

OGBOURNE ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL 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 22nd May 2017
commencing at 7:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Mudge (Chair), Cllr Sandison, Cllr Tanner and Cllr Utton

OFFICER PRESENT: Georgina Morgan-Denn, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Jane Davies (West Selkey Ward, Wiltshire Council) and PCSO Lucy Stonestreet

FC01/17 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved: Cllr Gordon Mudge was elected as Chairman of Ogbourne St George Parish Council.

Proposer: Cllr Bob Tanner

Seconded: Cllr Brian Utton

FC02/17 COUNCILLORS TO SIGN THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Resolved: all Councillors signed their Acceptance of Office.

FC03/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Tuckey.

FC04/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest.

FC05/17 MINUTES

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 9th March 2017 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

FC06/17 PUBLIC RECESS

There were two members of the public present. There were no issues raised in the Public Recess.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Jane Davies to the meeting.

FC07/17 REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Davies reported at the meeting that she has 12 Parish Councils in the West Selkey Ward, some of which are more active than others. Cllr Davies is available to help progress any issues the Parish may have.

Wiltshire Council has more cuts to come. Cllr Davies noted that bus consultations are a key issue at the present as the commercial business companies will cut services if they are no longer viable and she implored the parish to support their local bus services.

Cllr Davies would like to attend the parish meeting and work closely with the council. Councillors informed Cllr Davies they would appreciate assistance with their street lighting project and a 20mph speed limit proposal, both to be discussed later in this meeting.

There was some discussion around joining the two Ogbourne parish councils because Ogbourne St Andrew had not yet formed a council in the recent elections due to a lack of potential councillors. It was noted that there is already a sense of community between the two village and links with the schools. There could be cost savings in joining the two villages too. Cllr Davies agreed she would make some investigations.

FC08/17 POLICE REPORT

PSCO Lucy Stonestreet updated Council on local policing issues and referred to a number of incidents in the area. However she reported a pleasing police report for the area. Despite the community police staffing situation being dire, Ogbourne St George benefit from the team at Swindon as well as Marlborough. The rural crime team has also disbanded and returned to their regular teams and tasked with raising awareness of rural policing matters.

Other key messages raised included deterring ex-convicts who operate in selling household goods door to door. PSCO Stonestreet asked residents to call the incident in to stop them operating in the area.

There are community consultations at Marlborough Market the first Wednesday of each month. Residents are encouraged to sign up to Community Messaging <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>.

FC09/17 PLANNING MATTERS

Members considered the following Planning Applications from Wiltshire Council:

(a) **Applications:** The following Planning Applications have been received from Wiltshire Council:

Application: 17/02707/FUL
Location: Erection of a shed at the side of the property, in between the brick garage and wooden boundary fence
Proposal: 5 Pooles Meadow, Ogbourne St George, SN8 1ES
Comments: **No Objection**

Application: 17/03443/FUL
Location: Two storey extension & garage
Proposal: Carlisle House, Ogbourne St George, SN8 1SH
Comments: **No Objection**

(b) Decisions:

Members **NOTED** the following Planning Decision has been notified from Wiltshire Council:

Decisions: The following Planning Decisions have been notified to the Council:

Application: 17/01565/TCA
Location: Coombe View, Chiseldon Road, Ogbourne St George, SN8 1SU
Proposal: Fell three Conifer trees and one Apple tree Prune ornamental and fruit trees as required
Decision: **No Objection**

Application: 17/01099/FUL
Location: Blue Barn, Bytham Farm, Bytham Road, Ogbourne St George, SN8 2NT
Proposal: Double carport with storage areas
Decision: **Approve with Conditions**

Application: 16/10787/FULL
Location: Southend House, Southend, Ogbourne St George, SN8 1SG
Proposal: Proposed Summerhouse
Decision: **Approve with Conditions**

FC10/17

COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Resolved: to adopt the Wiltshire Council Code of Conduct.

Proposer: Cllr G Mudge
Seconded: Cllr Brian Utton

FC11/17

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO EXTERNAL GROUPS

Resolved: to appoint representatives on the following:

- (b)** Cllr Mudge - Village Hall Management Committee
- (c)** Cllr Mudge - NALC/WALC

FC12/17

GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Resolved: The Council met the requirement for the use of the General Power of Competence and adopted the Statutory Instrument of Law that gives Local Councils the power to do anything that an individual may generally do and is found under Statutory Instrument 2012 No 965 of the Localism Act 2011- Sections 1-8.

Proposer: Cllr B Utton
Seconded: Cllr W Sandison

FC13/17

BANK SIGNATORIES

Resolved: Confirmed that the Bank Signatures for the next Civic Year were Cllr G Mudge, Cllr W Sandison and Mrs Georgina Morgan-Denn.

FC14/17 INSURANCE

Resolved: To accept the Hiscox quotation for £275 annual premium commencing 23 May 2017. This is a 3-year binding agreement (with a 5% reduction).

Proposer: Cllr W Sandison

Seconded: Cllr G Mudge

FC15/17 WILTSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Resolved: To resolve to join the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils and the National Association of Local Councils, as the membership gives Council access to legal advice from the Councils point of view and access to the latest legislation and legal topic notes. The cost of £194.53 was agreed.

