

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 commencing at 7:30pm.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr Mudge (Chairman)  
Cllr Tuckey  
Cllr Sandison  
Cllr Tanner

OFFICER PRESENT: Parish Clerk, Caroline Ramsey

Three Members of the public were present

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Utton

#### 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Mudge declared a non-prejudicial interest in item 6(a) in relation to planning application 16/07247/VAR as his property is adjacent to the school.

#### 3. MINUTES

The Chairman presented the minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting, held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 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 three Members of the public present. Cllr Gordon Mudge handed of the Chairmanship of the meeting to Cllr Andrew Tuckey and took a seat as a member of the public in order to speak to item 6(a) Planning Application 16/07247/VAR on the Agenda.

Mrs Deborah Carter and Dr Gordon Mudge both voiced their objections as residents who live in close proximity to the school and who would therefore be among those whose amenity would be most impacted by this application.

Mrs Carter's main reasons for objecting include concerns that the current closing time and resultant disruption (car doors slamming, loud conversation, vehicle engine noise etc.) would be extended later into the night. The increased usage could create a potential safety hazard and an increase in traffic and parking difficulties in what is a very quiet village. The hall can accommodate up to 200 people most of whom it is anticipated would travel in from outside the village.

It was also pointed out that the village already has a Village Hall and that this would potentially suffer from competition from the School Hall. At present, the two facilities complement each other. It was felt that the village currently enjoys the right balance between allowing the school hall to be used for some activities that can benefit the whole village. continued use of the village hall and not completely disrupting the environment for near neighbours. The blanket approach adopted to allow the hall to be used every night of the week, could in theory result in the hall being used until late at night throughout the week. A more sensible approach might have been to propose one or two later openings per month.

Dr Mudge reminded the parish council of the to this application as the accompanying Planning Statement contains many omissions and misleading statements. The hall was the subject of a report to Wiltshire County Council Regulatory Committee on 11 February 2009 (Agenda Item No 11). Paragraphs 33 – 41 deal with the impact on amenity. Paragraph 37 notes: 'Objections received also raised concerns over the potential for disturbance that could be caused through noise, both during and after construction, of the hall. The Parish Council has recommended a condition restricting hours of use of the hall to prevent disturbance to neighbouring occupiers. It is considered that due to the location of the school hall in an area of housing, a condition of this type would be reasonable and would safeguard the amenity of occupiers' neighbouring properties. Accordingly, the committee report recommended (paragraph 47 (2)): 'The building hereby approved shall not be used other than between the hours of 07.00 – 22.00 hours daily.' Subsequently neighbours of the school hall attended the Regulatory Committee meeting on 11 February 2009 and successfully asked for the opening hours to be reduced by one hour from 07.00 – 21.00 Monday to Friday which was agreed on the basis that after hours' activities such as adult education clubs generally all finish by 21.00 hours. Indeed, this is the case in the village for noisy activities such as bell ringing.

The Chairman thanked the public for their comments and Cllr Mudge resumed the chair.

## 6. PLANNING MATTERS

### (a) Applications

**Application Ref:** 16/07247/VAR  
**Application for:** Variation  
**Location:** Ogbourne St George and St Andrew C of E Primary School, Ogbourne St George, SN8 1SU  
**Proposal:** Variation of Existing No 2 K/59788/WCC restricting hours of use to the school hall  
**Comments by:** 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**The Parish Council Supports the application subject to the conditions as follows: -**

“That the existing restrictions on use of the school hall be extended from 21:00hrs to 22:00hrs and not 23:00hrs. The Parish Council listened to and sympathised with the concerns from those residents adjacent to and in close proximity to the school. Councillors felt that 23:00hrs was too late due to the potential noise disruption which will without doubt continue past 23:00hrs due to visitors exiting both the hall and the village. The compromise offered will help to ensure that the site is cleared by 22:30hrs which was deemed a more acceptable time for local residents to have to endure. The Parish Council hope that the extended opening hours will add value to the local community and that Excalibur Academies Trust work with residents to minimise parking, litter and noise concerns.”

