

# RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> April 2003 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Roy Alexander, Steve Cook, Sheila Glass (Chairman), George Hawes, Isobel Henry, Fiona Kimber, Geoffrey Rissone, Geoffrey Treherne, Rosalind Eyles (clerk) and 4 members of the public.

- 1 **Apologies for absence :** Chris Humphries, Ann Naughton, Susan Findlay, Matthew Tester, Mora Abell  
2 **Disclosures of Interest:** Roy Alexander signed the register disclosing interests in item 11.  
3 **Presentation by Phillipa Read from Wiltshire Association of Local Councils** - the council were told about the work WALC does - the helpline, campaigning on local and National issues, the specialist publications available, training courses for clerks and councillors, and what the benefits of becoming a member would be. After Mrs Read had left the hall, there was a short discussion about the pros and cons of membership. The council decided to join for a year, although the clerk will ask ahead of joining what discounts are available on our insurance policy, if we did become members. **Action: Clerk**  
4 **The minutes** of the meeting held on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2003 were approved as a true record proposed by Geoffrey Treherne, seconded by Roy Alexander and signed by the Chairman.  
5 **Matters arising:**  
**Grit bin** - following a letter received from Mr and Mrs Crozier, Crowood Lane, the council have reiterated its intention to site a discreet bin on the corner of Crowood Lane and the spur road leading to Ashley Piece (paying for a green one if the free one to be provided by Kennet is yellow). The points raised by the Croziers' letter were noted and the clerk will ascertain from Sarsen how frequently the grass is to be cut. The clerk will also ask Sarsen if the 'No Parking' sign could be removed, as it was felt it served no purpose. **Action: Clerk**  
**Footpath Maps** - these are still progressing very well. The council was told how much effort has been put in by Steve Cook in producing the maps.  
**Minutes of extraordinary meeting** - 10<sup>th</sup> March - these were approved and signed by the Chairman.  
**Library Computer** - the council decided to ask for the computer to be returned to Ramsbury where it will be put to good use or sold. **Action: Clerk**  
**Electoral Register** - clerk to obtain copy for the councillors to use. **Action: Clerk**  
**Skips** - nothing further has been discussed as Vince Kimber has been away for 3 weeks. Clerk to contact him to arrange a meeting re skips. **Action: Clerk**  
**Election** - uncontested parish election. 4 candidates for two places on the District Council. There are vacancies that can be filled by co-option. 2 vacancies for Axford two for Ramsbury. If anyone is interested in being co-opted, then please contact the clerk on the address or number above.  
**Light on old Post Office** - no firm decision was made - further discussions to be had about whole section of street and whether layout is currently optimal.

### 5. New Correspondence for discussion:

565	25/3/03	Mr and Mrs Crozier	Re grit bin Crowood Lane
567	25/3/03	DEFRA	Letter explaining the 'Quality' town and Parish Council Initiative
569	2/4/03	Community First	A grant was approved for the footpath maps
571	2/4/03	Wiltshire County Council	Questionnaire re council's thoughts on ways to engage in public consultation on the Marlborough Area Transport Study (MCATS) during Spring 2003 Clerk to send reply saying that notices and advertising in local press would be best.
574	2/4/03	Sarsen Housing Association	Permission granted for grit bin on corner of Crowood Lane - acknowledgement of new responsibilities for grass cutting.

**6. Committee Reports:****A Planning****Chairman: Isobel Henry****Applications received by Kennet District Council:**

- K/045072 Mr J Hatch, 4 Crowood Lane Erection of conservatory. No objection
- K/045111/T Mrs C Mardon, Moons Cottage, 32 High St. Fell purple plum. No objection if KDC agrees.
- K/045053 Mr and Mrs Rees, 33 High St Erection of new garden barn. No objection if neighbours are OK with windows and height.
- K/045051/L Mr and Mrs C Brooke, The Boot, Scholarads Lane. Internal alterations. No objection
- K/045050 Mr K Hutchings, Parliament Piece Cottage, Loves Lane Erection of conservatory. No objection
- K/044939 Mr and Mrs W Bushnell, Garden of Richmond Cottage, 44 Oxford Street Erection of bungalow with parking facilities. Many concerns incl 1.Access by emergency services 2.Excessive car numbers and poor access

**Applications approved by Kennet District Council**

- K/044978 Mr G Mills, 11 High St Change of use from Butchers shop into accommodation.
- K/044852 Mr and Mrs Trimboy, Iona, 9 Back Lane Single storey extension and dormer window
- K/044791/L and K/044798 Mr and Mrs C Brooke, The Boot, Scholarads Lane Erection of 2 storey extension
- K/045050 Mr K Hutchings, Parliament Piece Cottage. Erection of conservatory
- K/045072 Mr J Hatch 4 Crowood Lane Erection of conservatory
- K/045051/L Mr and Mrs C Brooke, The Boot, Scholarads Lane Internal alterations

**Applications refused by Kennet District Council**

- K/044939 Mr and Mrs W Bushnell, Garden of Richmond Cottage, 44 Oxford Street Erection of bungalow with parking facilities. Reasons:narrow access, unacceptable backland development, unsatisfactory relationship with 2 other houses
- K/044956 Mr M Arbib, Howe Mill, Newtown Road Addition of 2<sup>nd</sup> dormer and enlarged porch. Reason - poor design which would harm appearance.
- K/044967 Medcentres Property Ltd, The Surgery, High Street. Demolish existing surgery and erect 4 houses. Reasons: unacceptable impact of height and proximity to nearby dwellings

**B Finance****Chairman: Steve Cook**

Draft unaudited accounts for the year ended 31/3/03 were given to all councillors for review and any questions to be raised with the clerk before the next meeting. Copies will be given to those not at the meeting.

