

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21st June 2004 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

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PRESENT: Roy Alexander, Diann Barnett Steve Cook, Paul Court Sheila Glass, George Hawes, Fiona Kimber, Chris Morgan, Geoffrey Rissone, Matthew Tester, Cllr Chris Humphries, Cllr Brian Twigger. 4 members of the public.

The chairman expressed condolences on behalf of the Parish Council to Mora Abell on the death of her husband.

1 Apologies for absence – Mora Abell, Cllr Susan Findlay, Debbie Marshall, Alan Plenderleith, Geoffrey Treherne,

2 Disclosure of interest: Roy Alexander & S Glass item 9. Sue Arnold Item 5/1010

3 The minutes of the meeting held on April 19th were approved with the following amendments

Page 243 Accounts for payment:

I625The Consortium –Purchase order No RPM060304 – Delete (presented in error to council and not paid).

I626 *Rent for Hall* amended to *Rent for office*.

Total Paid Out – amend to £1,024.31.

4 Matters arising:

Lengthsmen: G Hawes to liaise re white lines outside Oakes House. Action: Clerk to provide G. Hawes with contact details of lengthsmen.

Additionally, **Scholard Lane** has had bank cut back, but not cleared properly and some nettles are left. **Action: Clerk to contact E Speller WCC.**

Crowood Lane – Trees obscuring road. **Action: Clerk to contact WCC who can contact landowners.**

5 New Correspondence for discussion:

982	13/06/04	Michael Ancram MP	Reply to Sheila's letter's copy of letter to John Prescott re use of electoral roll, saying he has requested copy of John Prescott's reply (not yet received)
997	13/06/04	Marlborough Community Area Members' Forum	Invitation to AGM 1 st July. Given to Sheila Glass
998	13/06/04	PC. Ben Braine	E-mail. Suggestion of monthly Police 'surgery' in Ramsbury. Action: Clerk to contact PC Braine to ask him to suggest convenient time for surgery and offer Parish Council Office for Surgery.
1001	14/06/04	WALC	The Wiltshire Charter for Local Councils – A Consultation Paper May 2004. Policy Committee to discuss
1002	14/06/04	Mrs T. Hicks	Request for donation to Ramsbury First Responder Scheme. Clerk to put on agenda of July Meeting.
1003	14/06/04	Mrs T. Hicks	Reply to queries regarding ambulance services. It states that 1 st responders will be able to provide defibrillation and oxygen. These are also carried by the Ramsbury fire engine, which also provides emergency first response cover on occasions. Chairman to write to Tim Skelton to express concern about the ambulance service to the village, and to ask where the 1st responder scheme fits with the current Services and if the new Ramsbury surgery could be used as a base for community paramedics.

1009	19/06/04	CPRE	Notification that Ramsbury won Large category of Kennet District Best Kept Village competition and entry form for Calor Village of the year competition. The chairman thanked everyone for their efforts in painting & tidying the village, and reminded there will be an inspection for the next round before July 16th. The best-kept village group are to meet to provide the information for the Calor Gas Best Village of the year application
1010	19/06/04	David Arnold, Cub Scout Leader	Request for grant towards cutlery, crockery, pans and portable gas stoves for cub camps. A donation of £100n was approved. (Action: Clerk)
1011	19/06/04	Wood Awdry & Ford, Solicitors	Confirmation that Glebe Land lease completed, and registered, plus Transfer document for the land. Given to Sheila. Copy on Notice board
1012	19/06/04	KDC	Landscape conservation Strategy – Comments by 30 th July. Action: G.Hawes to Comment
1013	19/06/04	National Lottery	Awards for projects already undertaken using Lottery money. Given to Sheila
1014	19/06/04	KDC	Provisional Tree order – Newtown Lodge, Newtown Road. Makes permanent the previous provisional tree order with 1 modification changing the description of one tree.
1020	21/06/04	Mr Judge	Copy of letter to Sarsen re shoddy grass cutting Residents 64-76 High St. Brian Twigger added this was also true of grass cutting in Crowood lane. Chairman to write to KDC in support of residents and to Sarsen requesting copy of their specification.

6 Committee Reports

Chairman: Geoffrey Rissone

A Planning

The Parish Council formally thanked Geoffrey Rissone for all his hard work as chairman of the Planning Committee.

Baydon Appeal – Still no decision. Clerk to write reiterating objections of Parish Council

Action: Clerk

Airwave Mast Eastridge- Still under appeal. Clerk to write requesting copy of decision is sent to Parish Council.

Action: Clerk

Planning applications received since 17th May 2004

K/50103/F	Orchard Cottage, Chapel Lane Mr & Mrs Davies Mower/storage shed extn to garage. Full planning permission	No objection
K/50080/LBC	Riverside House, Axford. Mr & Mrs H Watson. Works of alteration and refurbishment. Listed building consent	No objection
K/50111/F	Riverside House, Axford. Mr & Mrs H Watson Swimming pool house. Full planning permission.	No objection.
K/50132/F	27 Whittonditch Road. Mr & Mrs Haynes Two single rear extns, new vehicular access Full planning permission	No objection
K/50135/TR2	The Redhouse, Back Lane. Mrs M Kendall Top 8 leylandii to approx. 8 ft or below Work to trees in a Conservation Area	No objection

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- K/50141/F Westfield Yard House, Mill Lane Mrs K Hardwick
Barn conversion to provide staff accommodation
Full planning permission
Conversion must not become a dwelling separate
from the main house No objection
- K/50198/F 19 The Paddocks. Mr & Mrs Ballard
Conversion of garage to additional rooms; add porch.
Full planning permission. No objection

Planning applications approved

- K/047285 Woodlands Farm, Whittonditch. Mr R Pitman
Equine stud farm and training facilities, staff dwelling.
Numerous conditions regarding landscaping, staff accommodation
and building on the site.
- K/047292/L 77 High Sreet, Ramsbury. Mr James Kennedy
Rebuilding of 28.3 metres of garden wall.
- K/047349 Pear Tree Cottage, Axford. Mr J Lappin
Erection of 2 storey side extn, single storey side extn,
Vehicular access.
Conditions regarding materials, obscured glazing, etc.
- K/047407 Harbrook, Ramsbury. Mr & Mrs M Evans
Stables, log store & compost bins.
Conditions regarding landscaping.
- K/046969 River House, Axford. Mr & Mrs H Watson.
Construction of new garage, conservatory, studio workshop.
Conditions regarding materials, design; Garage & workshop
should not be occupied other than for purposes ancillary to
the residential use of River House.
- K/046970/L River House Axford. Mr & Mrs H Watson.
Demolition of garage, conservatory and store.
Construction of new conservatory and studio workshop.
Repair to kitchen window, conservation roof light to
staircase.
Conditions regarding design, materials, etc.

Planning Applications refused

None

Planning Applications withdrawn

- K/045335 Land west of Loves Lane. Ramsbury & Aldbourne Bowls Club
Construct bowling green, car park & pavilion; alter access.

B Finance

Chairman: Steve Cook

Ramsbury Recreation Centre lost out to Devizes in its application for a New Initiative Lottery Grant. S Cook will continue to liaise with them re donation .

Accounts have now been audited. The auditor is happy with the improvements to procedures that have been made and the Risk Analysis has been updated. The accounts will be available for public inspection by 16th August. Clerk to provide councillors with copies of accounts for discussion at July meeting.

Action: Clerk

C Rights of way

Chairman: Geoffrey Traherne

Sheila Glass reported that Action for River Kennet (ARK) would like to put a notice board at the river close to the Knapp to be funded by the Marlborough Development Trust. Chairman to contact ARK suggesting similar board to that at nature reserve.

Action: Chairman

D Play Areas and Seats

Chairman: Fiona Kimber

The insurance company has given the go-ahead for repair to damaged equipment at Whittonditch play area. Fiona Kimber to contact Hungerford Playground Services to chase the work.

Action: F.Kimber

A quote of £5049 for a 1.7m slide and grass tiles safety surface for Knowledge Crescent play area has been received. This is approx. 25% of the Parish's annual income. Clerk to write to Press highlighting cost of local authority approved play equipment.

Action: Clerk

Quote of £121 received for repair to swing at Axford. Fiona Kimber to confirm repairs can go ahead.

Action: F.Kimber

E Emergency Committee

Chairman: Matthew Tester

Axford generator proceeding. Suitability of generator currently in Ramsbury Methodist Hall has been confirmed and 2 offers of help received to put down base outside Axford Village Hall. Now awaiting housing design. Generator to be painted with Hammerite.

Action: Matthew Tester

F School Governor

Chairman: Paul Court

Nothing to Report

G Recreation Centre

Chairman: Alan Plenderleith

No Report

7 Public Forum - Standing orders suspended for this item

Ben Tottenham suggested thanks be sent to Mrs Shaw following the Church yard being highly commended in the Best Kept Village competition. The Chairman has already thanked Mrs Shaw. Thanks were recorded to both Mrs Shaw and the Amenity group. Ben Tottenham's offer to provide information from the diary for the Calor Village of the Year Competition was accepted with thanks. Ben Tottenham reported the Irish yew by the Gallery has now been pruned. Ben Tottenham suggested the Amenity group might also be able to make a donation to the Cub Pack. Nigel Grove brought to Roy Alexander's notice that a tree that needs pruning obscures the view upstream from the seat in the nature reserve. Brian Twigger informed the council that FDM are no longer offering broadband services but that the BT service is still scheduled for 25th August.

8 Axford

No response yet regarding speeding in Axford, but the Council recorded that the new 30 mph signs painted in the road at both Axford and Ramsbury are a good improvement.

9 Nature Reserve

Chairman: Roy Alexander

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust have accepted proposals by Roy Alexander for radical changes to the management plan. Therefore the new walkway will be given a one-off cut after which there will be a rake up on 28th June. Council members and any other volunteers are invited to help during the day or evening. Thereafter there will be regular cuts which will remain on the ground. Estimates are being sought for buying / hiring equipment for regular cutting of the walkway.

A quotation for an addition to link the boardwalk to the walkway has been requested from BCTV. Weather permitting the new notice board will be erected in the next day or so. A finger notice pointing down the path to the nature reserve is to be attached to the lamppost by the fire station. This work is all to be done ASAP in view of the Best Kept Village competition.

The new planting will be held over until autumn.

10 Square Refurbishment. Geoffrey Rissone reported further delay. The Bell owner has written to his solicitor asking for clarification of the legal position of the land in front of the Bell. Wiltshire highway

have said that a concrete plan needs to be in place prior to a meeting with the Parish Council, The Bell, and the Kennet Conservation office.

11 Ambulance Response Times – see correspondence for discussion

12 Website. Steve Cook reported that the new website is progressing well.

13 Lights in Oxford Street. Brian Twigger reported that Kennet do not have the budget to fulfil the quote they provided. They are seeking other sources of money.

14 Oral History.

Steve cook confirmed that money raised from the Millennium video is available to fund the purchase of a mini-disc recorder & microphone. Volunteers for the project included Sheila Glass, Fiona Kimber, Paul Court Alan Plenderleith, Sue Arnold. As a first step the group will identify people who have lived in the village all their lives.

15 Code of Conduct. The chairman explained changes to the complaints procedures against councillors. Since a decision to proceed or not can now be made locally, an appeal against such a decision can be made to the Standards Board and does not need a judicial review as previously.

16 Accounts for Payment

I634	G.M. Cox for grass moving 8/4 Manor Lane footpath	45.00		0	No
I635	BT Telephone Bill	48.76		7.26	No
I636	Sheila Glass - Plants & compost for tubs on square, + stamps	32.50		0	No
I637	Diann Barnett – Quicken 2002 Accounting software	21.00		0	No
I638	Geoffrey Treherne - Boundary walk expenses, tumblers & biscuits	13.76		0	No
I639	G.M. Cox – Grass Cutting 1/5/04 and 19/5/04	90.00		0	No
I640	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – Rent for Nature Reserve	10.00		0	No
I641	Sheila Glass – Literature Holder for walking maps	7.99		1.19	No
I642	Smith & Jewell – Display plinth for notice board	176.25		26.25	No

TOTAL PAID £445.26

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

R1	KDC – Grant for clearing rubbish	150.00		Cheque	
R2	Crown & Anchor – Sale of Walking Maps	31.50		Cheque from Sheila Glass also covers R3	
R3	The Bell - Sale of Walking Maps	10.00		Cheque – see R2	

TOTAL RECEIVED: £191.50

BANK BALANCE O N 1/6/04:

Current Account £12,722.43
Deposit Account £18,385.10

Proposed P. Court Seconded R. Alexander

17 Other Correspondence

976	13/6/04	Ashstead Plant Hire Co	Brochure of equipment for hire
977	13/06/04	Wicksteed Leisure	Play Equipment Brochure – given to Fiona Kimber

978	13/06/04	North Wessex Downs AONB Office	North Wessex Downs Management Plan – copy in office
979	13/06/04	CPRE	Countryside Voice Magazine – copy in office
980	13/06/04	Shaw & Sons Ltd	Catalogue of stationery for Local Councils
981	13/06/04	Victim Support Wiltshire	Annual Review 2003
983	13/06/04	CPRE Wiltshire	Notice of AGM and Annual report
984	13/06/04	KDC	Copy of application to close High St for street fair on 26 th June
985	13/06/04	KDC	Cheque for £150 towards clearing of rubbish
986	13/06/04	Allianz & Cornhill	Annual insurance quotation
987	13/06/04	WALC	May newsletter (includes info on reduced price software for councils) Given to Steve Cook
988	13/06/04	Community First	Newsletter & Enclosures – with Sheila
989	13/06/04	KDC	Letter requesting info on Parish Magazines. Given to Steve Cook
990	13/06/04	KDC	Letter advising of appeal against Baydon Meadow wind turbine decision. Given to Geoffrey Rissone
991	13/06/04	Alliance & Leicester	Current Account Statement. Filed with Bank accounts
992	13/06/04	Ross Anderson	Request for info on grant giving bodies in Ramsbury from student
993	13/06/04	CPRE	Fieldwork magazine. Contains info on how to respond to wind farm applications. Given to Geoffrey Rissone
994	13/06/04	Sandling Fireworks	Info on training day and firework brochure. (Brochure available in office)
995	13/06/04	Voluntary Action Kennet	Newsletter and enclosure. Given to Diann Barnet
996	13/06/04	The Consortium	Reminder re invoice I625. Filed with original invoice
999	13/06/04	Hawes Macleod	Letter of introduction (Arborists)
1000	13/06/04	Alliance & Leicester	Business Deposit Account Statement. Filed with Bank accounts
1004	14/06/04	WALC	Invitation to Consultation Basics for Parish Councils in Devizes on 3/7/04, 9.30 – 2.30. With Sheila
1005	14/06/04	WALC	Invitation to AGM in Devizes on 24/06/04 at 6.00. With Sheila
1006	14/06/04	Ramsbury Football Club	Receipt for Donation of £150.
1007	14/06/04	Wiltshire Highways Partnership	Newsletter. Copy given to Sheila. Further copies in Office

1008	14/06/04	Videk	Computer cabling brochure – in office
1015	19/06/04	NHS Wiltshire Healthy Promotion Service	Promotion of mental health in the Community.
1016	19/06/04	BT	Telephone Bill reminder. Filed with invoice.
1017	19/06/04	WCC	Acknowledgement of Sheila's letter re speed limit on C6.
1018	19/06/04	Regional Returning officer, South West Region	European Election Results
1019	19/06/04	WALC	June Newsletter. Given to Sheila

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ABOVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS MONDAY July 19th IN THE
PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

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