**Application Ref:** 16/07842/FUL  
**Application for:** Full Planning  
**Location:** Eastholme, Bottom Lane, Ogbourne St George, Wiltshire, SN8 1SL  
**Proposal:** Extend property to create matching and balanced gable ends to the north west and south east elevations, addition of glass box rooms with sliding folding doors to the extension and existing south east elevations and single storey extension between south east gables to replace existing porch and create downstairs bathroom  
**Comments by:** 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Councillors offered no objections or comments to this application**

### (b) Decisions:

**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  
**Decision:** Approved with conditions (12/07/2016)

**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  
**Decision:** Approved with conditions (22/07/16)

## 7. POLICE REPORT

There was no representative from Wiltshire Police however PCSO Polly Ritchie had reported prior to the meeting that since the spate of shed and car break ins in June we have had a “quiet” period in the Ogbourne St George area. These offences are still occurring in the Marlborough area and parishioners should continue to be vigilant, i.e. locking sheds, making sure their home security in general is up to scratch and reporting to the police (by dialling 101) should they see anything suspicious.

## 8. OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

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

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total
Bawden Managed Landscapes	July 2016 – 1/12 <sup>th</sup> of total annual quotation	£141.25	£28.25	£169.50
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£282.50</b>	<b>£56.50</b>	<b>£339.00</b>

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

<b>Opening Balances 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016</b>		
Treasurers Account	£9,495.07	
Business Instant Access Account	£325.00	
Expenditure		(£1,701.62)
Income (includes VAT Reclaim of £555.75)		£557.77
<b>Actual Total Balance</b>		<b>£8,674.22</b>
<b>Closing Balance 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016</b>		
Treasurers Account	£8,349.227	
Business Instant Access Account	£325	
	£8,674.22	
<b>Balances at Bank</b>		<b>£8,674.22</b>

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

## 9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) **Risk Assessment Policy** - Council Resolved to approve and adopt the new Risk Assessment Policy.
- (b) **VAT Reclaim** – Council noted receipt of the VAT Reclaim for £555.75. A further claim will be submitted in September and reported to the next meeting on Thursday 10th November 2016.

## 10. STREET LIGHTING UPDATE

The Survey of Street Lighting by SSE Enterprise has taken place and a detailed survey report produced. The general conclusion is that there are 2 lights that require urgent attention having been classified as poor condition, the majority of the rest are in fair condition but will need to be replaced if any work is needed in the future.

Council Resolved to discuss and approve any actions identified on the report at the next meeting. It was agreed that a public consultation would allow for the residents to comment on the results of the survey and to identify and prioritise the lighting most essential in the village.

## 11. LINDEN HOMES DEVELOPMENT

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

**(a) Parking in layby**

Linden Homes have agreed to erect a sign in the layby to prohibit parking.

**(b) Rubbish bin**

The Rubbish Bin has now been emptied and all future rubbish collection will be managed by the management company.

A number of complaints had been received regarding unscheduled bonfires and fireworks at residential premises in the village. The Clerk had spoken with Public Protection at Wiltshire Council to see what advice is available for residents planning such an event in the future. The Council's website contains clear guidance: -

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/env-health-pollution>

**12. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

Wiltshire Council have launched the new Parish Steward Scheme in partnership with Ringway Infrastructure Services Limited. The stewards will serve their own group of parish and town councils in the county, reporting issues and carrying out repairs and maintenance, providing a 'one stop and done' service. They will prioritise the needs of their patch including roads, pathways, drainage and verge maintenance. Their remit could include painting railings, highways strimming and minor pothole repairs.

It was agreed to invite the new Parish Steward to the next meeting.

**13. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

A meeting of current and potential Village Hall Committee members would be held to discuss potential grant applications and maintenance requirements to ensure the hall remains viable.

**14. ITEMS TO NOTE**

**Marlborough Area Board Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

The next meeting of the Marlborough Area Board will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in the Town Hall, Marlborough. Mike Wilmot from Wiltshire Council's Planning team will be running a training session about the planning process

**15. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 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 8.30pm.

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Cllr Gordon Mudge, Chairman, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016