

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
OF OGBOURNE ST GEORGE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2008 AT 7:30pm

Those Present: Mr K Wallace (Chairman)  
Mr M Grove  
Mrs C Mudge  
Mrs C Manos  
Mr P Rouse  
Mr R Smith  
Mr C Freeman (Clerk)  
Mr C Humphries (WCC)

Apologies were received from Mr P Willis  
13 residents were present

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising: **Foul Water:** The Chairman reported that the problem appeared to have gone away when he visited the site recently. He had advised the Environment Agency who will put this matter on hold. **The Chairman will continue to monitor the situation.**

**Bell Field:** The Clerk reported that the pruning of the trees in the Bell Field which was scheduled in January had been delayed due to adverse weather conditions. The work would be done as soon as possible.

**Bus Shelter:** It was agreed that the Clerk would convene a **working group in April.**

**Recycling:** The Clerk reported that a project to bring plastic and cardboard recycling bins to parishes is being tried out in West Wiltshire and as soon as the service was available in this area he would arrange it. Cllr Humphries stated it was unlikely to occur before 2009.

**Footpath railings:** The Clerk advised that he had arranged with WCC Highways to have the railings on the path to the bus stop replaced. It would be at some time in the future **but the Clerk would enquire as to progress in July.**

**Playground Swings:** It was reported that a new supplier had been located **and the Clerk would endeavour to obtain suitable swings.**

Finance: A current statement of the financial position of the Parish Council was distributed by the Clerk. The following payments were made:

Printing of Dragon – 2 months £28.20

Clerk – expenses £12.60

It was agreed to accept the Bawden quotation for grounds maintenance for 2008 in the sum of £1,405 +VAT.

Planning: There were no outstanding planning applications. A final response from KDC on the application for Amberley was still awaited.

Parish Website: Tim Frost reported that Paul Scott had continued to work on the underlying structure of the website. Subject to a final discussion the hosting service was

likely to be that used during development at about £70 per annum. ogbournestgeorge.org.uk was the domain name most likely to be used. The next meeting of the 'committee' would be during April, which would be publicised in the Dragon, with an anticipated launch date during May. Cllr Rouse agreed to draft a short explanation of the Parish Council's role in local government and Tim Frost requested brief biographical details and a photograph of each Councillor. **He agreed to organise the photographs as required. The Clerk would supply copies of the last two years' minutes.**

- Speeding: Cllr Smith had sent a final report on speeding issues to the Police. He awaited a response which he expected would outline the Police plans for dealing with the enforcement of the speed limit as the speed monitoring device had shown that there were speeding issues that need to be addressed.
- School Parking: It was considered that the problem was gradually receding. The Clerk said the Cllr Willis had been contacted by the Governors expressing concern over speeding outside the school. The Council did not consider there was a problem which had been confirmed by monitoring by the previous speeding committee. It was considered that it was difficult to speed at this point particularly at drop-off and collection times as the road was congested.
- Unitary Authority: The Chairman reported that there was a meet and greet event with the Leader of Wiltshire County Council, Jane Scott and the Chief Executive, Keith Robinson on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. He asked if another Councillor would attend with him.
- Parking: Cllr Smith advised that some letters had been distributed but modifications to the letters were required. **The Clerk would supply him with revised letters and he would have them distributed.**
- Woodland Planting It was agreed that the Parish Council had done all in its power to oppose the woodland planting scheme on behalf of the objecting residents. Letters had been sent to Mr Tuckey and Kennet DC. **The Clerk would contact the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to determine if there was anything else that could be done.**
- Meadow Cottage Byway: It was reported that the matter was now in the hands of Solicitors to resolve the issues; no realistic time for settlement could be given.
- Lengthsmen: The lengthsmen were due on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Manos would ask them to tidy the rubbish at the junction of Bytham Road. **The Clerk would put the letter on the noticeboard.**
- Sustrans Path: **The Clerk was asked to contact WCC regarding future plans for the status and ongoing upkeep of the cycle path.**
- Church Lane Railings: It was reported that Mr T O Frost had requested of WCC that the railings along Church Lane be renewed.
- There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:34pm. The next meeting, the APM and AGM, would be held on Thursday May 8th 2008.