

OGBOURNE ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Ogbourne St George Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Ogbourne St George on Thursday 15th January 2015 commencing at 7:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Mudge (Chair), Iliffe, George, Sandison and Tuckey.

OFFICER PRESENT: Locum Clerk, Paul Russell.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr Mason, Linden Homes and seven members of the public.

76/15 APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received.

77/15 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made.

78/15 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 13th November 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

79/15 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised:

- It was noted that alternative banking arrangements would not be considered until a new Clerk to the Council had been appointed;
- The CPRE article for the Dragon had not yet been submitted but this would be actioned as soon as practicable;
- The request for a raised pavement had been submitted to the Highway Authority, Wiltshire Council who would now progress the matter;

80/15 POOLE'S MEADOW DEVELOPMENT

The Chair welcomed Mr Mason who is a Director for Linden Homes who are developing the Poole's Meadow site.

The six affordable homes were now fully occupied and the private residence on plot 7 had been sold. Construction was expected to be completed by the end of March 2015, weather permitting. There were still units available for sale.

The development had been well received and there had been no complaints regarding the contractors. The open space had now been established and was work in progress.

Concern had been expressed regarding the future management and maintenance of the Green. The Green would be transferred to a Management Company, Pentland Estate Management, who would be responsible for the area including the play area. This had been agreed as part of the S106 agreement.

The planting scheme had caused some concern but it was stated that the scheme had been developed and designed by a professional landscape architect and had been accepted by the planning authority.

If a user group wished to utilise the Green for an event then the organisers would have to contact the Management Company who would carry out a condition survey to confirm the current state of the land. If any damage was then caused there would be a requirement to reinstate the Green to its previous state.

Concern was expressed regarding the fencing to be erected around the gas tank. Originally it had not been the intention to enclose the area above the gas tank with a fence. However, due to health and safety issues raised and the inclusion of a monitoring kiosk Council was informed that a view had been taken and the area had now been enclosed. This had been agreed with Wiltshire Council. A hedgerow would be planted to soften the edges.

A bench would be provided as part of the play area. The drainage had been constructed to the specifications laid down by Thames Water who would be adopting the drainage system under a S104 agreement on completion of the development.

The security lighting had been provided as per the specification of the Housing Association.

Mr Mason agreed to make further enquiries regarding the Sarsen Stones.

There were two points of access onto the open space and there were no plans to increase the number.. This was a matter that could be discussed with the Estate Management Company in the future if an additional access was required.

Concern had been expressed regarding the poor condition of the pavement. It was confirmed that both the access road and the pavements had not been completed.

The damage caused to the highway by BT would be the responsibility of the service company. A contact would be provided by Mr Mason along with a contact at Thames Water.

Members of the public were then invited to ask questions.

Concern was raised that a resident's telephone had been disconnected since Christmas Eve. It was suggested that this was more likely to do with the installation of fibre optic broadband cables currently being installed by BT.

It was confirmed that there would be three play units a bench and a litter bin. The safer surface provided would be a wetpour surface. The play area had been designed for the smaller children.

There were to be four street lights installed around the Green.

The design of the development had been based on the original farmyard so the scale of the buildings was representative of that hence the mix and size of housing provided.

Concern was raised regarding the amount of mud on the road and Mr Mason undertook to look into this and the concern regarding the large puddle that had started to form at the main entrance.

The Chair thanked Mr Mason for attending the meeting.

81/15 POLICE REPORT

It was noted that PC Tippetts would be organising speed check in the village as previously requested.

82/15 BUDGET 2015/16

Council considered the revised budget for Financial Year 2015/16. It was confirmed that discussions were being undertaken with Atkins Global (agents for Wiltshire Council) to transfer the street lighting liability to them. This would ensure that the lighting would eventually be upgraded using white LED lighting only. It was agreed to increase the amount in the street lighting budget from £600 to £1,000 to help meet any costs that may be charged to the Parish Council.

An additional amount of £850 was included to cover the cost of the solicitors who were overseeing the Village Hall leases.

Council **RESOLVED** to set a precept of £8,500 which would result in a Band D charge of £39.49 per annum.

83/15 OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Council **RESOLVED** to ratify the payment of the following accounts:

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
Sally Utton	Dragon Expenses	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00
SSE	Electric Streetlighting	£156.85	£7.84	£164.69
TOTAL		£186.85	£7.84	£194.69

Council **NOTED** the current balances held in Lloyds Bank:

Opening Balances 1st April 2014		
Treasurers Account	£696.15	
Business Instant Access Account	£700.00	£1,396.15
Expenditure	£9,778.06	
Income	£9,031.20	-£746.86
Unpresented Cheques 14/15	£52.00	£52.00
Actual Total Balance		£701.29
Closing Balance 31st Dec 2014		

Treasurers Account	£376.29	
Business Instant Access Account	£325.00	
	£701.29	£649.29
Less Unpresented Cheques		£52.00
Balances at Bank		£701.29

84/15 VILLAGE HALL LEASE

Council **NOTED** that its Solicitors had now responded to the amendments proposed by Parker Bullen regarding the Lease of the land adjoining the village hall. It was expected that the Lease will be finalised shortly following the final points being agreed.

