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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Meeting of Ogbourne St George Parish Council  
held virtually on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
commencing at 7:30pm.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Robin Green [RG], SF [Sam Frost], Bob Tanner [BT], Rachel Inglefield [RI], Will Sandison [WS], Andrew Tuckey [AT] (until FC20/21/089)

**OFFICER PRESENT:** Elizabeth Martin [EM], Clerk to the Council

**CHAIR:** Andrew Tuckey (until FC20/21/089), Sam Frost (from FC20/21/090)

**APOLOGIES:** None Received

FC20/21/071 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
None Received.

FC20/21/072 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**  
RG declared an interest in 20/08963/FUL Brockfield House. RG will not participate or vote on this item.

FC20/21/073 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**  
Proposed RI. Seconded BT. Passed.

**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>TH</sup> September 2020 be accepted as written.**

FC20/21/074 **TO CONSIDER AND AGREE THE CO-OPTION OF NICOLAS BURNET TO THE PARISH COUNCIL.**  
Proposed AT Seconded SF Passed

**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT Mr Nicolas Burnet be Co-Opted as a Parish Councillor for Ogbourne St George Parish Council.**

Mr Burnet will not participate in this meeting until the appropriate declaration of office is signed and supporting paperwork completed.

FC20/21/075 **PLANNING**

FC20/21/076 **To receive the planning report dated 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021**  
The Planning report was received.



FC20/21/077 **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL:**  
 RG left the meeting

**Application:** 20/08963/FUL  
**Proposal:** Garage Conversion:  
**Location:** Brockfield House, Bytham Farm North to Bytham Road, SN8 2NS  
**Outcome:** Support.

RG re-joined the meeting.

**Application:** 20/06255/FUL – Revised Plans  
**Proposal:** Demolition of detached garage and erection of single-storey extensions to rear and side for disabled owner.  
**Location:** Bucklefields A346 North East To Bottom Lane Ogbourne St George SN8 1TF  
**Outcome:** Support subject to conditions. September letter reiterated and the following concerns put forward: The Council holds additional concerns that the revised plans in the size of the footprint are not much different to the original plans. The Council is also concerned as the owners have seemingly started work on the property without proper planning being granted to date. Several hedges and trees have been removed and the Council believes this was a direct contradiction from the original plans.

FC20/21/078 **TO RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION, THE CLERK’S REPORT**  
 Report from the Clerk was built into the Agenda

FC20/21/079 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE SPEEDING RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE VILLAGE**  
 BT updated the Council. The Village are trying to have the speed limit moved to a 20mph limit. In order to see if this is achievable certain areas of the village need to have monitoring completed for a length of one week. These devices will assess if the traffic travels at 25mph or less. If they do, then the claim for having a 20mph limit will be accepted. If they do not satisfy this then the speed limit will remain the same at 30mph.

Action: BT will draft something for the website regarding this.

Linking with this agenda item is the subject of the Village Entrance Signs. The Council will need to decide if they wish to go ahead with this project as there is a cost involved and will improve the look of the village. It would be sensible if the speed limit is changed that the signs for both are put up at the same time.



- FC20/21/080 **TO DISCUSS AND AGREE NEXT STEPS FOR THE PROVISION OF DOG WASTE BINS IN THE VILLAGE**  
 Location is being verified for the location of the bin. Idverde should be coming out and will need to meet with BT to confirm the installation site. A survey should be completed as well by the company. EM to provide the installation Contractors the details for BT.
- FC20/21/081 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
 No announcements made
- FC20/21/082 **FINANCE**
- FC20/21/083 **To Receive for information, Disbursements made since the last meeting and approve those presented for payment**  
 List of disbursements received  
**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the disbursements be approved.**
- FC20/21/084 **To Review and Sign the Bank Reconciliations as Presented**  
 Reconciliations reviewed. To be signed at a convenient point as per COVID19 conditions permit
- FC20/21/085 **To Receive the Presentation on the 21-22 budget**  
 The presentation was received
- FC20/21/086 **TO RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE AND CIRCULARS RECEIVED.**  
 Revised Planning Regulations document. Received and Noted.
- FC20/21/087 **TO CONSIDER ITEMS OF MAINTENANCE.**  
 The Council has been circulated the spread sheet and dates that the Parish Steward will be visiting the Parish. There is a list of jobs that they will undertake. If a job is recognised as needing to be completed, please note this with EM and she will send the spread sheet required for each month.
- FC20/21/088 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
 Andrew Tuckey announced that he will be standing down as Chairman and will also be standing down from the Council. AT proposed a motion to be added to the agenda to identify a newly named Chairman for the Council.  
 Proposed WS. Seconded BT. Passed.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT an additional agenda item be added to elect a new Chairman.**
- FC20/21/089 **THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER THE ELECTION OF A NEW CHAIRMAN.**  
 Proposed WS. Seconded BT. Passed.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT Cllr Sam Frost be elected the Parish Council Chairman.**  
 SF assumed the Chair. AT left the meeting but stayed in attendance in the call.



