

# RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> April 2004 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

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PRESENT: Mora Abell, Roy Alexander, Steve Cook, Paul Court, Cllr Susan Findlay, Sheila Glass, George Hawes, Fiona Kimber, Debbie Marshall, Chris Morgan, Alan Plenderleith, Geoffrey Rissone, Matthew Tester, Geoffrey Treherne, Sue Arnold (clerk) and 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** - Diann Barnett, Cllr Chris Humphries.
2. **Disclosures of Interest:** G Traherne signed for item 4, G Hawes signed for item 6B, R Alexander signed for item 9.
3. The minutes of the meeting held on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2004 were approved.

#### 4. **Matters arising:**

**Tourist signs** – The owners of the Bell and the Crown and anchor agreed to contribute £100 each to the cost. Chairman has confirmed with owner of the Bell. **Chairman to talk to Crown and Anchor**

**Best Kept Village Competition** – Village clear-up by the Junior Football Club with help from their parents has been scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. KCC has agreed to provide rubbish bags and grabs and remove the rubbish when told where to collect it from. S. Glass to provide latex gloves. Article to be put in Parish magazine & Diary asking people to get involved. The situation will be reviewed after the clear-up weekend to see if any extra work needed. **Action Chairman.**

**Wind Turbines.** No application yet received. Councillors were reminded that until an application is discussed at the Parish Council they should only speak as individuals.

**Ramsbury Community Association** - The formal declaration of dissolution is still with the Charity Commission. When returned after sealing it has to be re-advertised before becoming operative.

**Lease for Glebe Land** - lease has been signed & returned.

**Beating the bounds** – further volunteers needed as back markers. Contact G Treherne.

**Finance Software** – A copy of Quicken 2002 has been obtained, awaiting invoice.

#### 5. **New Correspondence for discussion:**

891	31/3/04	Kennet District Council	Appeal Eastridge Estates – start date 5 <sup>th</sup> March with G Rissone.
893	31/3/04	Community First	Application form for grant from SOLVE. <b>Chairman to investigate whether Ashley Piece/Surgery lights fulfil relevant criteria for funding.</b>
897	31/3/04	Wiltshire County Council	Results of speeding device deployed along Newtown Road. Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> – Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> March – Total of 617 vehicles, of which 15 over 60mph limit including 6 vehicles at 70+mph. Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> 590 vehicles of which 15 were over the limit including 3 at 70+ mph.
902	31/3/04	Wiltshire Highways Partnership	Parish Lengthsman Programmes 2004 – schedule – put up on office notice board – 13 <sup>th</sup> July/14 <sup>th</sup> July, 19 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2004. <b>Clerk to add Lines by Oakes House to schedule. Clerk to report potholes in Back Lane &amp; hole outside Saxon Forge to Clarence.</b>
904	31/3/04	Kennet District Council	Replacement Kennet Local Plan – Consideration of Proposed Modifications – no further modifications to be made to the plan
910	04/04/04	Wiltshire County Council	Ramsbury Bridleway 48. Rights of Way Officer confirms re-routing of bridleway to be refused.
914	07/04/04	Wiltshire Highways Partnership	Invitation to send representatives to meeting on 15/6/2004 where Council's programme for routine highway maintenance, surface dressing and Resurfacing during 2004/5 will be described. <b>Clerk to arrange for notes of meeting to be sent to PC.</b>
916	10/04/04	Rosie Pauline	Letter of resignation as patient representative for Ramsbury GP surgery. <b>Chairman to find out about role of GP surgery representative. Clerk to put on agenda of next meeting.</b>

**6. Committee Reports:****A Planning****Chairman: Geoffrey Rissone PLANNING****APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2004**

