

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th March 2004 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

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PRESENT: Mora Abell, Roy Alexander, Diann Barnett, Steve Cook, Cllr Susan Findlay, Sheila Glass, Chris Morgan, Fiona Kimber, Debbie Marshall, Alan Plenderleith, Geoffrey Rissone, Geoffrey Treherne, Cllr Chris Humphries, Ros Eyles (clerk) and 19 members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting by explaining that with so many members of the public present to discuss the proposed re-routing of bridleway 48 this item scheduled on the agenda #8C, would be discussed immediately after the apologies had been given. Included in the members of the public was a representative from Strutt and Parker, Mark Juniper. Mora Abell absented herself from the meeting during discussion of this item.

1 **Apologies for absence** - Paul Court, Cllr Brian Twigger, George Hawes, Matthew Tester

8 C Letter proposed re-routing bridleway 48: The copy of the letter sent by the applicant's agent to Mrs B Burke at Wiltshire County Council was read out by the chairman. The accompanying map was shown to the members of the public. The chairman opened the discussion to questions from the floor. The following points were made by members of the public:

- ◆ No reason for section C to D on map - would make route longer
- ◆ New route would hide view across water meadows by eastern end
- ◆ New route, particularly where it joins on footpath 10 would make it very hard/impossible for prams and wheelchairs to access the whole route
- ◆ The route A to B on the tarmac is dull and so this section only of new route would be more pleasant
- ◆ The 10 year agreement for wildflower meadow was discussed in field south of Harbrook Farm. No guarantee after 10 years it would stay as wildflower meadow
- ◆ Cycling was currently considered dangerous by a cyclist present on the tarmac section so new route A to B acceptable, but the section on footpath 10 would be very heavy going on a bike
- ◆ The issue of horses and problems on tarmac addressed in letter were considered not to be a valid point as horses use tarmac elsewhere with no problems
- ◆ The issue of horses and meeting traffic on tarmac drive not considered to be a problem for one who has ridden here for 30 years
- ◆ Users of this footpath go back many generations. Do not wish to see a much-loved route changed
- ◆ The part on footpath 10 would be more concealed - bearing in mind recent issues with personal safety in this area it was not considered a pleasant/safe alternative

The chairman was asked about a deadline for comments. It then became apparent that the letter, which initially had been considered as an application, may in fact only be very preliminary discussion points, which was confirmed by Cllr.

Humphries. The actual status of this proposal is to be checked by the clerk. **This item will be on the next month's agenda to clarify the position.**

Action:clerk

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2 **Disclosures of Interest:** R Alexander signed for item 6 and 9 Mora Abell item 8C.

3 The minutes of the meeting held on February 16th 2004 were approved with a minor amendment to sheet 226 - Chris Morgan was not present at the meeting

4 Presentation by Project 2005 - Paul Swan spoke about the Project and the different phases. The first phase is underway and the cost is already met with funds in the bank. The 2nd phase will commence in approximately a year's time - some funds have been committed but not yet received, but significantly more funds are needed to ensure this phase can start. It will involve levelling the junior football pitch; floodlighting the senior pitch; a 5th tennis court with a kids zone; a multi-sports cage for netball, basketball, mini-hoc and 5-a-side football. This phase is estimated to cost over £200,000. The Project committee was now asking the Council for some financial commitment to support the project and also to add credence to their other grant applications. The finance committee is to meet to discuss this matter and will report back to next month's meeting. Mr Swan indicated that a contribution to the cost (approx £40,000) of the multi sports cage would be welcome.

5 Amendments to minutes over the past - see schedule accompanying agenda. The proposed changes were proposed by Alan, seconded by Susan and all councillors were in favour.

6 **Matters arising:**

Christmas lights - have been stored in the council office.50 spare bulbs have been ordered.

Lines by Oakes House - clerk has been told by WCC that the request has been added to their schedule. Not imminent

Snooker table/recreation centre - the possibility of locating the table in the new facilities will be looked at by the Project 2005 committee in due course. The funds in the defunct youth Club account and in the Amenity Group to be kept in tact until a later point in time.

Ashley Piece lights along footpath to new surgery - the Chairman made the point that whilst the opportunity had been missed to incorporate this request into the discussion with Medcentres, she had subsequently found out that WCC had considered the possibility, but had dismissed the idea as unnecessary. As a result the point was never made to the Parish Council to even consider. The possibility of asking Kennet under their amenity lighting scheme was made - **Chairman to investigate**. Also to consult with diocese as to whether they would designate this as a right of way

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**

Farmers Market - Roy Alexander spoke to the applicants. They have asked for the Memorial Hall for one morning a month. Produce would be meat, fruit and vegetables, eggs, cooked meat, fish and pies. This would represent nearly 100% overlap with produce sold by the village shops. Both Hills Stores and Midway Stores both considered their trade would be affected. The views of all the Hall trustees was sought. They were unanimous that the shops were vulnerable and should not be exposed to potentially damaging competition and they considered that the application should be refused. The applicant will be notified that the views of the Parish Council were the same as those of the Trustees. Roy to write as a Trustee to the applicants to refuse permission to use the hall. Clerk to confirm to Trustees in writing

Action Clerk

Wind Turbine - no application has yet been received

The Community Plan will be put on next month's agenda for further consideration by the Council.

