

OGBOURNE ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ogbourne St George Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Ogbourne St George on Thursday 12 March 2015 commencing at 7:30pm.

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

OFFICER PRESENT: Clerk, Tamsin Witt.

ALSO PRESENT: Six members of the public.

94/15. APOLOGIES were received and accepted from Paul Russell, Locum Clerk

95/15. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The following declarations of interest were made:

- Cllr Iliffe – Agenda item 12(a) Footpath Matters

96/15. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 15th January be agreed and signed as a correct record

97/15. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

98/15. POLICE REPORT

Not available. P.C. Tippetts was not present

99/15. 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	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Paul Russell	Clerk Expenses	£250	£0.00	£250.00
TOTAL		£280.00	£0.00	£280

The Council NOTED the Current Balances at Bank:

Opening Balances 1st April 2014		
Treasurers Account	£696.15	
Business Instant Access Account	£700.00	£1,396.15
Expenditure	£9,976.19	
Income	£9,031.20	£-944.99
Unpresented Cheques 14/15	£52.00	£52.00
Actual Total Balance		£503.16

Closing Balance 28 th Feb 2014		
Treasurers Account	£658.18	
Business Instant Access Account	£325.00	
	£983.18	£451.16
Less Unpresented Cheques		£52.00
Balances at Bank		£503.16

100/15.VILLAGE HALL LEASE

The Council approved the payment of £600 to Merrimans as a further deposit against the fees of Parker Bullen, the solicitors for the Diocesan Board of Education for the lease of the field adjacent to the Hall. VAT both on this and on the £900 deposited earlier should be recoverable.

101/15.GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Council **NOTED** that the grounds contract for the next three years has been awarded to Bawden Contracting Services Limited at a cost of £1,695 per annum. There had been 3 tenders and Bawden Contracting Services Ltd had been significantly lower than the other two. The areas included in the contract are Bell Field, the church yard and the Village Hall grounds. Work commences in April 2015.

102/15.PLANNING MATTERS

(a) It was **AGREED** to submit the following comments to Wiltshire Council:

Application: 15/01366/FUL

Location: Hillside High Street Ogbourne St George SN8 1SU

Proposal: Construction of single and two storey rear extensions

Comment: There is no obvious planning objection to this proposed development. But the drawings submitted are very sketchy, and do not include a site plan showing neighbouring properties. The owners of Coniston next door have submitted views.

Ogbourne St George Parish Council is concerned about the practical problems of construction. Assuming that access from neighbouring properties is not available, the whole project, including the delivery and removal of building materials, would have to be accessed through the front door of Hillside. The house is up several steps on a steep bank. The applicants need to demonstrate that the operation is feasible.

There is also a parking problem at what is a narrow point in High Street, which can often be busy (eg school times and A346 diversion). There is no off-street parking, and the proposed extension would involve the need to deliver and store all sorts of building material, and to have a skip on site for much of the development period. The Parish Council would expect the Highways Department to place clear restrictions on the number and types of vehicles parked on site at any one time, and to lay down rules for the delivery, storage and removal of materials by larger vehicles, and for the use of any special equipment requiring road access.

Application: 15/00983/FUL

Location: Ogbourne Water Treatment Works Whitefield Farm Ogbourne St George Marlborough Wiltshire SN8 1SW

Proposal: Installation of a replacement cylinder store kiosk

Comment: None

Application: 15/00832/FUL

Location: Orestone House Ogbourne St George SN8 1TF

Proposal: Proposed two storey extension including conversion of existing garage.
Erection of detached garage.

Comment: Objection due to the size of the extension being too large in comparison with nearby properties. In particular, Councillors are concerned about the proposed garage overshadowing both Orestone House and the house next door. In addition, Councillors thought the gable on the left of the house should be reduced. In summary, the Council would not support this planning application without it being scaled back considerably.

Application: 15/00797/TCA

Location: 2 Leaze View Ogbourne St George SN8 1ST

Proposal: Lilac tree - fell Location: Chasewoods Farm Cottage, Copse Drove, Ogbourne St George, SN8 2NR

Comment: None

Revised Application

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: This application has been revised since it was last discussed. The height of the garage has been lowered and render will be used instead of cladding. This application has now been approved by Wiltshire Council

Grants

The Council NOTED that the following planning applications had been approved by Wiltshire Council;

Application: 14/11823/FUL

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

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension

Decision: Approved with Conditions

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

Decision: Approved with Conditions

(b) Wiltshire Core Strategy Adoption – Council NOTED that on 20th January 2015, Wiltshire Council adopted the Wiltshire Core Strategy Development Plan Document (the Plan). The Core Strategy sets out the vision, objectives, spatial development strategy and overarching policies that will guide development in Wiltshire to 2026.