K/047285	Woodlands Farm, Whittonditch. Mr R Pitman Equine stud farm and pre-training stables, temp. staff dwelling. Full planning permission. (Should be a separate application for future planned house)	No objection
K/047258/T	10 Burdett Street, Ramsbury. Mrs Wray Reduce Robinia by 1/3, shorten side branches to shape. Trees in a conservation area.	No objection
K/047292/L 77	High Street, Ramsbury James Kennedy Rebuilding 28.5 metres of garden wall reusing brick And flints set in lime mortar. Listed building consent.	No objection
K/047338/T	18 Isles Road, Ramsbury. Mr & Mrs G Muller Crown lift lime to approx 5 metres, remove branches. Work to TPO trees.	No objection
K/047339/T	Cranmer Cottage, Scholards Lane David Arnold Fell flowering Cherry, remove roots Trees in a conservation area.	No objection
K/047349	Pear Tree Cottage, Axford Mr J Lappin Erection of a 2 storey side extension, a single storey side extension and vehicular access Full planning permission	No objection
K/047407	Harbrook, Ramsbury Mr & Mrs M Evans Stables, logstore and compost bins. Full planning permission with committee	

**PERMISSIONS GRANTED**

K/046478	South View, Axford Mr & Mrs Carty Erection of garage block and gate piers. Full planning permission.
K/046967	Oreston Farmhouse, Ramsbury Mr & Mrs Tellwright Single storey barn & garages to replace existing barn. Full planning permission.
K/046984/T	Havahill, 36 Oxford St. Mr B Hunter. Fell 1 prunus species and 1 hawthorn in hedge. Tree work in a conservation area.
K/047059	Sparricks Piece, Whittonditch Rd. Mr J Miller. Two storey front extension. Full planning permission.
K/047075/L	Whattendyke Cottage, Whittonditch. Mr & Mrs A Soto. Provision of ground floor shower room in part of Hall for elderly and disabled owners. Listed building consent.
K/047080	5 The Paddocks, Ramsbury. Mr & Mrs A Compton. Erection of a single storey side extension family room. Full planning permission.

K/047122/L Lamorna Cottage, Whittonditch Road. Mr J Lewis.  
Conversion of existing garage to dining room.  
Listed building consent.

K/047132 The Bell, Ramsbury. Tycos Ventures Limited.  
Erection of a fire escape stair.  
Full planning permission.

K/047258/T 10 Burdett Street, Ramsbury. Mrs Wray.  
Reduce Robinia by 1/3, shorten side branches etc  
Tree work in a conservation area.

**REFUSALS OF PLANNING PERMISSION**

K/047152 Harbrook, Ramsbury. Mr & Mrs Evans  
Erection of a pool house with store & greenhouse.  
Refusal on the grounds that the development by reason of its size, design & location would have an adverse visual Impact on the surrounding landscape to the detriment of its character and appearance.

The chairman read out changes to parish council planning procedures advised by WALC. As a result the council agreed minor changes to their current procedures. These are that the chairman of the Planning Committee will put controversial applications on the agenda of a full parish council meeting. Any such applications that arrive after the agenda has been finalised and which need a response before the next full Parish Council meeting will be discussed at an additional public council meeting which will be advertised with 3 days' notice on the parish council notice boards.

**B Finance**

**Chairman: Steve Cook**

The 2002-3 Accounts in final draft form are with the internal auditors. The audit will be completed and the public informed that the accounts are available within the 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 2004 deadline.  
A proposal to agree in principle to fund the planned multi-sports cage at the Recreation Centre and to start the process of getting information relating to a loan from the Public Loan Board to cover the funding was approved.

**Action: Clerk to find out about loan sanction**

**Action: Steve Cook/ Finance Committee to talk to Project 2005**

Quotes for Replacement of Parish Council Notice boards are to be obtained for next meeting. **Action: Chairman**

**C Rights of Way**

**Chairman: Geoffrey Treherne**

Re-routing bridleway 48 – See new Correspondence no 910 above.  
Footpath 21. Complaint of fires on footpath. Complainant advised to notify Police.

