

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th AUGUST 2004 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

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PRESENT: Roy Alexander, Diann Barnett, Steve Cook, Cllr Susan Findlay, Sheila Glass, George Hawes, Debbie Marshall, Chris Morgan, Alan Plenderleith, Geoffrey Rissone, Matthew Tester, Geoffrey Treherne, Cllr Brian Twigger, PC Ben Braine and 3 members of the public.

1 Apologies for absence: Fiona Kimber, Cllr Chris Humphries.

2 Disclosure of interest: G. Hawes – item 6B/3; R. Alexander – item 9; S. Cook – item 6B/2.

3 The minutes of the meeting held on July 19th were approved with the following amendment to Page 253: Brian Twigger's name was deleted from the list of those present at the meeting.

4 Matters arising:

The Information Bus which gives information about drug use/misuse to teenagers and parents will visit Ramsbury Square on Thursday 16th September at 7.30 p.m. and Axford car park on Thursday 23rd September at 7.30 p.m. Information will appear in the Parish Magazine and diary, and posters will be available. All Councillors were asked to disseminate information about the event.

Action: All Councillors.

5 New Correspondence for Discussion:

1059	26/07/04	Tim Skelton Wilts Ambulance Service	Reply to Sheila's letter regarding response time and place of first responder scheme. It stated the average time for ambulances to respond to all emergencies in Baydon, Ramsbury, Chilton Foliat Aldbourne & Froxfield is 15.03 minutes, with 11.91 minutes being the average response time to Category A emergencies. The council decided to write back suggesting that the new surgery should be used as a location for community-based paramedics. Action: S.Glass to speak to doctors before writing to ambulance service.
1060	26/07/04	Marlborough Community Area Members' Forum	Minutes and principles for constitutional arrangements of forum.
1064	09/08/04	CPRE	Notification – Ramsbury 3 rd in Large category of Best Kept Village in Wiltshire competition.
1067	09/08/04	Community First	Notification of AGM & subscription due. Community First is a good source of information and grants. M. Tester to attend AGM. Action: Clerk
1068	09/08/04	CPRE	Notification that Ramsbury selected to represent Wiltshire in Calor Village of the Year competition. Also that Ramsbury came 4 th in Wilts in the Information Communication Technology category of the Calor Village of the year competition. The judging of this took place earlier than expected, so Ramsbury was judged on the existing web-site which is shortly to be replaced. Ramsbury will enter this competition again next year with the new web-site.
1069	09/08/04	Peter Kearns	Copy of Trading Standards alert. (e-mail)
1070	09/08/04	WCC	Emergency Planning Questionnaire. Completed at emergency planning committee meeting.
1073	09/08/04	CPRE	Best Kept Village competition – Mark sheet and report on winners. Litter behind the sports pavilion and weeds in some kerbs were commented on. We scored 96 out of 125 marks

1076	16/08/04	KDC	Request for dates for presentation of KDC District Best Village Award. Clerk to respond suggesting 11/10/04 at 7.30 p.m. at Memorial Hall. Action: Clerk
1077	16/08/04	Peter Brown	Regarding property opposite Kimberley Cottage in Burdett St. Currently untidy appearance is detracting from the appearance of the area. Letter will be written to owner. Action: S. Glass
1081	16/08/04	Zurich Municipal Insurance	Payment for Whittonditch play equipment claim (payment R8)
1082	16/08/06	Peter Nandha	See Finance – item 6B/2.

6 Committee Reports

A Planning

Chairman: G. Hawes

Planning Applications in circulation on 19 July 2004

K/50479/F Full Planning Permission	Erection of first floor side extension and single storey rear extension at 15 Back Lane. Mrs J Macphee. No objection.
K/50440/F Full Planning Permission	First Floor extension at 6 Ashley Piece. Mr and Mrs R Nemeth. No objection.

Planning Applications Approved

K/50335/F Full Planning Permission	Single Storey rear extension at Bredon Cottage, Tankard Lane. Conditions apply.
K/50198/F Full Planning Permission	Conversion of Garage to additional rooms and construction of Porch and covered passageway at 19 The Paddocks. Conditions apply.

Applications just received/in circulation

K/50638/F Full Planning Permission	Erection of single storey rear extension at 42 Whittonditch Road. Mr and Mrs Way.
K/50674/F	Erection of kitchen extension and first floor extensions – (amended roof design to K/46230) Mead Cottage, Axford. Mr K Light.

Appeal Decision

**Appeal ref: APP/E3905/A/04/1142863
Application K/046521 14 October 2003**

Orchard Cottage, Chapel Lane.

Appeal against condition requiring removal of Orchard Cottage as part of permission to build replacement dwelling.

Appeal granted.

Following a discussion on conditions imposed when planning applications are granted, it was decided to write to KDC asking them to be mindful of the appeals process when imposing conditions.

Action: Clerk

Ted Howells of the Planning Department at KDC is to be invited to give a presentation on changes to the Compulsory Purchase Act.

Action: G. Hawes

G. Hawes is to have a meeting with the KDC Planning department to get to know them and understand the information process.

S. Cook highlighted the new government planning guidelines for wind turbines.

B Finance

Chairman: Steve Cook

1. The 2003 - 2004 accounts are awaiting their final audit.
2. Possibility of grant to newsagent for racks etc. A letter was read out from Peter Nandha explaining the costs of a new work area and point of sales system resulting from taking over the newsagents. The possibility of 'matching funds' grants from organisations such as DEFRA and VIRSA (a village shops organisation) will be investigated. **Action: S Glass** Project 2005 grant request. The decision taken at July's meeting to grant £10,000 to Project 2005 was ratified. (Proposed: S. Glass, seconded: S. Cook)

C Rights of way

Chairman: Geoffrey Traherne

Nothing to report

D Play Areas and Seats

Chairman: Fiona Kimber

The insurance payment for the damage to Whittonditch swings, and the bill for the repair to the Axford swing have been received.

E Emergency Committee

Chairman: Matthew Tester

The Emergency committee has met twice since the last PC meeting.

Axford Generator: The site for the generator and housing has been finalised and the base is to be built. Servicing of the generator has been arranged.

Street Wardens: A digest is being compiled of houses, surname, and number of residents in each house. When completed the street wardens will be given the updates sheets.

Police Liaison Committee. M. Tester reported that the reason the committee has not met recently is that the consultative process is being re-structured.

F School Governor

Chairman: Paul Court

There is to be an election for the Chair and vice chair of the governing body.

G Recreation Centre

Chairman: Alan Plenderleith

Nothing to report

H Policy Committee

Chairman: S Glass

Emergency planning and risk assessment (for WCC) questionnaires have been completed.

Audit of crime, disorder and drugs misuse completed.

The committee discussed the Quality Parish Council mark. The Parish Council cannot apply to become a quality parish council at present, as there is no qualified clerk.

Discussion of umbrella policy for long-term planning issues to be discussed at next committee meeting.

7 Public Forum - Standing orders suspended for this item

Susan Findlay asked PC Braine why the police helicopter was circling Ramsbury on the evening of Sunday 15th August. PC Braine responded that there was no information relating to this in the police log.

Ben Tottenham requested an e-mail on the Best Village competition for the diary. **Action: S. Glass**

Ben Tottenham reported the interview he & R. Price did for Wiltshire Sound on why Ramsbury is a good place to live in.

Brian Twigger thanked PC members who helped at the Summer Show on 14th August especially P. Court And G. Hawes. The show made a modest profit.

Brian Twigger also reported that BT Broadband is still on schedule for 26th August.

8 Axford

Chairman: Geoffrey Treherne

Th Axford Fete will take place on Saturday 21st August.

9 Nature Reserve

Chairman: Roy Alexander

Robert Copp undertook the second cut of the walkways on 27th July. His charge for the 2 cuts was £65.00.

BCTV have completed the additional works to the boardwalk and bridging the ditch.

Due to wet weather the final raking off had to be deferred. This will be carried out as soon as possible.

The purchase a Hayter wheeled brush cutter at a cost of £369.00(inc. VAT) was agreed. (Proposed. R.

Alexander, seconded G. Rissone). A similar machine was given a thorough test in the nature reserve last October and proved wholly satisfactory.

Action: R. Alexander to check that the cutter will be covered by insurance when being stored.

