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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of Ogbourne St George Parish Council  
held at the Village Hall, Ogbourne St George on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
commencing at 7:30pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr Gordon Mudge (Chair), Cllr Will Sandison, Cllr Bob Tanner and Cllr Brian Utton

**OFFICER PRESENT:** Georgina Morgan-Denn, Clerk to Council

**FC43/18 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Andrew Tuckey.

**FC44/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS & APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

Cllr Gordon Mudge declared an interest in Item 10 – Planning Application 18/07428/FUL and took no part in the discussion.

**FC45/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were four members of the public present. One resident presented concerns to do with the speed limit on the A346. She explained how she was attending the meeting to represent all residents from Hallam and has the support of 30 families. Hallam is a small hamlet and the turning sits just outside the 50mph speed limit. She explained how it was incredibly dangerous to turn (either left or right) into Hallam off such a busy road. The resident explained that there have been a number of accidents on this small stretch of road. She acknowledged that the Parish Council has tried and failed to have the speed limit reviewed by Wiltshire Council. She explained that the last review of the speed restriction was over 10 years ago and speeds and levels of traffic have increased since then. She would like the support of the Parish Council to help lobby to Wiltshire Council for the speed limit to be decreased along the road so that that 50mph limit is maintained over the turning into Hallam and into Ogbourne St George. She has the support of Wiltshire Councillor Jane Davies, local businesses including Earthline and the local school will be taking the matter to their Governing Board. She will take on facilitating a campaign and would appreciate any support the Parish Council can give. The Chairman thanked the resident for attending and confirmed the matter will be discussed later in the meeting.

**FC46/18 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cllr Gordon Mudge confirmed that he will soon be stepping down as Chairman and from the Parish Council for personal reasons.

**FC47/18 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:** the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 was a true record and signed accordingly.

**FC48/18 SPEED LIMIT RESTRICTION PROPOSAL**

The Chairman explained to councillors how he had received several emails from residents of Ogbourne St George and Hallam in support of a speed limit restriction proposal. He explained that most of the A346 is 50mph but the section



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past Ogbourne St George is not because it was intended as a bypass for the village and designed to a higher limit. The Parish Council previously tried to persuade Wiltshire Council to impose a 50mph a couple of years ago but got a negative response because it is a bypass which has a 60mph design speed and Wiltshire Council did not see any reason to change it as no new developments had taken place. The Parish Council tried again and got another negative response.

A Councillor clarified that those previous requests did not have any accompanying support from local residents.

The Chairman explained the Parish Council had made contact with Wiltshire Council in preparation for this evening's discussion. A Highways Officer from Wiltshire Council reacted promptly to confirm that although it is not difficult to get Wiltshire Council, as the Highways Authority, to carry out alterations to speed limits it does have to adhere to national criteria and guidelines. The Officer explained that lower speed limits are imposed where the driver can see the reasoning for the lower limit, i.e. development and road conditions. Unfortunately; for the residents the section of the A346 at Southend is part of the Ogbourne St George by-pass which was designed to national standards for a new road at a design speed of 100 KPH or 60mph. Therefore, currently it would be inappropriate to implement a lower speed in this location.

The Parish Council then asked the Highways Officer to visit the site to see what solutions could be proposed if national standards are to be imposed. He explained that the junction will have been designed back when the by-pass was constructed. He did notice two things:

- Road direction signage – is not the best and with only a single word destination the signs are smaller. If this were raised as an issue to the Marlborough Community Area Board of Wiltshire Council's, this could be looked at by Officers more experienced with road signing.
- Many of the trees adjacent to the highway are overhanging fence boundaries and the Hallam junction seems lost. The side road falls away and can seem invisible unless there is a vehicle waiting to turn out. The trees are the responsibility of the landowners and so getting them cut back might be an issue.

After further discussion, it was proposed the Parish Council would support the concerns of the local community and write to Wiltshire Council. The resident confirmed they would facilitate a campaign and work with the Clerk to publicise it using the local press, the village website and other relevant social media.

**Proposed by: Councillor Tanner**  
**Vote: Unanimously agreed.**

**Seconded by: Councillor Utton**

**Resolved: For the Parish Council to support the concerns of the local community and write to Wiltshire Council. The resident would facilitate the campaign and work with the Clerk to publicise it using the local press, the village website and other relevant social media.**



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**FC49/18 TRAFFIC CONCERNS IN THE VILLAGE**

The Clerk raised some traffic concerns that had been brought to her attention by Councillors. She confirmed that Wiltshire Council will need to be contacted again to clarify if there are any imposed time limits on Earthline lorries. It was also confirmed that as the local farmer had been spoken to about the damage its contractors had caused, there would be no additional action from the Parish Council at this current time. A polite reminder could be sent in the future, if required.

**FC50/18 VILLAGE SCHOOL SIGNAGE**

Members deferred this item to a future meeting when the final costs have been received from Wiltshire Council.

**FC51/18 CASUAL VACANCY**

Members **NOTED** that Wiltshire Council confirmed there has not been a request for an election and the vacancy caused by J Bews' resignation could be filled by co-option.