(c) Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations – Council NOTED that an informal consultation on the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations DPD has commenced. Further information can also be found on the following link:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningpolicy/wiltshsgsiteallocationsplansites.htm>

(d) Parish Plan

Brian Utton provided the Council with a summary of the Parish Plan document and reminders of the priorities and action plan. The Parish Plan should be fully revised in 2019. Copies are available at <http://ogbournestgeorge.org.uk/community-section/parish-plan-20112012/> The main themes of the plan are: Energy and Renewables, Leisure, Traffic and Village Shop. The Council requested that Brian Utton continue to remind the Council to carry out the actions from the Parish Plan, especially as Council members change

(e) Pooles Meadow by Linden Homes. The Council NOTED that the houses are selling well and a number those people who have moved in have reported that they are very happy with the quality of the build. The issue with the trench fills/ drainage has been resolved. The Council discussed the following issues:

- e.1) The management of the green rests with the estate and therefore there is scope for conflict
- e.2) The Council AGREED to chase for Wiltshire Council's response to the Council's letter regarding the S106 monies
- e.3) The Council AGREED to write to Linden Homes to request that the gas tank cover, which has unexpectedly arrived in the middle of the green, be removed.

ACTION: Clerk

103/15.AIRCRAFT NOISE

The Council NOTED the response from Claire Perry MP regarding this matter. Contact has been made with the Chief Executive of Swindon Borough Council to request a formal noise assessment of the noise pollution being suffered.

The Council also NOTED that following the adoption of the Swindon Borough Local Plan recently an allocation of 30-40 houses at the Redlands Airfield site, Wanborough, has been approved. The Council queried whether the airfield will then be closed or not

104/15.STREET LIGHTING UPDATE

The Council NOTED that a letter has been sent to Mr Paul Binley, Wiltshire Council, to request that negotiations commence regarding the future management, maintenance and improvements to the street lighting in Ogbourne St George.

The Council AGREED to request support from Ward Councillor Jemima Milton as this matter needs to be resolved by Autumn 2015 due to the lack of lighting being a very real issue which will cause more difficulty in the winter months

ACTION: Clerk

105/15.HIGHWAYS MATTERS

a) **Footpath Matters** – The Council DISCUSSED the recent notices that have been put up around the village by the landowner, Oliver Iliffe. These notices have led to confusion and many calls to the Council members. It is a Section 31 Notice which essentially clarifies the current rights of way and protects the landowner from new routes being established. Two issues were identified by the Council as problematic:

a.1) The bridleway by Meadow Cottage which shows on maps dating back to 1898 is currently impassable. Wiltshire Council had marked the route as a Public Right of Way, but their investigations into the matter seems to have stopped

a.2) Footpath 12, near ‘Coniston’ meets the bridleway mentioned above, before it reaches the main road. Therefore access to the footpath relies upon the bridleway being usable.

The Council AGREED to request the landowner to repair the stile and bridge (plank) over the drainage ditch (**ACTION: Cllr George**) and to request that the Community Team work at the High Street end of Footpath 12, between Coniston and the Old Rectory, as a low priority. **ACTION: Cllr Sandison**

The Council also AGREED to request that Rights of Way department at Wiltshire Council resume their investigation of the bridleway by Meadow Cottage. **ACTION: Cllr George**

(b) School Hedge – Cllrs AGREED to request the secretary or the Head Teacher at the school to cut back the hedge which is now overhanging the High Street. **ACTION: Cllr Sandison**

106/15. BROADBAND PROVISION

The Council NOTED that the BT exchange is located near to the bus stop in the village. BT Customer Services had confirmed that households will be contacted when an updated and improved service is available, but this will only apply to houses up to 400 yards from the exchange.

107/15. SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

An update on the Speedwatch initiative was not available

108/15.RECRUITMENT

The Council welcomed the new Clerk, Tamsin Witt and confirmed that the Locum Clerk, Paul Russell’s last meeting will be in May. It was NOTED that the intention is for the existing Council members to remain in place whilst the new Clerk settles into the role and is then able to assist with elections in the latter part of 2015

109/15.NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 14th May 2015 in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

110/15.PUBLIC RECESS

The following matters were raised by Members of the Public:

- The slip road from golf course needs some maintenance
- There are pot holes near Hallam House, outside the pub and Earthline
- A raised bus stop is required for accessibility

CHAIR: _____ DATE: _____