**D Play Areas and Seats**

**Chairman: Fiona Kimber**

1 quote for repair to damaged playground equipment received. Awaiting 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
The current Parish Council insurance is to be reviewed. The war memorial is not insured - it was agreed that this arrangement should continue. **Action: Clerk & Chairman**  
Repainting of play equipment is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, Committee to meet 10.00 at Knowledge play area.  
Brushes etc to be provided by S. Glass  
Seat painting volunteers: G. Rissone - seat by river bank. Sue & Dave Arnold - The Knap. Susan Findlay – Chapel Lane. Debbie Marshall - seat at Knowledge Cres/Back Lane. Memorial Hall trustees to be asked to paint seat by hall. WI to be asked to paint seat by Crown & Anchor.

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

A proposal was made to move the generator from the Methodist Hall to Axford Village Hall and provide housing similar to that at the memorial hall. Approval for Emergency Committee to spend up to £700 on this was approved subject to assurance that the power output is suitable for the Axford village hall and the generator is likely to be serviceable for a good length of time. **Action M**

**Tester**

A copy of the Electoral register needed to review the Emergency Plan has been received, but its use by the Parish Council is severely restricted because of KDC'S interpretation of the law. **Action: M Tester and Chairman to investigate ways to review the list LEGALLY.**

**F School Governor****Chairman: Paul Court**

The government's 30 in an infant class rule has come home to roost as those involved with rural schools warned at the time that it would. 34 children have applied for entry and to comply with the law 4 must be persuaded to apply elsewhere or start school in class 1 rather than reception - the situation cannot be resolved until September when actual numbers are known.

**G Recreation Centre**

Nothing to report

**Chairman: Alan Plenderleith****7. Public Forum Standing Orders suspended for this item**

Ben Tottenham drew attention to repairs needed: Broken handrail in Hilldrop Close - Susan Findlay to report to Sarsen. Cobble outside Peter Rapson/Central roundel - S. Glass to pursue.

Ronny Price commented on changes to planing procedures, supporting the Parish Council Planning Committee's current procedure of discussing applications off-site. Ronny Price also asked Emergency Committee to keep Sue Barnes (Methodist Church) informed of the generator move.

8. **Axford** – G. Treherne reported on a site visit by P. Harris from Highway who recommended a 30mph sign on a yellow background which he is costing. He also suggested a bus stop outside village hall and gravel footpath along top of car park. Formal response from Highways awaited.
9. **Nature Reserve** – The descriptive notice board has been received from Orton Design Ltd. It is weatherproof and as far as possible vandalproof. The cost is £225 + VAT. A contribution of £75 has already been received from Janet Hierons. Arrangement to mount it on a substantial stand and erect it is in hand. Roy Alexander has arranged a meeting between representatives of the Wildlife Trust, the Parish Council and leading volunteers on 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 on the reserve to consider possible amendments to a Management Plan.
10. **Square Refurbishment** – Quotes received were above funds available. Geoffrey Rissone is to look at reducing the scope of the work to bring it into line with the funds that can be allocated. Damaged tubs in Square – awaiting a cheque from the driver as reimbursement for replacement tubs and plants.
11. **The Community Plan.** The plan speaks of a move to lower the discretionary rate for village shops which would be welcomed.. The Chairman suggested entries in the Diary and the Parish Magazine to publicise the need to watch AND REPORT suspicious occurrences in an effort to combat crime locally. Lobbying for more parking spaces at GWH and re the number of affordable houses on the St Johns Savernake site are to be discussed at next meeting. (**Action – Clerk to add to agenda**).
12. **The Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.45 in the Memorial hall.
13. **The Wiltshire Local Council association Meeting (WALC)** on 24/04/04 - no places available as over-subscribed. There will be another meeting later in the year if enough interest is shown - Chairman to notify WALC of interest. **Action Chairman**
14. **Website.** Nothing to report
15. **Lights in Ashley Piece** – See Correspondence no 893 above. S. Glass to e-mail KDC a reminder of work on lights in Oxford Street.
16. **Police Report** - None