Proposer: Cllr G Mudge

Seconded: Cllr B Tanner

FC16/17 INTERNAL AUDIT

Resolved: To resolve to appoint Lightatouch Internal Audit Services to carry out the internal audit for Ogbourne St George Parish Council for 2016/17. The cost of £100 was agreed.

Proposer: Cllr B Utton

Seconded: Cllr W Sandison.

FC17/17 PAYMENTS

Resolved: To ratify the payment of the following accounts:

Date	Cheque Ref	Payee	Description	Payment	VAT	Net
20.02.17	641	Sally Utton	Dragon Newsletter Printing	£16.96	£1.15	£15.81
29.03.17	641	Sally Utton	Dragon Newsletter Printing	£16.96	£1.15	£15.81
31.03.17	642	Bawden	Grounds Maintenance	£169.50	£28.25	£141.25
01.04.17	643	WALC	WALC/NALC Annual Subscription	£194.53	£32.42	£162.11
25.04.17	641	Sally Utton	Dragon Newsletter Printing	£16.96	£1.15	£15.81
26.04.17	645	Lightatouch Internal Audit Services	Internal Audit	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
28.04.17	644	Bawden	Grounds Maintenance	£169.50	£28.25	£141.25
11.05.17	646	Came & Company	Insurance	£275.00	£25.00	£250.00
TOTAL				£959.41	£117.37	£842.04

FC18/17 APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF PARISH ACCOUNTS FROM 10 FEBRUARY 2017 TO DATE

Resolved: To approve the Parish Accounts as shown below:

Opening Balances 1st November 2016		
Treasurers Account	£8000.76	
Business Instant Access Account	£325.00	
Expenditure		(2578.68)
Income		0.04
Actual Total Balance		£5747.12
Closing Balance 9th February 2017		
Treasurers Account	£5422.12	
Business Instant Access Account	£325.00	
	£5747.12	
Balances at Bank		£5747.12

FC19/17 EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Resolved: To hold an Extraordinary meeting of the Council on 15 June 2017 to consider the Internal Auditors report, Year End Accounts and sign the Annual Return.

FC20/17 STREET LIGHTING UPDATE

Cllr Utton updated Council regarding Street Lighting in the village. It is still unknown what commuted sum Wiltshire Council would give the Parish Council and if the Council will have a say in the type of light fitting. Cllr Utton clarified that once the lights have been updated the maintenance of the lights will go back to Wiltshire Council.

Received clarification from SEE that new fittings can be fixed on to the existing poles and now waiting for Wiltshire Council to advise what contribution they can give to the cost.

Cllr Davies offered to assist where possible to try and get a resolution with Wiltshire Council asap. Cllr Utton to pass the contact details on.

FC21/17 VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Mudge reiterated the Village Hall report presented at the Parish meeting. There will be an annual meeting in June with quotations to consider and then progress the works.

FC22/17 DOG FOULING

Cllr Tanner reported the article published in the Dragon had not resulted in more concerns to do with dog fouling in the village.

FC23/17 VILLAGE PARKING ISSUES

Council considered a resident's concerns regarding issues with parking in the village, namely at T-junctions where it restricts visibility and interferes with the

bus route. Council agreed to keep the issue under review and if necessary knock on doors and speak to residents.

FC24/17 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

Council considered a resident's concerns and a proposal for a 20mph speed limit in the centre of the village. Cllr Tanner updated the meeting by reading an email from Georgie Bevan who would like to see a 20mph zone along the High Street and clearer school signs and electronic speed checkers. Council heard there have been a couple of apparent near misses recently outside the preschool and with the school growing there are more children in the area.

Concerns were raised about the introduction of electronic speed signs as they would increase the urbanisation of the village. The Council would wish to resist more signage where possible particularly as there is a statutory Conservation Area which begins a little way past the school and carries on towards the church through the historic part of the village.

Cllr Davies was able to give her experience of a similar issue in Lockeridge and fully appreciated the Council's resistance to street junk, suggesting they require sensitive signage with differing measures of speed warning.

There was a discussion about installing a metro count in the village to ascertain if there is a problem with speeding which would provide the necessary evidence for CATG, who will not install anything if the average speeds are already low. Cllr Davies offered to assist the Council and speak with CATG as well as offering Councillors and contacts at the school to visit Lockeridge for ideas.

FC25/17 CO-OPTION COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Following the 8 May 2017 Parish Elections there are insufficient candidates to fill all available seven spaces on the Council. If there are insufficient candidates, those who are and remain validly nominated are declared elected and if they constitute a quorum they may fill the remaining vacancies by co-option. **Resolved:** to defer to next meeting

FC26/17 OPEN SPACES PLAY EQUIPMENT

Resolved: To give the Clerk delegated authority to investigate the cost of a maintenance programme for the play equipment in the village and bring a report back to Council in July 2017.

FC27/17 BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

Resolved: To keep the banking arrangements with Lloyds Bank for the present and to investigate an alternative savings bank and report back to Council in July 2017.

FC28/17 ITEMS TO NOTE

Council Meeting Schedule for 17/18:

15 June (Extraordinary)
13 July
14 September
9 November
2018
11 January

FC29/17

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 15th June 2017.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

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Cllr Gordon Mudge, Chairman, 15th June 2017

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