**FC52/18 PLANNING**

a) **Applications:** Members **RESOLVED** to issue comments to the following Planning Application from Wiltshire Council:

(comments already submitted to Wiltshire Council prior to the meeting due to the 4<sup>th</sup> September deadline. No comments were received by Cllr Mudge)

**Application:** 18/07428/FUL  
**Location:** Beechlea High Street Ogbourne St George Marlborough Wiltshire SN8 1SU  
**Proposal:** Proposed first floor rear extension to bedroom  
**Deadline:** 04/09/2018  
**OSG:** No Objection

**Please note:** in planning matters the Council acts as the consultee of the Principal Authority. (The Principal Authority being the deciding body)

b) **Decisions:** to **NOTE** the following Planning Decisions from Wiltshire Council:

**Application:** 18/05699/FUL  
**Location:** Upper Herdswick Farm Bungalow Hackpen Burderop SN4 0QH  
**Proposal:** Single storey side extension to bungalow  
**OSG:** No Objection  
**Decision:** Approve with Conditions

**Application:** 18/04314/CLE  
**Location:** 2 Hallam Cottages Southend Ogbourne St George Wiltshire  
**Proposal:** Application for a Lawful Development Certificate to confirm commencement of works prior to the expiration of three years (in line with condition 1 of K/57325/F)  
**OSG:** No Objection  
**Decision:** No Objection



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## **FC53/18 STREET LIGHTING**

The Clerk updated the meeting by confirming the street lighting furniture has been transferred over to Wiltshire Council by SEE from 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The contractors had received the brackets and supply boxes and are now awaiting delivery of the lanterns. Despite numerous chases the Parish Council is still waiting for the planned delivery date from Wiltshire Council.

## **FC54/18 VILLAGE HALL PLAY AREA**

The Clerk updated the meeting by confirming the Big Lottery Fund had awarded the Parish Council £9,512 to refurbish the Village Hall Play Area. The Clerk confirmed this sum will cover the cost of the equipment to be supplied by Sovereign and previously agreed (**FC125/17**). The items will be:

- Drop Rope Traverse
- Log Traverse
- Jungle Traverse
- Horizontal Ladder
- 2.4 Log Swing with Flat Seats
- Stepping Stones
- Grassguard Tiles
- Associated welfare items
- Independent Post Installation Inspection

The Clerk explained that these items will be sited in a similar location to the previous play equipment leaving the area adjacent to the pre-school as open green space for the children to run around and play. The final layout will be sent to the Village Committee. Further, if the Tesco Bags for Help Grant was also successful this could be used to purchase an additional item which will complement the circuit trail.

After discussion, it was proposed to proceed with the Sovereign order for the above items total cost of £9,512 excluding VAT using the Big Lottery Grant income.

**Proposed by: Councillor Mudge**  
**Vote: Unanimously agreed.**

**Seconded by: Councillor Sandison**

**RESOLVED: For the Parish Council to proceed with the Sovereign order for the above items total cost of £9,512 excluding VAT using the Big Lottery Grant income:**

- **Drop Rope Traverse**
- **Log Traverse**
- **Jungle Traverse**
- **Horizontal Ladder**
- **2.4 Log Swing with Flat Seats**
- **Stepping Stones**
- **Associated welfare items**
- **Independent Post Installation Inspection**



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**FC55/18      SPRING BULB PLANTING WEEKEND**

Members **NOTED** the Clerk has applied for a free, bee friendly spring bulb pack (crocus, grape hyacinth and chionodoxa) available for planting in public spaces along the Bee Roadzz. A call out for volunteers will be published in the Dragon and on the Village website to see if anyone is available to lead a bulb planting event on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd October 2018.

**FC56/18      REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS**

Members reviewed and **RESOLVED** to adopt the revised Standing Orders that are consistent with the NALC 2018 model set and up to date with current legislation.

**Proposed by: Councillor Mudge**  
**Vote: Unanimously agreed.**

**Seconded by: Councillor Utton**

**RESOLVED: For the Parish Council to adopt the revised Standing Orders that are consistent with the NALC 2018 model set and up to date with current legislation.**

**FC57/18      FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**FC57.1/18      RESOLVED: To note the Income & Expenditure to 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 and Bank Reconciliation to 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018.**

**Proposed by: Councillor Mudge**  
**Vote: Unanimously agreed.**

**Seconded by: Councillor Sandison**

**FC57.2/18      RESOLVED: To approve the payments as listed in the cash books.**

**Proposed by: Councillor Mudge**  
**Vote: Unanimously agreed.**

**Seconded by: Councillor Sandison**

**FC58/18      CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Members **NOTED** the following correspondence received:

- Support to Wiltshire Citizens Advice
- Wiltshire Council Highways - Temporary Closure of: C6 Marlborough Road (Part), Mildenhall and Ramsbury (08/10/2018 - 09/10/2018)
- Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council – Update Consultation on New Division Boundaries
- Briefing Note Number 367 - The Revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

**Action:** Clerk to confirm to Wiltshire Citizens Advice the Parish Council does not have a Grants programme.

**FC59/18      NEXT MEETING**

**NOTED:** the next meeting will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**FC60/18      EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

To resolve in accordance with Standing Order 3 (d) that ‘in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest



