

OGBOURNE ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL

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 14 September 2017 commencing at 7:30pm.

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

OFFICER PRESENT: Georgina Morgan-Denn, Clerk to Council

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Jane Davies, Wiltshire Council

FC48/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Tuckey and Utton.

FC49/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest.

FC50/17 MINUTES

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 13 July be agreed and signed as a correct record.

FC51/17 PUBLIC RECESS

There was one member of the public present. No issues were raised.

FC52/17 CO-OPTION VACANCY PRESENTATION

Members received a presentation from Mr John Bews who explained he had previously served four years as a parish councillor in Oxfordshire and had been a secretary of a playing fields trust. Mr Bews hopes to become more involved in the local community by serving as a parish councillor.

FC53/17 CO-OPTION VACANCY VOTE

Members thanked Mr Bews for his presentation and **Resolved** to co-opt Mr Bews onto the Parish Council. Cllr Bews then signed his Acceptance of Office form.

Cllr Bews joined the meeting table.

FC54/17 POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report as PCSO Lucy Stonestreet was unable to attend the meeting.

FC55/17 REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLOR

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Jane Davies to the meeting. Cllr Davies informed members that Wiltshire Council was increasing parking charges due to rises in inflation. Cllr Davies explained how the income for this is used to subsidise local bus services, which helps to keep them running.

Resolved to bring items 15 and 16a and 16b forward because Cllr Davies had limited availability.

FC56/17 STREET LIGHTING UPDATE

The Chairman explained to Members that a meeting with Wiltshire Council was imminent to discuss the final cost for replacing the street lights, what commuted sum from Wiltshire Council would be available to assist the Parish Council and the date when work can begin. Cllr Davies was also asked to attend the meeting to assist with agreeing a way forward.

Members enquired about the design of the light fittings and how controllable they will be. The Clerk explained the final cost is required for planning next year's budget. An update will follow at the next meeting in November.

FC57/17 HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

Members considered and received a written report from Cllr Mudge regarding the proposal from a resident for a 20mph speed limit between the Village Hall and School. Members thanked the Chairman for his report and **Resolved** to the following:

- 1) Ask Wiltshire Council for a limited (free) Metrocount during term time and enquire about a second metrocount at the end of the village.
- 2) Talk to the school re implementation as part of a travel plan
- 3) Continue to work with Wiltshire Council to establish cost of similar schemes in Wiltshire
- 4) Report back to November meeting

(b) PARISH STEWARD

Members received a verbal report from Cllr Sandison who confirmed the hedge on the High Street outside the school was going to get a severe cut in the October Half Term. The trees near to the bus stop were also going to be cut to make the area safer and more presentable. The handrail and path (near the Ridgeway Cycle Track) were not the responsibility of Sustrans and Cllr Sandison will continue to find out whose responsibility it is to maintain them.

(c) ROAD VERGES

The Parish Steward will be contacted to see if they can assist with clearing the road verges alongside the gullies which are already cleared once a year.

Cllr Jane Davies left the meeting.

FC58/17 Members **NOTED** the following Planning Decisions from Wiltshire Council:

Application: 17/06208/FUL
Location: Grey Gables, High Street Ogbourne St George SN8 1SL
Proposal: Single storey side extension
Decision: Approve with Conditions
OSG Comment: No Objection

Application: 17/05148/FUL
Location: The Vicarage, High Street Ogbourne St George SN8 1SU

Proposal: Erection of open sided timber frame car port. Garage
Conversion to habitable space.

Decision: Approve with Conditions

OSG Comment: No Objection

FC59/17 PAYMENTS

Resolved: To ratify the payment of the following accounts:

Date	Cheque Ref	Payee	Description	Payment	VAT	Net
05.08.17	652	SSE Southern Electric	Street Lighting Electricity	£344.88*	£8.17	£336.71
14.09.17	653	Bawden Contracting Services Ltd	Grounds Maintenance	£169.50	£28.25	£141.25
14.09.17	654	Sally Utton	Dragon Newsletter Printing	£19.36	£1.20	£18.16
14.09.17	655	C3 Marketing Ltd	Co-option Election Leaflet Printing	£144.00	£24.00	£120.00
14.09.17	656	Bawden Contracting Services Ltd	Grounds Maintenance	£169.50	£28.25	£141.25
14.09.17	657	ROSPA	Play Inspections**	£159.60	26.60	133.00
TOTAL				£1,006.84	£116.47	£890.37

* Retrospective authorisation of a payment already made due to overdue account

** Urgent payment added after agenda was circulated

FC60/17 APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF PARISH ACCOUNTS FROM 9 MAY 2017 TO DATE

Resolved: To approve the Parish Accounts as shown below:

Opening Balances 30 June 2017		
Treasurers Account	£12,506.20	
Business Instant Access Account	£325.00	
Expenditure		(1,085.88)
Income		(0.02)
Actual Total Balance		£11,745.34
Closing Balance 30 August 2017		
Treasurers Account	£11,420.34	
Business Instant Access Account	£325.00	
Balances at Bank		£11,745.34

FC61/17 BUDGET

Members noted the Income over Expenditure figures as at 30 August 2017. The Clerk updated how necessary work has being undertaken on the website and which may have an impact on the budget. The Clerk explained there was very little contingency in the budget for unplanned expenditure.

FC62/17 VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Mudge confirmed the toilets have been redecorated and grants are needed for further projects.

FC63/17 OPEN SPACES PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Clerk updated members on the outcome of the recent ROSPA play equipment inspections. The Bell Field Goal Posts report showed Low Risk Rating. The High Street Play Area showed High Risk Ratings on a number of the equipment – which are currently marked out of bounds for use. Members **Resolved** to form a working party to review the works and to either repair or dismantle the equipment.

Actions: The Clerk to include an article in the next Dragon to reiterate the equipment should not be used and how the Council welcomes idea for new play pieces. Additionally the Clerk to check the Village Hall lease and if it permits the installation of play equipment.

FC64/17 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Members **Resolved** to prioritise two projects 1) to replace the play equipment and 2) to conclude the street lighting replacement programme.

Action: Clerk to apply for a Tesco Community Grant to replace the play equipment

FC65/17 ITEMS TO NOTE

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Thursday 9 November 2017.

FC66/17 STAFFING MATTERS

Members resolved to increase the Clerk's salary by one scale point following the successful completion of her 6-month probationary period - as per employment terms and conditions.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

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Cllr Gordon Mudge, Chairman, 9 November 2017