**FC20/21/090 TO CONSIDER ITEMS OF MAINTENANCE.**

BT asked if an additional item of maintenance could be considered. There is a possible gap of age-related play equipment in the Village in one place. It has been suggested by a member of the public that the Council investigate the options of adding age-appropriate equipment to the play area at the Village Hall to gap the ages of 5-10 years of age.

Action: EM to investigate options and report back to the Council

**FC20/21/091 KEY MESSAGES.**

The Parish Council wishes to introduce Nicolas Burnet as a new Parish Councillor and the Parish Council wishes to thank Andrew Tuckey for the support and good work he has provided as the Chairman to the Parish Council. The Council wish him well.

**FC20/21/092 NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7:30pm.

These minutes are accepted as a true and accurate record: -

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Summary Of Public Participation Section**

- a) No Report from Unitary Councillor
- b) No Police Report Received
- c) One member of the public present and comments are as below.

Mrs Astrid Hayden from Poole’s Meadow was in attendance and brought the following items as a statement and discussion.

At the end of last year, the residents group received a request to attend a meeting with the Management Group that organises all the works on the Green. The proposal request was rejected by the group. As an alternative it was suggested that the Chair from the residents group attend one of the Parish Council meetings to act as a conduit or communication link. There have been previous suggestions of having a Christmas Tree on the Green and in principle there are two main factors for not supporting this. The first surrounds any damage that may be caused to the Green from a displayed Christmas tree. At present, any costs would fall to the residents of Poole’s Meadow to correct as the members of this residents group pay a private annual fee to maintain the area. Any further expense would also fall to the residents and with a particular concern for those who reside in the affordable housing in the area, anything that would add to additional expense is wanting to be avoided by the group as a whole. Costs are already at £4,000 as an annual charge.



The second important factor relates to the large gas tanks underneath the green. There is a large area that has forced a perimeter to be established due to the large gas tanks and pipe work that have been placed just under the surface of the Green.

The third issue that was discussed was in relation to a member of the public that circulated some public media information regarding fly tipping which implied that it was caused by a resident from the Poole's Meadow location. The Group is asking that there should be some moderation regarding this type of communication. Poole's Meadow is made up of a similar dynamic in terms of residential occupancy and is seeking support from the moderator or the administrator that runs the OSG Website to ensure that disproportionate or inappropriate communications regarding residence are not allowed to stand and will be met with appropriate management so as not to cause division in the Village.

The Councils Response:

The Poole's Meadow residents have been assured that the FB page, where the information on fly tipping was shared, is not under the ownership or the administration of the Parish Council. The Parish Council has also confirmed that it supports the residents in feeling that this type of communication is deplorable and does not reflect the feelings of the Village or of the Parish Council. It also confirmed that these strong concerns have been communicated to the appropriate administrator that runs that FB page and made very clear. It is not the belief of this Parish Council that a divide exists in the Village and considers that the Village is and does work as a collective group of residents.

The Parish Council needs to find a mechanism for working together with the Poole's Meadow residential working group to find possible solutions for any items related to the use of the Green. Both sides need to work together to ensure any costs that would be administered would not fall on the residents of Poole's Meadow. Perhaps beginning with these principles, the Parish Council and the Poole's Meadow can begin to move forward with a sensible working arrangement. The Village is all here to work together.