**Accounts for payment:**

Ref	Detail	Total	Chq. No	VAT	S137?
I615	G Cox replacement cheque for lost cheque ref I576 Nov	45.00		0	No
I616	Wiltshire Association of Local Council – annual subscription	456.33		67.96	No
I617	Sheila Glass – expenses incurred replacing damaged tubs in the Square	47.92		0	No
I618	Orton Design Limited – purchase of display panel for Ramsbury Meadow	264.37		39.37	No
I619	G.M Cox – Manor Lane Footpath	45.00		0	No
I620	Sarsen Housing Association	5.00		0	No
I621	Steve Cook – Reimbursement for jack plug for office	4.99			No

Total to be paid: £868.61

## Other correspondence :

888	31/3/04	UK Independence Party	Invitation to public meeting Pewsey 4/4/04 – speaker MEP Mr G Booth – poster on notice board
889	31/3/04	Glasdon	Flyer
890	31/3/04	Membury Estate -	Saying ‘all OK’ for Beating the Bounds across the estate
892	31/3/04	DEFRA	Magazine re Broadband in rural communities – copy in office if anyone wants to review it.
894	31/3/04	Wiltshire County Council	Passenger Transport Best Value Review and Highways management survey – both given to S.Glass
895	31/3/04	Alliance and Leicester	Letter stating that our request to have new signatories on old VDS account has encountered problems with identification of 2 councillors – S Glass, R Eyles and S Cook are now authorised signatories – G Rissone/R Alexander not yet
896	31/3/04	CPRE	Newsletter
898	31/3/04	Kennet District Council	Kennet Times – given to S.Glass
899	31/3/04	Wiltshire County Council	Copy of Wiltshire Magazine – given to M Cook in library – in case more are wanted
900	31/3/04	CPRE	Confirmation of entry into Best Kept Village Competition
901	31/3/04	Alliance and Leicester	Notification of new contact address and tel. No.
903	31/3/04	Kennet District Council	Participatory Arts Workshop Scheme - details from parish clerk
905	31/3/04	Ramsbury Luncheon Club	Receipt for £100
906	04/04/04	Kennet District Council	Copy of Kennet News
907	04/04/04	Voluntary Action Kennet	‘Support for Families in Kennet Project’ end of year report. Given to D. Barnett. Plus poster
908	04/04/04	Alliance & Leicester	Interest Rates for High Interest Deposit account from ½/2003 – 21/1/2004
909	04/04/04	Wiltshire County Council	Transport Times & Telegraph Newsletter. Given to F. Kimber
911	04/04/04	Alliance & Leicester	Acknowledgement of credit of £1623.00 to account.
912	07/04/04	Ringway Highway Services Ltd	Quotation for improvement to Square. With G Rissone
913	07/04/04	Wiltshire County Council	Ramsbury Bridleway 48 – confirmation that Rights of way Office will not support proposed diversion. Given to S.Glass.
915	10/04/04	The Consortium	Catalogue. In Office if anyone wants to see it.
917	10/04/04	Playground Services Ltd	Quotation for replacement timbers for swings at Whittonditch Recreation Ground

918	10/04/04	Kennet District Council	Kennet Local Plan – consideration of proposed modifications. Considered on 4/3/03. Notice of intention to adopt plan. Put on noticeboard.
919	17/04/04	Mazars	Notice of audit of accounts for year ended 31/3/2004. Given to S. Cook
920	17/04/04	Wiltshire County Council	Wiltshire Waste Contract – Annual Service Review 2002-3
921	17/04/04	Zurich Municipal	Request for more details for insurance claim relating to damage to swings in Whittonditch play area. Given to S.Glass
922	17/04/04	Wiltshire Association of Local Councils	Training program and application forms April – September 2004. Given to S.Glass
923	17/04/04	Community First	Leaflet asking for interest in setting up and running a Credit Union in Kennet
924	17/04/04	The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust	Update
925	17/04/04	Community First	Village Shop Survey. S. Glass to complete and return form.
926	17/04/04	Wiltshire Association of Local Councils	April News Letter. Given to S. Glass. Additional copy in Office.

**DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – May10<sup>th</sup> 2004 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall**  
**DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING - May17th 2004 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall**

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