

## **Ogbourne St. George Parish Council – Appointment of Temporary Councillors**

1. At the end of January 2014 all of the members of Ogbourne St. George Parish Council tendered their resignations with immediate effect. From that time the parish council was unable to operate or to make any decisions. This left the local community without any representation at parish level.
2. In situations like this Wiltshire Council, as the relevant principal authority, has the power, under section 91 Local Government Act 1972, to appoint temporary councillors to act until such time as elections can be held and new parish councillors take up office. Such appointments are made by Order.
3. There are no statutory restrictions on who can be appointed as temporary councillors, other than the general provisions in the 1972 Act regarding disqualification from holding office.
4. Discussions took place with the local unitary member and other interested parties to try to identify suitable persons to take on this temporary role.
5. Five people were identified as suitable and willing to take on this role. A minimum of three members are required to form a quorum on the parish council, which has a total membership of seven councillors.
6. Consequently an Order was made on 14 May 2014 appointing the following as temporary councillors until such time as new parish councillors are elected and take up office:

*Timothy John Burr George of Martlets, High Street, Ogbourne St George;*

*Richard Godfrey Iliffe of Old Park Stables, High Street, Ogbourne St George;*

*Gordon Robert Mudge of Amberley, High Street, Ogbourne St George ;*

*William Ian MacGregor Sandison of The Old Police House, Bottom Lane, Ogbourne St George;*

*Andrew Marmaduke Lane Tuckey of The Manor House, Ogbourne St George;*

7. A copy of the sealed Order has been sent to the Secretary of State as required under the legislation.
8. The interim council is, therefore, legally constituted and able to discharge the functions of the council.

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