Recycling bins and state of this area in Axford - the area is to be flattened by Sarsen

Ramsbury Community Association - Scheme for dissolution was publicised and formal declaration sent to the Charity Commission. The scheme has now to be sealed and re-advertised before becoming operative.

Crowood Lane gritting and hedgerows - gritting will only be done on the bus routes through the village. The hedgerows were recently inspected and considered not to be so overgrown as to need any further attention at this time.

7. New Correspondence for discussion:

853	26/2/04	A Plenderleith	E mail re abandoned cars Whittonditch Road - all 3 had been claimed and were to be removed/scrapped
854	Feb 04	CPRE	Best Kept Village details - copy to be given to Sheila - decided to enter competition Chairman to fill in form. Ad hoc group formed.
862	6/3/04	Kennet District Council	Easter waste collection - only change is Wednesday April 14 th moving to Thursday 15 th .
865	6/3/04	The Boundary Committee for England	Final recommendations - 49 councillors representing 46 divisions - but changes to division boundaries in order to improve electoral equality. www.boundarycommittee.org.uk
868	29/2/04	Mrs A Finn	Copy of letter sent to Cllr Humphries re speed limit on Newtown Road - to be read out at meeting Clerk to ask Mrs A Finn for copy of other relevant correspondence from Highways
866	6/3/04	Standards Board	Consultation paper re investigation and determination of misconduct allegations - comments by May 18 th - Chairman to draft letter for clerk to send
869	29/2/04	Kennet District Council	Code of conduct - Register of interests - clarifying position of Freemasons membership and Membership of Councillor Associations
877	Feb 04	A Fitton - Project 2005	Request for grant - Steve has copy - discussed at last meeting and passed to committee for discussion - as above
884	February 04	Mrs B Burke - Wiltshire County Council	Letter regarding application to re-route bridleway #48 by Harbrook Farm - copy of letter sent to WCC by agent Strutt and Parker and map showing proposed new route
885	February 04	Project 2005	Letter regarding possible funding from Council
886	17/3/04	Mrs Evans	Letter with additional information re Stewardship scheme in meadow south of proposed re-routing of bridleway #48
887	17/3/04	Mr and Mrs Bell	Copy of their letter sent to Mrs Burke re bridleway #48

8. Committee Reports:**A Planning****Chairman: Geoffrey Rissone****Planning Applications Received Since 16th February**

K/047080	3 The Paddocks, Ramsbury Mr & Mrs A Compton Erection of a single storey side extension family room. Full planning permission sought.	No objection
K/047075/L	Whattendyke Cottage, Whittonditch. Mr & Mrs A Soto Provision of ground floor shower room. Listed building consent sought.	No objection
K/047059	Sparricks Piece, Whittonditch Road. Mr J Miller Two storey front extension Full planning permission sought.	No objection
K/047478	South View, Axford. Mr & Mrs P C Carty Erection of a garage block and gate piers Full planning permission sought.	No objection (Garage should be treated as part of the residence, exit should be referred to Highways)
K/047123/0	Land to the rear of The Limes, Oxford St. Mrs. S Suchopar. Erection of a single dwelling, garage, works to existing access. Outline planning permission sought.	No objection (neighbours, fire dept., county council, should be consulted on access)
K/047122/L	Lamorna Cottage, Whittonditch Road. Mr J Lewis Conversion of existing garage to dining room. Listed building consent sought.	No objection (neighbours to the east should be consulted, no parking on the road)
K/047132	The Bell, Ramsbury Tycos Ventures, Limited Erection of a fire escape stair Full planning permission sought.	No objection.
K/047152	Harbrook, Ramsbury Mt & Mrs Evans Erection of a pool house with integral store, greenhouse to the rear. Full planning permission sought.	Under Consideration.

PERMISSIONS GRANTED

K/046890	The Halfway, Whittonditch Road. Mr & Mrs C Eyles Two storey extension to existing building
K/046853	7 The Square, Ramsbury Mrs J Whiting. Change of upper rooms to retail.
K/046927/T	Axford House, Axford. Various tree works.
K/046930	8 Swans Close, Ramsbury. Mr R Bushnell Erection of a conservatory in lieu of sun lounge already approved.

APPEALS

Orchard Cottage, Chapel Lane : it is understood that Mr G Davies has appealed against the refusal to withdraw a condition requiring the demolition of Orchard Cottage upon completion of new dwelling.

B Finance**Chairman: Steve Cook**

New finance software - an appropriate second hand version of quicken has been sourced and will be purchased for £20. Internet domain - this website is www.ramsbury.org A meeting has been arranged by Sheila and Steve with E Judge to expedite the set up of this site. Recreation Centre grant request - this will be discussed at the committee meeting

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

Re-routing bridleway 48 discussed above
Beating the bounds - volunteer driver needed. Donations of cakes needed - particularly for the Park Farm tea stop - all donation gratefully received! Contact G Treherne

D Play Areas and Seats**Chairman: Fiona Kimber**

A committee was formed to re-paint the play equipment - D Marshall, S Glass, A Plenderleith, F Kimber and C Morgan. The damaged swing at Whittonditch is to be replaced under the insurance policy. Fiona to contact ROSPA to request that in future a council member of the Play Area committee is present when they do their annual inspection. The committee is considering replacing the climbing frame at Knowledge Crescent maybe with a slide. The trees at Whittonditch were mentioned as being very tall - to be considered

E Emergency Committee**Chairman: Matthew Tester**

New supply of sandbags are now in the village. P Court to obtain a tarpaulin to cover them. Awaiting estimate for setting up generator in Axford

Wiltshire County Council exercise will be held on 12th October. Awaiting the electoral roll to complete the Emergency Plan review.

Chairman/ M Tester to chase up for a paper copy that has been promised

F School Governor**Chairman: Paul Court**

Reception class September 2004 - to be postponed until April meeting

G Recreation Centre**Chairman: Alan Plenderleith**

AGM on Tuesday 16th March.

9. Public Forum Standing Orders suspended for this item.

Ben Tottenham asked that he be invited to a meeting to be arranged to discuss the Best Kept Village competition. Chairman to arrange in a few weeks. F Kimber said she would be happy to replace M Abell on the BKV committee.

10. **Axford** - briefly mentioned a site visit held with P Harris from Highways - copy of letter to be given to clerk.

11. **Nature Reserve** - WWT agreed to nominate a representative to attend a meeting to discuss revision to Plan

12. **Village Clear up** by the football club - clerk to sort out date for early May

13. **Lease for Glebe Land** - lease has been reviewed by Chairman - Proposed to sign it by G Treherne, seconded by D Barnett and all were in favour.

14. **Grit bin** - request to site on in High Street by Memorial Cross was not approved - due to negative visual impact in High Street more than outweighing the few days a year when it would be needed.

15. **Square Refurbishment** - 2 quotes have been received - to be discussed at finance committee meeting to be arranged.

16. Accounts for payment:

Ref.	Detail	Total	Chq. no	VAT element	\$137?
I610	BT - telephone	48.36		7.20	No
I611	R Eyles - salary to end March 2004 and expenses	958.92		1.83	No
I612	Ramsbury PCC - grant for grasscutting	800.00		0	Yes
I613	A Le Guilcher - dismantling climbing frame and replacement post by Memorial Cross	115.00		0	No
I614	Ramsbury Luncheon Group -grant approved for £100	100.00		0	Yes

Total to be paid: £2022.28

17. Other correspondence:

855	Feb 04	MADT	Letter saying that no grant is available for Tourist signs - already read out at Feb meeting
856	Feb 04	R Alexander	Annual Report Nature Reserve
857	Feb 04	WALC	Newsletter - copy given to S Glass
858	Feb 04	Countryside Agency	Magazine 'Vital Villages'
859	Feb 04	D Sheppard	Letter about poor state of ground around recycling bins in Axford - discussed at Feb meeting - G Treherne to write to Sarsen
860	Feb 04	Ramsbury Amenity Group	Minutes from meeting 12/12/03 - points from these were discussed at Feb meeting and included in those Council minutes
861	Feb 04	M Abell	Letter requesting donation to this charity - S Cook explained at the last meeting that the Parish Council only support local groups in Ramsbury
863	6/3/04	Wilts and Swindon Minerals Development Framework Forum	"Last Call for Forum members" - planning for future minerals extraction in Wiltshire. Meeting on March 8 th
864	6/3/04	Moya Dixon	Letter re Ebenezer Chapel Charity
867	6/3/04	Ramsbury Parish Charities	Replying to invitation to attend Annual Parish Meeting
870	6/3/04	Kennet District Council	Appeal - Orchard Cottage - Mr G Davies against removal of condition #4 of approval K/43582 requiring demolition of Orchard Cottage upon completion of new dwelling - given to G Rissone
871	Feb 04	Wiltshire Highways	Lengthsman - scheme is suspended until further notice due to road damage following severe weather at end January
872	Feb 04	Wiltshire County Council	Animal Health and Welfare Poster
873	Feb 04	Kennet District Council	reminder re overdue bill that had crossed in post- clerk to resolve
874	Feb 04	Wilts and Swindon Minerals Development	First meeting of Forum on 11 th March
875	Feb 04	CPRE	Branch magazine
876	Feb 04	Wiltshire County Council	A Strategy for Wiltshire - given to Sheila

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878	6/3/04	Wiltshire Rural Housing Association	Leaflet about housing associations
879	Feb 04	Frank Harding	Copy of letter sent to Dr Robinson WCC re C6 Marlborough to Ramsbury road
880	15/3/04	Devizes Maternity Unit	Flyer advertising maternity services at Devizes
881	15/3/04	Planning Inspectorate, Bristol	Results of appeal at Chilton Foliat recreation ground for houses - appeal dismissed
882	15/3/04	Wiltshire Association of Local Councils	Newsletter March 2004
883	15/3/04	Kennet District Council	Housing and Council tax benefit and pension credit - poster to be put on board

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday April 19th at 7.45pm in the Ramsbury Memorial Hall

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