

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF OGBOURNE ST GEORGE  
HELD ON TUESDAY 8 MAY 2007 IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
AT 7:30pm

Those Present: Mr T Frost (Retiring Chairman)  
Mr M Grove  
Mrs C Manos  
Mrs C Mudge  
Mr P Rouse  
Mr K Wallace  
Mr R Smith  
Mr P Willis  
Mr C Freeman (Clerk)

10 residents were present

Declaration of Acceptance of Office Each of the elected Councillors, in turn, read and signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office in front of the Proper Officer, the Clerk, who signed them.

Election of Chairman: The retiring Chairman Mr. T.O. Frost presided over the election of the new Chairman. Cllr Keith Wallace was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Willis. There being no further nominations Cllr Wallace was deemed elected Chairman.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman: Cllr Wallace declared, and signed, Acceptance of Office as Chairman of the Parish Council in front of the Proper Officer, the Clerk, who signed it. Cllr Wallace took the Chair.

Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Martin Grove was proposed by Cllr Manos and seconded by Councillor Smith. There were no other nominations and Councillor Grove was deemed elected as vice-chairman.

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

Matters Arising: **Rights of Way:** The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Barbara Burke in the ROW department at WCC who was now dealing with Bridleway 7 that is blocked at Meadow Cottage. She promised to report back to the Parish Council as soon as possible. The Clerk would follow up.

**Bell Field:** Cllr Willis reported that the installation of the goal posts would be delayed until access could be achieved after harvest.

**Notice Boards:** The Clerk reported that the Parish Council notice board had been repaired and would be re-erected after being painted; he apologised for the time it had taken but it was more damaged than he expected.. He had arranged with Mr Merritt to install another notice board kindly supplied by Christine Coplestone.

**River Og:** The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with Thames

Water regarding the fallen tree in the river bed close to the pumping station but they were not responsible. He would contact the Environment Agency.

**Unitary Authority:** Cllr Manos made a personal plea to residents to support the campaign opposing WCC's bid to become a Unitary Authority as it would be costly and reduce services, making local government more remote. Cllr Manos asked all residents to sign the petition opposing the proposal on the Number 10 website at <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/WiltsUnitary>

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

WALC subscription	£136.81
Southern Electricity - Power	£148.12
Community First - Insurance	£266.82
Printing of Dragon – 2 months	£28.20
Clerk's Salary	£243.05
SEC	£113.18
HoneyStreet Notice Board Posts	£29.96

Planning: Applications for a garden outbuilding for domestic/garden storage at Home Farmhouse, for work to trees at Poppins, erection of shelter for outdoor learning at the School, for a conservatory at The Sanctuary and for listed building consent for two carriage lights by front door at Home Farmhouse had all been granted.

Street Lighting: Cllr Smith would investigate whether the light output of the suggested replacement street lights was comparable to the existing luminaires.

Smoking Ban: The Chairman was concerned that the Parish Council was responsible for implementing the Smoking ban in the bus shelters. It was agreed to investigate further and if necessary install no smoking notices in the bus shelters prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Clerk would enquire for guidance from Kennet.

Pen Portraits: The editor of the Dragon asked that the Councillors provide her with 'pen portrait' (by May 20th) so they could be featured in the Dragon to inform electors.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting would be held on Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup> 2007.