

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF OGBOURNE ST GEORGE
HELD ON THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2006
AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Those Present: Mr T Frost (Chairman)
Mr M Grove
Mrs C Manos
Mr T Knight
Mr R Smith
Mr C Humphries (WCC)
Mr C Freeman (Clerk)

Apologies were received from Mrs C Mudge, Mr P Willis, Mr D Hunter (KDC)

5 Members of the public were present

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

Matters Arising

Stagnant Water: It was reported Andrew McMillan of KDC had visited the site and that he felt that the stagnant water was not sewage. He would be monitoring the situation. The Chairman would follow-up.

Street Drains: The Clerk reported that there had been a working party dealing with the drain opposite Parklands last Thursday. He would continue to monitor the situation.

Street Lighting: The Clerk that he had looked at the two street light fittings but they were still operational. He had sourced some possible replacement fittings which could be purchased and installed when the existing ones failed.

Bell Field: The planned clearance had to be postponed due to adverse weather. It would be rescheduled in the spring.

Meadow Cottage: As the track was part of the property its improvement was permitted development and didn't need permission. The minutes of the September meeting had not made clear that the original railway sleepers had already been removed.

Bridleway: The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with ROW manager Richard Broadhead but still awaited a response. Cllr Humphries would follow-up.

Finance A current statement of the financial position of the Parish Council was distributed by the Clerk. The Audit had been completed successfully.

Payments agreed:

SEC	£74.96
Southern Electric	£136.95
Bawden – Mowing	£521.43
Mazars Audit	£58.75
Clerk Salary	£243.05
Dragon print	£28.20

Planning The following planning matters were reported: Applications for a sitting room extension at Foxglove Cottage, for listed building consent for

interior alterations at Elm Tree Cottage, a side extension and garage at Grey Wethers had been returned with 'no objection' and had subsequently been approved by KDC. An application for a replacement industrial building at Old Chase Road had also been approved by KDC. Applications for a toilet at Grey Gables and for a single storey conservatory at Elm Tree Cottage had been considered and returned with 'no objection'. A further application would be considered after the meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had been notified of a forthcoming application for improvements to the Vodafone mast at Whitefields farm. It was agreed that any improvements to the service would be welcomed.

- Village Hall Due to inclement weather it had not been possible to schedule completion of the fencing.
- Litter Bins It was noted that litter bins had been removed from the village, outside the Village Hall and Park Farm. Cllr Humphries reported that it was Kennet's policy to do so. The Clerk would enquire of Adrian Hampton to clarify the position.
- Metal recycling The Clerk reported that he had received a request from an elector for another metal recycling skip. Unfortunately these were no longer available from Kennet on a free basis and the Parish Council could not justify the cost.
- Bell Field It was reported that an Ash tree on the Bell Field was in very poor condition and could damage adjacent garden buildings if it fell. Cllr Knight would investigate.
- Planning Seminar A Planning Seminar, open to Councillors, would be held on 30th November in the Town Hall
- There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:16pm. The next meeting would be held on Thursday 11th January 2007.