

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF OGBOURNE ST GEORGE  
HELD ON THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 2007  
AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Apologies were received from Mr P Willis.

2 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:** The Chairman had heard nothing further on this matter but would monitor the situation.  
**Litter Bins:** The Clerk would follow up his enquiry of Adrian Hampton at KDC to clarify whether a litter bin could be replaced outside Park Farm.  
**Wet Pit Bends:** The Clerk reported that he had received a letter regarding the state of the footpath/cycle track at Wet Pit Bends. He had referred the problem to WCC Highways who advised that KDC were responsible who subsequently confirmed they would action.  
**Bell Field:** The Clerk had requested that Simon Turner, trees advisor at Kennet, arrange to inspect the Ash tree in the Bell Field.  
**Bridleway:** The Clerk reported that ROW manager Richard Broadhead had contacted him regarding the blocked bridleway and that he was pursuing the matter.

Finance – Precept It was agreed to set the Precept at the same level as the current year, namely £3500. The Chairman and Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer were authorised to complete and sign the precept form.

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

SEC £86.77

Southern Electric £139.41

Dragon print £28.20

The Clerk reported that some cheques had gone missing in the post subsequent to the last meeting but had eventually appeared so that the replacement cheques were destroyed.

Planning The Chairman had attended a planning seminar which had emphasised the quality of the Kennet planning website. The following planning matters were reported: Applications for a toilet at Grey Gables, for a

single storey conservatory at Elm Tree Cottage and for a two storey extension at 2 St Georges Close had been granted. An application for an extension at 10 St Georges Close had been returned without objection. A further application would be considered after the meeting.

Poors' Gorse  
Charity Trustees

It was agreed to reappoint the existing Trustees Romaine Daw, Elizabeth Brockman and Alec Easter for a further period of 4 years.

Rights of Way

It was reported that a stile was broken on the footpath NE of the Manor House and there was a broken standpipe along Woolmer Drove. Cllr Knight would investigate.

Unitary Authority

Some discussion took place on the possible bid by WCC to become a Unitary Authority.

Air Ambulance

Cllr Mudge expressed her concern at the reports that the Air Ambulance may be replaced by a lesser service. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:18pm. The next meeting would be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2007.