre. Cllr Wallace felt that some of the requirements suggested in the BHF application form could be negotiated. It was agreed to put an item in The Dragon outlining the proposal, asking for comment on whether the parishioners felt a defibrillator would be a benefit and seeking volunteers.

Bell Field – Cllr Willis stated that he was awaiting the instigation of discussions by the school on its requirements at the Bell Field.

Dropped Kerb – The Clerk reported that the request to install a dropped kerb at the bottom of the path adjacent to the A346 bridge had been made an issue at the Area Board and would be implemented within three months.

Finance: A current statement of the financial position of the Parish Council was distributed by the Clerk.
The following payments were approved:

Southern Electric power	£171.15
Printing of Dragon	£24.00
Clerk's Salary	£258.47
Bawden village moving	£280.65

Power Suppliers: The Clerk was asked to obtain comparative quotations for supply of the amenity lighting power from alternative suppliers.

Planning: The following applications had been distributed to the Councillors for consideration:
Rear extension and refurbishment at The Elms – No Objection
Garden Room at Hallam Farm – No Objection

Parish Plan: Mr Kevin Howard, Chairman of the Parish Plan committee, reported that little had occurred since the last meeting. He had persuaded his company to produce flyers for the Parish Plan at no cost. The important Parish meeting to introduce the Parish Plan concept would be held in the Village Hall next Thursday 18th November at 7:30. Rather than a formal presentation it will be a drop-in meeting at which refreshments will be served.

Bottom Lane: Following an accident, Syd Bolt a resident, had written to the Parish Council requesting that Bottom Lane be closed off to a cul-de-sac or at least to have traffic restrictions. He was supported by neighbours. The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways department to request an objective assessment of the traffic flow in Bottom Lane and the safety issues in the context of the triangle of the Main Street, Old Marlborough Road and Bottom Lane. The Clerk would copy in Mr Bolt.

Poor's Gorse Charity: Cllr Grove declared a prejudicial interest in that he rented the land owned by this charity and would leave the room if a vote was required. Mr Tim Frost, as Lord of the Manor, chaired the Trustees and asked the Parish Council to appoint 3 trustees to join him and the Vicar. Two current trustees, Elizabeth Brockman and Romaine Daw were willing to continue and it was agreed to reappoint both of them. Mr Frost explained that recently the Charity Commission had approved a change in the rules for the distribution of funds no longer restricting them to the provision of fuel for the poor but adding the opportunity of alleviating hardship. Duties of trustees are to meet to decide the distribution of the Charity's funds. In future funds could possibly be granted to students attending college or to groups needing some financial support. Some discussion took place regarding the preferred qualities of potential candidates with suggestions that someone with experience of the school may be suitable. However it was pointed out that as the school was only a primary school it needed someone more familiar with older students and young people in general. Councillors were asked to bring names of suitable candidates to the next meeting.

Census Jobs: It was agreed to advertise the opportunity for census jobs to be displayed on the noticeboard.

Recent Accident: The Clerk had attended the site of the accident which took place at the junction of the Old Marlborough Road and Bottom Lane at 1:50am on 30th

September and had taken photographs. He would be making a claim against the driver in due course.

Telephone Boxes: The Clerk reported that the Parish Council was now the owner of the two telephone boxes – it was agreed to publicise this in the Dragon requesting suggestions for their usage. It would be discussed at the next meeting.

Cycle Track: The Clerk had distributed a statement from Sustrans regarding use of the Cycle Track by horses. It was requested that notices be put up requesting horse riders to stay to one side of the track – apparently new signage was in the pipeline.

Bytham Lane Workshops: It was reported that some parishioners were concerned about a fierce dog at these premises. The Clerk would report the matter to the Community Police Officer.

Request Bus Stop: The Clerk had been in touch with the Passenger Transport unit regarding making the Liddiards Green bus stop compulsory. It was explained that all stops are now request but the manager at Swindon had issued a notice to staff to be especially observant when approaching this bus stop. Any problems regarding this should be reported to the Clerk with the time and date of the bus and he would take up the matter with the Swindon manager.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10. The next meeting would be on January 13th 2011.

Signed as a true record:.....

Martin Grove – Chairman – 13th January 2011