

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 MAY 2002 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, RAMSBURY

PRESENT: Mora Abell, Roy Alexander, Julia and Simon Blunt, Steve Cook, Sheila Glass (Chairman), Isobel Henry, Fiona Kimber, Ann Naughton, Alan Plenderleith, Geoffrey Rissone, Matthew Tester, Geoffrey Treherne, and two members of the public

Minutes kindly taken by Isobel Henry

1 **Apologies for absence** – Susan Findlay, Edward Judge, Chris Humphries and Graham Francis (Clerk)

2 **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman:**

Sheila Glass was proposed as Chairman by Isobel Henry and seconded by Julia Blunt. There were no other nominations and **Sheila Glass was therefore elected Chairman** nem con.

Steve Cook was proposed as Vice-Chairman by Sheila Glass and seconded by Alan Plenderleith. There were no other nominations and **Steve Cook was therefore elected Vice-Chairman** nem con.

3 **Acceptance of Office:**

Sheila Glass signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office

4 **Minutes of the meeting of 15 April 2002**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 April were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5 **Matters arising:**

138.10 Roy Alexander explained that BTCV who have been working on the Nature Reserve failed to obtain a renewal of their Public Liability Insurance. Roy informed WWT who agreed that the Nature Reserve should be closed to the public.

Agreement has been reached with the Environment Agency for consent to erect a structure in the flood plain. WWT have sent a revised draft lease which provides for a 14 year lease with conditions after 7 years. Since the lease could be cancelled if we fail to manage correctly it was felt that the lease should contain the proviso that if management was prevented by “force majeure” then that could not be a reason for termination of the lease. RA to contact WWT to this effect **Action RA**

136.3 Link Meeting – Thirty residents attended the Link meeting and voted to set up a scheme. This is anticipated to be up and running in six months.

136.3 Ramsbury Community Association – The interim Committee of Trustees met on 16 May where it was unanimously decided that the Association should be dissolved. This will require a public meeting to allow opinion and questions by the general public. This will take place on 16 July in the Memorial Hall.

136.4 Code of Conduct – Sheila Glass reported that she had written to Alun Michael, copy to Michael Ancram, making points about the general dislike of the Code of Conduct. No replies have been received. The Chairman has spoken to KDC Solicitor about the Register of Interests and letters will be sent to all Councillors who have not signed the Register.

The Code of Conduct has been deemed on the Parish Council

137.9 Village Design Statement - The next Committee meeting will be on 11 June when the final design will be agreed for publication in October.

138.11 APM – It was noted that only two members of the public attended the Annual Parish Meeting. More effort will be given next year to publicise the event. Few organisations who received Grants bothered to send in reports.

136.4 Whittonditch tarmac – This to be checked with Susan Findlay.

6 New Correspondence:

- 295 Cornhill Insurance – Confirmation of cover for Soap Box Derby . Robert Cox is offering tractor and trailer – need to check on Insurance cover. **Action: GF**
- 296 Peter Rapson – newest measurements of The Tree
- 301 Peter Grist – Appeal for Commonwealth Veterans on Jubilee Celebrations – The Parish Council only gives to local charities.
- 306 KDC BT Computer Offer – Parish Council to send in request

All correspondence listed at the end.

7 Committee Reports:**A Planning****Chairman: Isobel Henry****Applications received by Kennet District Council:****K/043106/L Corbally-Stourton** Two storey rear extension at Axford House – no objection**K/043158 Brown** Games room extension to rear of garage at 26 Whittonditch Road – no objection**K/043116 Connell** Extension work at Border Cottage Axford – no objection**K/043110 Marren** Erection of a greenhouse at Newtown Lodge – no objection but would prefer all structures on the west side.**K/043266 Burrows** Alterations to farm buildings to form a dwelling at Coombe Farm Axford – no objection**K/043253 Hett** New conservatory and loft conversion at 6 Orchard Close – no objection if neighbours views sought**Applications approved by Kennet District Council:****K/043110 Marren** Erection of a greenhouse at Newtown Lodge**K/043106/L Corbally-Stourton** Two storey rear extension at Axford House

Replacement Kennet District Local Plan meeting on Wednesday 12 June – Julia Blunt will attend.

B Finance**Chairman: Steve Cook**

Steve Cook reported that VAT will not be required for the video sales. Surplus money will therefore go towards the Jubilee Celebrations.

Clerk's Salary review – it was agreed to pay the Clerk an additional £50 per annum in line with inflation. Arrears to be paid next month.

It was noted that the PC needs a local auditor to monitor accounts.

Grants and donations will be discussed at the next meeting. Reports on how the money has been spent will be required at the next APM. **Next Committee meeting May 28th at 7.45pm**

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

Geoffrey Treherne reported a very successful Beating of the Bounds but we shall need more publicity and sponsorship next year. Stewards tabards to be purchased.

Committee meeting to be arranged

D Play Areas and Seats**Chairman: Alan Plenderleith**

Mr Le Guilcher has been asked to repair a seat. Committee meeting to be arranged

8 Public Forum: *Standing orders suspended for this item*

Alan Brown, the reporter from the Newbury Weekly News announced that this was his last meeting. He was thanked for his attendance and his reporting of local village matters.

9 Axford: Nothing to report**10 Code of Conduct:** Dealt with under Matters Arising**11 Golden Jubilee:**

A Programme of events has been delivered to every household in the village.