10 Square Refurbishment. No response has yet been received from the solicitors of The Bell. A meeting with he conservation officer of KDC is being arranged with a view to presenting a revised plan.

Action: G Rissone

11 Policeman. PC Braine introduced himself to the council. His colleague PC Mark Kuklinski is now also responsible for Ramsbury. PC Braine reported that Ramsbury is not a 'hotspot' for burglary and such crimes are usually committed by outsiders. There have been 2 warrants for Ramsbury residents relating to drug offences, leading to 2 arrests for possession, one of which resulted in a custodial sentence. It was felt that locals, rather than major dealers, are mainly responsible for bringing drugs into Ramsbury.

After 8.00pm calls to Marlborough are put through to Devizes and it was acknowledged that there are sometimes delays in getting through to the incident room.

The police surgery will go ahead, initially on one evening per month in the Parish Council office. The surgery will be advertised in the diary and on the web site. **Action: PC Braine to contact S. Glass to arrange a date.**

S. Glass also requested that PC Braine write an article for the Parish Magazine.

PC Braine's Sergeant, Julian Riches will attend the September Parish Council meeting.

PC Braine will be contactable via the new web-site when it goes live.

12 Wiltshire Charter. Dealt with by Policy Committee.

13 Ambulance Response Times. See New Correspondence item 1059.

14 Request for donation to First responder Scheme. Decision to be delayed while pursuing the possibility of full-time cover by paramedics via the GP surgery. **Action: S. Glass**

15 Web-site. S. Glass is currently contacting village organisations to ask if they want a page on the web-site. E-mail addresses of *organisationname@ramsbury.org* will be available.

16 Oral History. An initial meeting will be arranged. **Action: Clerk to check list of volunteers.**

17 Accounts for Payment

I651	KDC – Grounds Maintenance	293.75		43.75	
I652	Donation to Project 2005	10,000.00		0	
I653	Community First – Membership Subs	30.00		0	
I654	Robert Copp – Mowing walkways in Nature Reserve	65.00		0	
I655	Mowing Manor Lane footpath & cutting back overhanging grass from fence & bank	153.00		0	

Total for Payment £10,541.75. Agreed. (Proposed S. Cook, Seconded D. Barnett)

18 Payments received

R7	Mr. Belcher – Replacement tubs in square	50.00		Cheque	B006
R8	Zurich Insurance – Settlement of claim for Whittonditch play equipment repairs.	654.93		Cheque	N/A

Total Received £704.93

19 Transfer £5,000.00 from deposit to current account

20 Bank balance on 1/8/04:

Current Account £16,332.38

Deposit Account £13,385.10

21 Other Correspondence

1056	26/7/04	WCC	Framework for managing the rights of way network in Wiltshire. Given to Sheila
1057	26/07/04	KDC	Parish Book and Year Book 2004 – 2005. Given to Sheila.
1058	26/07/04	C. Belcher & Sons	Payment for damage to tubs in square. (Invoice B6)
1061	26/07/04	Glasdon	Environment in Focus (Litter management & landscape furniture Brochure. (in Office)
1062	09/08/04	KDC	Bank holiday waste collections. Put on notice boards
1063	09/08/04	South Wilts & Kennet Learning Partnership	Newsletter & membership form.
1065	09/08/04	Jonathan Causebrook	Queries from individual considering moving to Ramsbury. (e-mail). Given to Sheila
1066	09/08/04	JVL Products	Brochure of play area safety surface. Given to F. Kimber
1071	09/08/04	Alliance & Leicester	Current Account statement
1072	09/08/04	Alliance & Leicester	Deposit Account statement
1074	16/08/04	KDC	Acknowledgement of receipt of letter reporting satellite dish and explanation of process.
1075	16/08/04	WCC	Acknowledgement of letter regarding resurfacing work on Froxfield Road and Crowood Lane
1078	16/08/04	SEC	Promotional material
1079	16/08/04	WCC	Request for update to contact information for database. Action: Clerk

1080	16/08/04	D. Arnold	Acknowledgement of donation to Ramsbury Cubs
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22 AOB Access to the courtyard at the Memorial Hall has been completed, and is awaiting painting. Sanding, sealing and white lining of the hall will take place w/c/ 23/8/04.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ABOVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20th IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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