

OGBOURNE ST GEORGE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Ogbourne St George Parish held at the Village Hall, Ogbourne St George on Thursday 22nd May 2017 commencing at 7:00pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr Mudge (Chairman)
Cllr Tanner
Cllr Sandison
Cllr Utton

OFFICER PRESENT: Georgina Morgan-Denn, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT: 1 Member of the public

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Tuckey.

2. **MINUTES**

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

3. **CHAIRMAN' REPORT**

The Chairman presented his annual report:-

This report covers the period from the last Annual Parish Meeting on 12 May 2016 to the present.

Day to Day Management

During the year commencing March 2016, the Council have met on seven occasions in May 2016 (12 and 26 (Extraordinary Meeting)), July 2016, September 2016, November 2016, January 2017 and March 2017.

During the year various small scale planning applications were considered by the Council.

Street lighting was a continuing theme throughout the year. The village street lighting is life expired and cannot be replaced as it fails. The Council is examining alternative management options principally that of Wiltshire Council assuming responsibility on the proviso that white lights will be installed. There are several issues still to be resolved.

The financial position of the Council continued to remain healthy again this year, with a small surplus. The 2015/16 External Audit was been completed with no major issues reported.

In January 2017 Council considered the revised budget for Financial Year 2017/18. Council resolved to set a precept of £9277 which would result in a Band D charge of £40.42 per annum an increase of £1.18.

Changes of Parish Clerk and Councillors

In November 2016 Caroline Ramsey resigned as Parish Clerk and the Council welcomed Georgina Morgan-Denn as Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Georgina took up her post in January 2017 and has already made a considerable contribution to the work of the Council.

Elections

Elections to Parish Councils and for Wiltshire Unitary Council were held on 4 May 2017. Our unitary councillor Cllr Jemima Milton stood down as member for the West Selkley Ward. We thank her for her work and support to this Parish Council over many years and wish her well for the future.

We would like to congratulate Cllr Jane Davies on being elected as our new member for West Selkley and look forward to working with her in the years to come.

Seven places were vacant on Ogbourne St George Parish Council but as only five people were nominated to stand no election was held. As chairman I have to say that I was extremely disappointed that only the five members of the previous council chose to stand again, this despite an article in the Dragon and a leaflet drop to every house in the parish.

Acknowledgements

As Chairman I would wish to acknowledge the support I have received from my fellow Councillors over the past year and I look forward to working with them in the future.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Ogbourne Village Hall, Management Committee Report Year ending 31st December 2016

A report from the Village Hall Management Committee was presented by Tim Frost along with the Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ending 31st December 2016.

As before, the main user of the hall continued to be the Little Dragons Pre-School, which was there every weekday during term time. During November and December the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides hired the hall for their weekly meetings while the school hall was unavailable because of building works there. The hall was also used 9 times for parties, twice as a polling station, and for 6 other events and meetings. As usual, the hall was also used by the parish council for its bi-monthly meetings and for the consultation

display of street lighting, and the tables and chairs were hired out several times.

The required quinquennial electrical condition report was carried out in June, which rated the installation as satisfactory and overall in good condition.

The accounts show income for the year of £4,692, expenditure of £2,330 (of which £390 was for the electrical PIR), net income of £2,362. However, this includes a generous donation given towards starting refurbishment work, so during the autumn a new committee began meeting to plan this and to explore the availability of grants.

A copy of the accounts is below, for which thanks are due to Chris Allen; also to Dave Child for dealing with the bins every week.

OGBOURNE ST GEORGE VILLAGE HALL			
Income and expenditure statement			
YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER		2016	2015
		£	£
INCOME			
	LITTLE DRAGONS/TODDLERS	1,310	1,100
	HALL HIRE	338	215
	HIRE TABLES ETC	78	122
	KDC/ELECTIONS	416	208
	FUND RAISING/DONATION	2,550	607
		4,692	2,252
EXPENDITURE			
	ELECTRICITY	900	918
	INSURANCE	501	480
	WATER RATES	155	335
	WASTE	203	193
	FIRE SAFETY	73	70
	BANK CHARGES	10	-
	BUILDING WORK, REPAIRS, EQUIPMENT	488	646
		2,330	2,643
NET INCOME		2,362	- 390
FUNDS AVAILABLE CARRIED FORWARD			
	BANK	4,864	2,502
	CASH	0	0
		4,864	2,502

(b) Ogbourne St George Poor's Land (Poor's Furze), Trustees Report for year ending 31st January 2016.

A report from the Ogbourne St George Poor's Land (or Poor's Furze) was presented by the Chairman of the Trustees, Tim Frost.

Report of the Trustees to the Parish Council for the year ended 31st January 2016.

Trustees: Mr Tim Frost (Chairman), The Rev Roger Powell, Mrs Michelle Cook, Ms Leslie Harvey, Mrs Rachel Inglefield

		£
Opening balance		692.70
2016 Rent received	1200.00	
2016 Wayleave payments	119.76	
2016 Investment Income	38.01	
2016 Interest	<u>4.04</u>	
Total Income		1361.81
2016 Distribution		<u>1400.00-</u>
Balance carried forward		654.51

The December 2016 distributed was allocated as 7 amounts of £200.

An e-mail address, trustees@ogbournecharity.uk, has been set up to enable village residents to contact the Trustees more easily, and Trustees can also be contacted in person. Grants can be considered for the benefit of either village residents or village projects. The e-mail address and contact details appear on the village website, and the e-mail and Trustee names on Charity Commission website, but no messages have yet been received from any local source.

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no public questions.

6. NEXT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The next Annual Parish Meeting will be at 7.00pm in May 2018 (date to be agreed).

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Cllr Gordon Mudge, Chairman, tbc May 2018