

## **RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **MINUTES OF EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> 2007 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall**

PRESENT: Diann Barnett, Paul Court, Sheila Glass (Chairman), George Hawes, Tim McQue, Chris Morgan, Geoffrey Rissone, Geoffrey Treherne, Sue Arnold (Parish Clerk), and 2 members of the public.

**1 Apologies for absence for approval:** Graeme Fearon, Cllr Susan Findlay, Ian Ritchie. **Approved.**

**2 Disclosure of interest: Item 6 - none.**

**3 Purchase of Land near 2 bridges, Mill Lane**

**3.1. Update.**

**a.** A letter has been sent to Mrs Burdett Fisher's Swiss Address, asking her to consider selling the 0.4 acres of land to the Parish Council at a fair market price.

**Actions: 1 B. Tottenham to provide Monaco address for Mrs Burdett Fisher. 2. Clerk to send a copy of the letter to the Monaco address including the Parish Council e-mail address.**

**b.** The Parish Council has contacted the agent declaring an interest in buying the land. The agent confirmed that there are no fishing rights with the land. One offer has been received (believed to be from an anonymous donor connected to ARK), and the agent referred to a further offer from outside the village in the region of £10 – 15K. The agent said that should the Parish Council match the best offer received, he would recommend selling the land to the Parish Council. The agent is not aware that ARK and the Parish Council are working together.

**3.2 Next steps.**

**a.** The Parish Council agreed to work with ARK to try to buy the land in order to keep it open to the village.

**b.** Financial Position. The PC has £36,408, with the second precept income of £13,800 due in September. Square refurbishments are expected to cost in the region of £12,000 in addition to the normally annual spending. (Cleaning and electricity and water for the public conveniences alone costs the Parish Council £6000.) If the PC were to pay for or towards the land, it would need to recoup the money spent on it by the end of the financial year. **Actions: 1. : Clerk to tell agents that the PC is definitely interested in purchasing the land and is working with ARK to do so. 2. Clerk to ask agents if there are any covenants associated with the land. Clerk to ask S. Blunt if Mr Dallas would be willing to ensure the agent knows that he will stringently enforce his fishing rights.**

**DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY JULY 16<sup>th</sup> 2007  
7.45pm**

**IN RAMSBURY MEMORIAL HALL**

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