

OGBOURNE ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ogbourne St George Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Ogbourne St George on Thursday 14th July 2016 commencing at 7:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr Mudge (Chairman)
Cllr Sandison
Cllr Tanner
Cllr Utton

OFFICER PRESENT: Parish Clerk, Caroline Ramsey

No Members of the public were present

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Tuckey

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest

3. MINUTES

The Chairman presented the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting, held on Thursday 12th May 2016 and the Extraordinary Council meeting held on Thursday 26th May 2016. Members **AGREED** they be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not already covered within the agenda.

5. PUBLIC RECESS

There were no Members of the public present.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

Application Ref: 6/02753/FUL
Application for: Full Planning
Location: Lower Herdswick, Chiseldon Road, Ogbourne St George,
Wiltshire, SN8 1SY
Proposal: Installation of above ground pool and access
ladder/decking
Comments by: 14th June 2016

Councillors offered no objections or comments to this application

Application Ref: 16/05179/FUL
Application for: Full Planning
Location: Lower Herdswick, Chiseldon Road, Ogbourne St George,
Wiltshire, SN8 1SY
Proposal: Single storey rear extension
Comments by: 14th July 2016

Councillors offered no objections or comments to this application

Application Ref: 16/00747/FUL
Application for: Full Planning
Location: Barn View, Ogbourne St George, Marlborough, Wiltshire,
SN8 1TF
Proposal: Erection of timber frame car port with simple concrete tile
roof as a lean-to to the existing garage
Comments by: ASAP

Councillors offered no objections or comments to this application

(b) Decisions:

No decisions have been officially notified by the Planning Authority although Councillors noted that the application at Berryfield had been approved.

7. POLICE REPORT

There was no representative from Wiltshire Police however, it was noted that there had been a spate of thefts both of and from vehicles and residents had been advised to be vigilant.

8. OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

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

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
Bawden Managed Landscapes	May 2016 – 1/12 th of total annual quotation	£141.25	£28.25	£169.50
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Southern Electric	Account for Q1 2016/17	£158.49	£7.92	£166.41
TOTAL		£283.99	£64.42	£348.41

Council **NOTED** the current balances at Bank:

Opening Balances 3 rd May 2016 2015		
Treasurers Account	£10,659.80	
Business Instant Access Account	£325.00	
Expenditure		(£1,164.75)
Income		£0.02
Actual Total Balance		£9,820.07
Closing Balance 1 st July 2016		
Treasurers Account	£9,495.07	
Business Instant Access Account	£325	
	£9,820.07	
Balances at Bank		£9,820.07

Council commented that the Bank Balance continues to be in a good and healthy state.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) **Risk Assessment Policy** – Council agreed to defer approval and adoption of the new Risk Assessment Policy until the next meeting

(b) **Reserves Policy** – Council resolved to approve and adopt the new Reserves Policy with the inclusion of an amendment at the final bullet point: -

“The Parish Council will obtain at least two quotations for major items of expenditure of £500 and above”

This would be included in the Council’s Financial Regulations at the next submission for approval and re-adoption.

10. STREET LIGHTING UPDATE

The Survey of Street Lighting by SSE Enterprise will take place on 27th August and a report will be presented to council at the next meeting on 8th September 2016.

11. LINDEN HOMES DEVELOPMENT

Councillors raised a number of issues regarding the Linden Homes Development:

(a) Parking in layby

Residents had approached the councillors regarding cars parked in the lay-by. The lay-by is intended for public service vehicles, particularly those filling the adjacent gas tanks only and not a ‘parking lay-by for use by the general public’. There are concerns that the cars often cause obstruction to service and delivery vehicles needing to access the area.

(b) Rubbish bin

The management company contracted by Linden Homes (Pentland Estate Management) are responsible for emptying the bin as part of the maintenance of The Green and the Play Area. However, a resident had recently taken action to empty the bin himself as it had been overflowing for some time.

Council agreed to write to Linden Homes regarding the two issues above and request proper signage for the lay-by and a regular maintenance visit by the management company to ensure the bin is emptied and that the area is kept looking tidy.

A number of complaints had been received regarding unscheduled bonfires and fireworks at residential premises in the village. Council agreed that the Clerk would speak with Public Protection at Wiltshire Council to see what advice is available for residents planning such an event in the future.

12. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

There are a number of blocked gullies in the village that are presenting a drainage problem causing flooding on parts of the road through the village.

Council agreed that the clerk would contact Wiltshire Council's Highways Department for a schedule of maintenance and clearance of the gullies. It would be stressed that this needs to be carried out before the winter.

Councillors also discussed the issue of litter around the village. Thanks were once again expressed to Dave Childs who does an excellent job in clearing litter. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the provision of black bags and litter grabbers that could be kept in the Village Hall for use by other volunteers.

The Council would like to thank whoever cleared the pathway recently at the end of Jubbs Lane. The overgrown hedge had caused visibility and access problems for some time. Thank you.

13. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Village Hall Committee will be meeting towards the end of September and hope that anyone who has expressed an interest in helping will be able to attend. A date and further details will be available shortly.

The Council and the Village Hall Committee would like to extend a huge thank you to Timothy George and Richenda George for their generous donation to the Village Hall fund to 'help kick-start the Village Hall refurbishment'.

14. ITEMS TO NOTE

Marlborough Area Board Meeting 19th July 2016

The next meeting of the Marlborough Area Board will be held on 19th July in the Town Hall, Marlborough. There will be an update from Fairtrade Marlborough on Marlborough's status as a Fairtrade town and on progress of plans to put on Marlborough's first ever open-air music festival just for young people

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 8th September 2016 in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

16. PUBLIC RECESS

No members of the public were present.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

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Cllr Gordon Mudge, Chairman, 8th September 2016