85/15 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Council considered the tenders received to date to carry out the annual grass cutting contract for the next three years and **RESOLVED** that, subject to the receipt of the third tender, it would award the contract to the lowest tenderer at a charge not exceeding £3,000 per annum.

86/15 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Council **RESOLVED** to submit the following comments to Wiltshire Council:

Application: 14/11093/FUL

Location: Copse Drove House Copse Drove Ogbourne St George Marlborough Wiltshire SN8 1RW

Proposal: Erection of new steel frame cattle building
Council noted that this had already been approved

Application: 14/11275/FUL

Location: 1 Westfield Farm Ogbourne St. George Marlborough SN8 1SX

Proposal: Proposed new dwelling to provide accommodation for a full time agricultural farmworker.

Comment: No objection

Application: 14/10820/DP3

Location: Ogbourne St George & St Andrew CE Primary School Ogbourne St George Marlborough SN8 1SU

Proposal: Retention of single mobile classroom with toilets
Council noted that this had already been approved

Application: 14/11823/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension

Location: Chasewoods Farm Cottage, Copse Drove, Ogbourne St George, SN8 2NR

Comment: No objection

Application: 14/12111/FUL

Proposal: Erection of extension to front, a proposed verandah, new single garage, internal works and external cladding to building

- Location** The Staddles, High Street, Ogbourne St George, SN8 1SU
- Comment** Recommend refusal on the following grounds:
- This is a sensitive site which is unsuitable for further development;
 - The site is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty;
 - The proposal will be in full view of the Parish Church thus undermining the visual amenity;
 - The dwelling has already been substantially extended sideways;
 - The proposal is to extend out the front of the property which will affect its current building line;
 - The proposal to clad the dwelling with cladding in unacceptable and out of keeping with the area;
 - The colour of the proposed cladding is unacceptable and be detrimental to the visual amenity of the area.

Grants

The following **grants were NOTED**:

Application: 14/09222/FUL

Location: Land adjacent to Park Close Ogbourne St. George Marlborough SN8 1SL

Proposal: Erection of a New dwelling (Amendment to previously approved 14/04166/FUL)

Application: 14/10067/FUL

Location: Sunnyview Ogbourne St George Marlborough Wiltshire SN8 1TA

Proposal: Single storey side and rear extensions and new front porch

- (b) **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Update - Wiltshire Community Infrastructure Levy examination and further consultation** – Council noted that the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Examination hearing sessions would be taking place at the Civic Centre, Trowbridge.

87/15 HIGHWAYS

- (a) **A364 Speed Limit** – Council **NOTED** that this request had been declined by Wiltshire Council. The matter would only be open to review if significant environmental changes occur. It was agreed to reply expressing Council's disappointment.
- (b) **Community Team** – In response to an anonymous letter from a parishioner Cllr Sandison had met with the Wiltshire Highways team recently to request that improvement works be carried out in Bytham Road and consideration be given to providing a footpath. It had been placed on the list but with a low priority given the current level of funding available for such works.

88/15 AIRCRAFT NOISE

Council noted that a letter was being sent to the local MP, Claire Perry, regarding the aircraft noise and a further update would be provided in due course.

89/15 STREET LIGHTING UPDATE

Council **NOTED** the following update:

- A request was to be submitted to Atkins Global (street lighting agents for Wiltshire Council) for a 10 year term of instalments on the payment of £5,700 proposed for the transfer of the street lights;
- Council would also request that the following issues be addressed as a priority:
 - One light completely missing (Kemms Cottage)
 - Two lights on all day
 - Three lights u/s (Hallam, High Street junct with Old Marlborough Road, Jubbs Lane/Liddiards Green footpath)

90/15 SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

No update report had been received regarding this initiative.

91/15 RECRUITMENT

Council **NOTED** that three enquiries had been received regarding the vacancy for a new Clerk resulting in two applications. Delegated authority was given to the Interview Panel (Cllrs Mudge, Tuckey and Sandison) to interview the applicants and recommend the appointment of a new Clerk.

92/15 NEXT MEETING

Council **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Thursday 12th March 2015 in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm. The following schedule of meetings was agreed:

- 12th March 2015 – Annual Parish Meeting @ 7pm
- 14th May 2015 – Full Council @ 7.30pm
- 9th July 2015 – Full Council @ 7.30pm
- 10th September 2015 – Full Council @ 7.30pm
- 12th November 2015 – Full Council @ 7.30pm

93/15 PUBLIC RECESS

The following matters were raised by members of the public:

Concern was expressed that a precedent could be set to allow development of agricultural land for residential development following recent applications submitted. It was noted that this was ultimately a matter for Wiltshire Council who are the planning authority.

It was noted that fibre optic broadband was currently being installed in the village but there was no confirmed date on the completion or subsequent availability.

It was expected that the litter bin sited in Poole's Meadow would be emptied by the Management Company.

There being no other business the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00pm

CHAIR:

DATE:

