

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21st October 2002 in Axford Village Hall

PRESENT: Mora Abell, Roy Alexander, Steve Cook, Susan Findlay, Sheila Glass (Chairman), Isobel Henry, Cllr.Chris Humphries, Ann Naughton, Alan Plenderleith, Geoffrey Rissone, Matthew Tester, Geoffrey Treherne, Rosalind Eyles(clerk) and 3 members of the public.

1 **Apologies for absence :** Fiona Kimber

2 **Disclosures of Interest:** Roy Alexander signed the register disclosing interests in item 9. Sheila Glass disclosed interest in item 11(payment for photocopier)

3 **Minutes of the meeting of 16th September 2002**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September were approved as a true record, proposed by Geoff Rissone, seconded by Roy Alexander, agreed nem con, and then signed by the Chairman.

4 **Matters arising:**

Review of electoral arrangements: no major changes have come about as a result of recent consultation and proposal.

Bowls Club: recent correspondence to and from the bowls club - the club are having a meeting on 23rd October and so nothing further to report now.

Link Scheme: good response from volunteers - all their references have been taken up and approved. There will be a leaflet delivered to all homes in the parish and the scheme is to become operational from 24th November.

Christmas meeting date: 9th December in the Memorial Hall

Signs on the Knap/Littlecote map: a few maps will be sent to Littlecote for them to display at their reception for local walks for their guests to use. The council did not wish to pursue any additional sign on the Knap at present

Road Salting: the clerk had spoken to Wiltshire County Council about salting Newtown Road and is awaiting the outcome - it would appear unlikely that this road would be added to the salting route, but she will report back to the next meeting with any further detail.

Fireworks night: on 5th November it is hoped that residents will be responsible regarding the letting off of fireworks particularly with respect to animals in fields and nearby homes. Geoffrey Rissone spoke of his concern over the letting off of fireworks and his view was supported by other council members. It was expected that with bonfire night falling mid-week this year the parties may span a couple of weekends.

5 **New Correspondence:**

377	20/9/02	KDC	Review of flooding - preparations - copy given to M Tester - emergency committee to look at these points at their next meeting
378	20/9/02	Lloyds	Business deposit accounts
379	23/9/02	KDC	Code of conduct - reply to our letter - passed our letter onto Standards board.
380	26/9/02	Sarsen	Playground at Hilldrop Close - noting the deterioration of the equipment. I have spoken to them and informed of the repair work currently ongoing. Inspection date by their insurers to be sent to us in October. Copy given to Fiona.
381	26/9/02	KDC	Renewal of entertainment licence Memorial Hall - no objections

382	26/9/02	CPRE	Volunteers Conference - planning review, air transport and campaigning on countryside character - 23/11/02 in London. Copy given to Isobel
383	26/9/02	KDC	Walking initiatives - booklet of walks in Marlborough villages - reply to our letter suggesting there is an overlap in our plans for local walks.
384	26/9/02	Information Commissioner	Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Publication Schemes - copy given to Sheila
385	9/10/02	Memorial Hall	Rent review
386	9/10/02	Luncheon Club	Grant application
387	9/10/02	Wiltshire county council	Mobile library service
388	9/10/02	Wiltshire County Council	Electoral review of the county council
389	30/09/02	Ramsbury and Aldbourne Bowls club	Re letter of 16 th Sept 2002
390	9/10/02	Ramsbury and Aldbourne Bowls club	Re general meeting held 29/09/02
391	9/10/02	Event Insurance Services	Flyer
392	9/10/02	KDC	Street cleaning questionnaire
393	23/9/02	Wiltshire County Council	Electoral Review
394	9/10/02	Matta Products	Flyer re safety mats for play areas
395	9/10/02	Countryside Agency	Inaugural meeting of North Wessex Downs Annual forum - on 23/10/02 at Littlecote 9.30-2.00
396	9/10/02	KDC	Poster for event at Devizes Visitor centre
397	11/10/02	Alliance and Leicester	Details of current and deposit accounts
398	20/09/02	Marlborough community area Member's forum	Agenda - meeting 26/9/02
399	6/10/02	Marilyn Pike	E mail re Oxford Street lighting. Salt/grit box - Matthew to comment
400	3/10/02	Allan Davison	Bowls club
401	11/10/02	CPRE	Half-yearly newsletter
402	11/10/02	William 'Doc' Trust	Details of grants to help young people in Wiltshire with disabilities
403	11/10/02	Standards board	Code of Conduct - noting our adoption of the model Code of Conduct.
404	18/10/02	Ramsbury Primary School	Grant application re school council
405	18/10/02	Wiltshire County Council	Electoral review – update – no change to letter of October 1 st – nothing new to report
406	18/10/02	Ramsbury and Aldbourne Bowls Club	Meeting of Oct 15 th postponed until October 23 rd
407	12/10/02	Ramsbury Pre-School	Grant application
408	12/10/02	WCC	New footpath

Items 378 and 397 - it was felt it was important to support our local Post Office and their link with The Alliance and Leicester and so new current and deposit accounts will be opened shortly and our Lloyds and Portman accounts shut. Proposed by Isobel Henry, seconded by Mora Abell and agreed nem con.

Action: Clerk/S Cook

Item 383 - the hard work of Ronnie Price was acknowledged regarding obtaining a new letter stating that the council's plans for footpath maps did not in fact overlap with some produced by Kennet District Council. A grant application to help with funding this project can now be submitted.

Action: S Glass

Item 385 - review by Memorial Hall trustees of increased office charge - no objection

Item 399 - poor lighting in Oxford street - this is already in hand and the council is awaiting a response from Mr Hussey. The possibility of having a salt/grit box for the spur road off Crowood Lane leading to Ashley Piece was discussed. The need for one was not disputed at all, but the unsightly nature of the box and where best to locate was discussed. Matthew Tester to canvass residents in the area to see whether they feel the need for the box and if so where best to site it. It was noted that this spur road is used extensively not only by its residents, but by adults and children particularly on their way to and from school. A letter will also be sent to Dennis Compton to enquire about cost.

Action: M Tester/Clerk

Item 404 - application by Ramsbury School for grant - clerk to write to explain that funds are available for specific costed projects and not for general running/start-up costs. A request to re-submit their application once a specific project has been decided by the newly-formed council will be suggested.

Action: Clerk

6 Committee Reports:

A Planning

Chairman: Isobel Henry

Applications received by Kennet District Council:

- K/044022/L Mr and Mrs D Strauss, Axford House. Internal alterations - no objection
- K/044082/T Mrs Muffett, 19a High St Tree works - leave decision to KDC
- K/044106 Mr and Mrs G Holmes, Cymaur, Tankard Lane. Demolition and erection of new house. No objection
- K/044166/0 Mrs S Suchopar. Land rear of Limes 22 Oxford Street. Outline application for single dwelling. No objection, concern over length of access
- K/044179 Miss G Salisbury 1 The Paddocks. Erection of single storey extension - no objection
- K/044164 Mr R Groves 24 Ashley Piece. Erection of chimney. No objection

Applications approved by Kennet District Council:

- K/043925 Mrs K Staples, Old Farmhouse, Oxford Street. Single storey extension
- K/043977 Mr and Mrs Sendall, 38 Oxford Street, Erection of garage
- K/043862 Mr J Dennis, Crowood House, Erection of bird house
- K/044022/L Mr and Mrs D Strauss, Axford House, internal alterations
- K/043719 Mr and Mrs Gardner, Watersmeet, Mill Lane Proposed extension and alterations
- K/044130/T Mr J Bish, Mallings , Back Lane Tree works

Applications refused by Kennet District Council:

- K/043873 and 043876/L Mr P Stibbard, Baydon Manor, Marrison Hill. Alterations and conversion of winter garden to house. Reasons: extension tantamount to new dwelling in AONB. No justification on agricultural basis.

B Finance

Chairman: Steve Cook

The deadline for all grant applications is 31st October. Next year's budget is being drafted and will be put forward at next meeting for discussion. The council is currently underspent to date on its budget for this year mainly due to deferring of grant payments, timing of certain invoices not yet received and play area capital spend being zero at present for the year. (Susan Findlay is to check again regarding archive material from the video.)

C Rights of Way

Chairman: Geoffrey Treherne

Grasscutting for 2003 - Geoffrey to follow up getting quotes for this work.

D Play Areas and Seats

Chairman: Fiona Kimber

A new climbing net for Axford play area was requested-cost to be looked at

E Emergency Committee

Chairman: Matthew Tester

Committee to meet next week. Quotes have now been received and discussion with electrician has taken place with regard to wiring and housing of generator. Details will be passed to Hall Trustees for consideration.

Isobel Henry then made the point that some other council representatives such as 'School Governor' or 'Recreation Centre' have not recently had space on the agenda for reporting to the meeting. This is to be rectified for the next meeting. Suggested that these other representatives perhaps report on a quarterly basis. She also went on to state how impressive the turnout was at the football sessions on the Recreation Ground on Saturday mornings. Thanks was expressed to those who have been involved in the running of these sessions - council members were encouraged to go and see for themselves the level of enthusiasm.

7 Public Forum Standing Orders suspended for this item

Ben Tottenham for the Amenity Group stated that he was hoping for a constructive response with regard to his attending the Bowls Club meeting.

Simon Blunt asked if new access to the countryside regulations had been received - the draft is being reviewed by PC at present - response by Dec 3rd.

The council welcomed PC Wallis to the meeting.

8 Axford: nothing to report

9 Nature Reserve: The final draft lease has been received and is satisfactory. It will be completed when the final site inspection is undertaken with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. The first stage of the four year programme for the improvement of the pond has been carried out. The river bank west of the viewing platform has been cleared by BTCV. Arrangements for clearing the east area are being discussed with BTCV. Once the final inspection has been carried out, the council has authorised S Glass to sign the lease.

10 Square Refurbishment: The architect has provided a set of proposals for changes to the Square which do not differ much from those prepared a year or so ago, and which were exhibited in the village. Although the changes are small, they would probably increase the cost because of a more complex treatment of the frontage of the 'Bell'. The indications are that the cost of the project will be significantly more than was allowed for in the financial provisions for the Millennium Projects. It is proposed to ask the architect to prepare 3 options for detailed costs. Firstly the extension of the central reservation area around the tree together with improved footways and parking layout. Secondly as above together with a more simple treatment of the Bell frontage. Thirdly the full scheme suggested by the architect.

11 Accounts for Payment: VAT Section137

				VAT	Section137
475	Ramsbury School - photocopier	250.00	1156	Nil	No
476	Wicksteed Leisure	249.88	1155	37.22	No
477	A Le Guilcher - repairs to Square notice board, play areas	399.07	1154	nil	No
478	WALC - 2 copies of Accounting/audit manual	31.64	1153	nil	No
479	S Glass - bulbs for tubs	7.99	1157	1.19	No

Proposed by S Cook, seconded by A Plenderleith and agreed nem con.

TOTAL

Monies received nil

15 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting of the council will be on Monday 18th November at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.