

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
OF THE PARISH OF OGBOURNE ST GEORGE
HELD ON TUESDAY 8 MAY 2007
IN THE VILLAGE HALL FOLLOWING THE AGM.

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

12 Residents were present

Minutes: The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting were signed.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising

Chairman's Report: Given by the previous Chairman, Mr Tim Frost, from the floor.
Report follows.
There were no questions on the Chairman's report.

Financial Report: The Clerk reported that £5170.90 was brought forward from 2005/2006 which, together with a precept of £3,500 and VAT refund of £744.41, meant the total available for the year was £9415.31. Expenditure of £4052.93 represented the basic costs of services within the Parish such as grass mowing and street lighting. £5362.38 was carried forward to 2007/2008. A resident suggested that an 'e' bank account could be used but the Clerk advised they weren't suitable as cheques needed to be signed by Councillors. The Clerk would look into arranging a deposit account with the Bank.

Charity Reports: Ogbourne St. George Village Hall
Report follows

Ogbourne St George Poor's Land or Poor's Gorse
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Railings It was noted that the railings along Church Lane and those adjacent to the path to the bus stop on the main road needed repair or replacement. Cllr Manos stated they would only be replaced with steel pipe railings rather than the existing wooden posts. It was stated that Highways had these items on their list for action but they were not of significant priority.

Stinging Nettles Apparently there are stinging nettles that need attention at the top of the bus stop path. The Clerk would ensure Highways dealt with it.

Coronation Garden It was noted that Mr Sid Bolt was regularly mowing the Coronation Garden. He was thanked for so doing but refused compensation.

Bus Timetables A resident asked why the bus timetables were not shown on the bus shelters. Cllr Rouse said he would resolve.

Minutes A resident asked that the minutes be put on the notice board sooner in future. The Clerk stated they had been put up (before the notice board collapsed) immediately they were created. Also a summary was published in the next edition of the Dragon newsletter.

Village Website Some discussion regarding a parish website being a possible method of disseminating information (including the minutes) led to the former Chairman suggesting he would attend a Council meeting to apprise the Council of the various possibilities. It was agreed this should be arranged. The Chairman wanted to include this subject as part of overall communication policy.

There being no further business the Annual Parish Meeting closed at 21:20.