**C Rights of Way****Chairman: Geoffrey****Treherne**

Plans for Beating the Bounds are coming together.

**D Play Areas and Seats****Chairman: Fiona Kimber**

There is a new seat in Atherton Close Need to arrange meeting re working party to paint play equipment.

**E Emergency Committee****Chairman: Matthew Tester**

The generator has arrived and the cover is to be made.

**F School governor****Chairman: Vacant**

Nothing to report

**G Recreation Centre****Chairman: Alan****Plenderleith**

Nothing to report

7. **Public Forum Standing Orders suspended for this item** - the Chairman was asked whether she could write something regarding the date of the Annual Parish Meeting for the diary.
8. **Axford** - nothing to report
9. **Nature Reserve/river bank:** The lease was completed on 18/3/03. Rent is to be £10 per annum and may not be demanded. However landlord can re-possess if tenant is 30 days late in paying even if rent has not been demanded. Therefore prompt payment must be made. Rent due to 24/6/03 = £2.68

#### Action Next agenda

**Formal re-opening** by the Chairman took place on 12/4/03 in the presence of around 50 people. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust were represented by their President, Chairman, and Director, and BTCV by their Team Leader. The seat was kindly donated by Anne and Geoffrey Rissone and was installed on the viewing platform at the river bank.

10. **Square Refurbishment:** nothing to report
11. **Accounts for Payment:**

Ref.	Detail	Total	Chq. no	VAT element	S137?
520	Ramsbury Church rooms - extraordinary meeting 10/3/03	11.00	50	0	No
521	Ramsbury Newsagents - newspapers for the library	35.42	51	0	No
522	A Le Guilcher - siting bench at Atherton close	85.00	52	0	No
523	Orchard Street Furniture - seat on Nature Reserve	242.57	53	36.13	No
524	Wood, Awdry and Ford - legal fees re lease on Nature Reserve	251.75	54	36.75	No

Total to be paid £625.74

#### 12. Other correspondence:

559	17/3/03	Marlborough Community Area Members Forum	Minutes of meeting held 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2003
560	25/3/03	Wiltshire County Council	Ramsbury Library - 'missing' computer - details of how it needs upgrading/rebuilding - awaiting our advice as to what we want to do - clerk to find out if there is a cost involved
561	25/3/03	Wiltshire Highways Partnership	Wiltshire newsletter - clerk to distribute to library
562	25/3/03	Kennet District Council	Bank holiday waste collection arrangements. Clerk to post on notice board
563	25/3/03	Glasdon	Catalogue for grit bins
564	25/3/03	Kennet District Council	Best Kept Village Competition - reminder
566	25/3/03	BT	Reminder re outstanding bill - crossed in post
568	2/4/03	Ordnance Survey	Extension of publishing licence until 16/9/03
570	2/4/03	Kennet District Council	Cultural Strategy - recently published document promotes the recognition and celebration of what life in Kennet is all about.
572	2/4/03	Kennet District Council	Provisional Tree Preservation Order - The Gallery and Little Wymering, High Street, Ramsbury - given to I Henry
573	2/4/03	Kennet District Council	Request for works to tree in Square, High Street - acknowledgement of receipt of planning application - will be notified within 6 weeks.
575	2/4/03	Wiltshire County Council	Notification of a Pre-deposit consultation re Structure Plan to be sent to Ramsbury by 28 <sup>th</sup> April with comments due back by 9 <sup>th</sup> June
576	2/4/03	Kennet District Council	Appeal Decision re Baydon Manor - appeal was dismissed - given to I Henry
577	2/4/03	Kennet District Council	Notice re Kennet and North Wiltshire Primary Care Trust - Shaping the Future - put on notice board in Square and Axford.
578	4/4/03	A Parishioner	Letter complaining about continuous bonfire on smallholding between Ambrose and Riverside Cottage. Environmental Health now involved.
579	14/4/03	D Rushen - Ramsbury Cricket Club	Letter of thanks for the grant of £300.
580	14/4/03	Allianz Cornhill	Renewal letter for insurance - hold off paying until a quote is obtained via WALC

581	14/4/03	Kennet District Council	Notices of Poll and Results of Uncontested Elections.
582	14/4/03	CPRE	Newsletter
583	14/4/03	Kennet and North Wiltshire NHS	Document following up 'Your Health, Your NHS, Your Say. Comments needed again on the more 'specific' proposals.
584	14/4/03	Kennet District Council	Employment and Housing Land Supply Statements - latest information on the supply of housing and employment land in Kennet as at April 2002
585	14/4/03	SEC Lighting services	Test and inspection certificate for internal wiring of street furniture - The Square
586	14/4/03	Matthew Groves - Chairman of Ramsbury School Council	Letter asking for donation towards cost of producing road safety signs in the village. Amount of 50% of the total cost up to a maximum of £300 agreed, but the Council wish to be fully involved in discussions regarding location of the signs in the village.

**DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2003 7.45pm Memorial Hall** Clerk to write to village organisations who received a grant inviting them to attend meeting and report on how the grant was spent.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – in conjunction with the Annual meeting, Monday 19th May 2003 7.45pm in Ramsbury Memorial Hall**

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