

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF OGBOURNE ST GEORGE  
HELD ON THURSDAY 8 MAY 2008 IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
FOLLOWING THE APM

- 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)  
Mr C Humphries (WCC)  
Mr D Hunter (KDC)  
Mr Peter Hanson attended on behalf of the WCC Highways Dept
- 9 residents were present
- Election of Chairman: Cllr Keith Wallace was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Manos. 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.
- Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Martin Grove was proposed by Cllr Manos and seconded by Cllr Willis. 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: **Bus Shelter:** The Clerk reported that he had had the Bus Shelter cleaned by the local window cleaners.
- Bell Field:** The Clerk reported that the Ash trees in the Bell field had been felled and pruned. Resulting timber was available for residents and the Clerk would arrange some tidying.
- Footpath railings:** The Clerk reported that the railings on the footpath to the main road bus stop had been repaired.
- Playground:** The Clerk reported that the new climbing net was ready for installation.
- Cycle (Sustrans) Path:** Following contact with WCC it was agreed to distribute the email correspondence Cllr Manos had regarding the status of the path and discuss it at a future meeting.
- Woodland Planting:** It was understood that the objections to the woodland planting scheme had now been ameliorated following some conciliation between the parties and some concessions from Mr Tuckey.
- Finance: **Annual Return:** The Parish Council approved the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2008.  
**Annual Governance Statement:** The Parish Council approved the

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

WALC subscription	£139.19
Southern Electricity - Power	£149.61
Community First - Insurance	£267.52
Printing of Dragon – 2 months	£28.20
Clerk’s Salary	£249.05
SEC	£388.10
J&J Tree Services	£450.00
Window Cleaner	£10.00

Cllr Rouse suggested the Parish Council should review the Clerk’s rate of remuneration and requested details of the current pay scales. **The Clerk would supply.**

Planning: Confirmation of approval for a single storey extension at Amberley and approval for tree work at 1 Church Lane had been received from KDC. Applications for repainting a wall at Elm Tree Cottage and a subterranean garage at Cotswold House had been approved by the Parish Council. An application for a replacement building at High Street would be considered.

Parish Website: Tim Frost reported on the recent meeting of the website committee. Once launched, expected in the next 6 weeks or so, it was agreed to put the URL on the minutes displayed on the village notice board. The Clerk commented on how good the beta version of the site looked. **After much discussion it was agreed to include a short narrative of each Councillor** and postpone their photographs until a later date. It was suggested that a group photograph might be an acceptable alternative.

Speeding: It was agreed that Cllr Smith was to be congratulated on achieving temporary installation of speed indicator devices which appear to have an effect on reducing speeding. **It was agreed that the possible next actions would be presented at a subsequent meeting.** Cllr Manos was keen to ensure representations were made to extend the 50mph limit at Hallam towards Swindon.

School Parking & Hall It was reported that an application was in progress to remove the ‘hump’ outside the school to make access easier. WCC had allocated funds to build a new school hall. **The Chairman of the Governors would keep the Parish Council informed.**

Parking The Clerk had provided Cllr Smith with revised ‘parking letters’ which he had distributed. Although at times it was still considered to be a problem it was generally thought to be an improved situation.

Unitary Authority Update The Chairman had attended a "Meet and Greet" session hosted by Jane Scott, leader of Wiltshire CC. Unfortunately little information was given about the progress of the Transition Programme as too much time was spent discussing concerns with the creation of the Unitary Authority. The Chairman would request a more focussed agenda for the next session in the Autumn. He reported that Implementation Teams had been formed comprising of representatives from all the Councils. Richard Munro has

been appointed as co-coordinator between the County Council and the Parish Councils with a brief to manage devolvement of services to Parish Councils if required. Any devolvement would carry funding. **The Chairman suggested that the Service Devolvement issue be discussed at the next meeting.**

Street Lighting:

**The Clerk was asked to discover KDC policy** on street lighting so that the Parish's control over its lighting could be discussed at a future meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting would be held on Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup> 2008.