

# RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> September 2004 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

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PRESENT: Mora Abell, Roy Alexander, Diann Barnett, Steve Cook, Cllr Susan Findlay, Sheila Glass, George Hawes, Debbie Marshall, Geoffrey Rissone, Cllr Chris Humphries PC Julian Riches and 3 members of the public

Before the meeting started, Ros Eyles was welcomed back by the chairman, and Sue Arnold was thanked for managing the role of clerk for 5 months – a small presentation was made to her.

**1 Apologies for absence:** G Treherne, Brian Twigger, Chris Morgan, Alan Plenderleith, Fiona Kimber, Paul Court, Matthew Tester

**2 Disclosure of interest:** Roy Alexander in item 9 on agenda

**3** The minutes of the meeting held on August 16<sup>th</sup> were approved and signed by the chairman.

**4 Matters arising:**

Drug Information Bus – no one from the village turned up despite widespread advertising well in advance and notices posted in bus stop, on letterbox in Square on the day.

Spoken to Doctors re Ambulance Service –they are considering the matter.

Presentation of Best Kept Village Certificate – this will be made at the October Parish Council Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. in the Memorial Hall at 7.45pm - all villagers most welcome.

Kimberley Cottage – decoration has been arranged – no firm start date as yet.

Broadband due in village on 1<sup>st</sup> December having been set back from August.

**5 New Correspondence for Discussion:**

1107	13/9/04	Royal Mail	Letter re-siting post box in Newtown Road – post box to be erected on edge of Paddocks – the splay in the road here makes it an ideal site to replace the one further along Newtown Road which was damaged by a car. Clerk to send letter agreeing to their proposal and to ask if a box could be sited in Knowledge Crescent or in that general vicinity. <b>Action Clerk</b>
1101	6/9/04	Wiltshire County Council	Letter re their web site and whether we can share/link to it – clerk to write to ask to link with theirs. <b>Action Clerk</b>
1093	1/09/04	KCC	Trial recycling scheme - skips are available for green waste and metal waste. The Recreation Centre has agreed in principle to site the skips in their car park as the skips are manned and are removed within a couple of hours. Clerk to contact Kennet and find out when skips are available. <b>Action Clerk</b>
1086	23/08/04	WCC	Notice of Marlborough Community Area Transport Consultation. Given to Sheila.
1108	13/9/04	Kennet Passengers	Leaflets re community organisation – given to Fiona for discussion at meeting – meeting decided not to join/pay membership fee.
1116	20/9/04	Kennet District Council	Re Appeal at Orchard Cottage -to be given to G Hawes at meeting to be read out

**6 Committee Reports**

**A Planning**

**Chairman: G. Hawes**

**Planning Applications 16 August 2004**

K/50674/F Full Planning Permission	Erection of kitchen extension and first floor extensions (amended roof design) Mead Cottage, Axford. Mr K Light. No objection
K/50730/F Full Planning Permission  Note: superseded by amended application.	Erection of 2 storey/single storey side extension, chimney and detached garage/sauna/store building. 9 The Paddocks, Ramsbury. Mrs V Woestitjne. No objection but strong preference expressed for garage/sauna to be of brick construction to match existing built environment.

K/50736/F Full Planning Permission	Erection of 3 bay garage with storage room over to replace existing building. 52 Whittonditch Road, Ramsbury - Mr and Mrs Westall No objection.
K/50789/F Full Planning Permission	Removal of unstable wall and 3 trees. Construction of a vehicular access and parking area including changes to levels. Poppy Cottage, Union Street, Ramsbury -Mrs J Whiting. No objection. Comments: plans were very confusing. Concerns expressed over amount of excavation required. A method statement should be required before works are commenced due to very restricted access.
K/50814/F Full Planning Permission	Proposed Lunge Ring in connection with equine stud farm. Woodlands Farm, Witcha, Ramsbury - Mr R Pitman. No objection.
K/50815/F Full Planning Permission	Modified design of temporary staff dwelling as part of equine stud farm. Woodlands Farm, Witcha, Ramsbury - Mr R No objection.
K/50820/TR2 Works to trees in Conservation area	Fell ornamental Weeping Cherry Cranmer Cottage, Ramsbury - Mr D Arnold No objection.

**Planning Applications Approved by KDC**

K/50355/LBC Listed Buildings Consent	Restoration of part of churchyard wall to match existing. Holy Cross Church, Ramsbury Granted with conditions.
K/50356/F Full Planning Permission	Restoration of part of churchyard wall to match existing. Holy Cross Church, Ramsbury Granted with conditions.
K/50479/F Full Planning Permission	Erection of a first floor side extension and a single storey rear extension. 15 Back Lane, Ramsbury Granted with conditions.
K/50638/F Full Planning Permission	Single storey rear extension. 42 Whittonditch Road. Granted with conditions.

**Planning Applications refused by KDC**

K/50440/F Full Planning Permission	First Floor extension. 6 Ashley Piece. Refused. Contrary to Policy PD1 of Kennet local plan 2004.
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Planning Application in circulation on 20/9/04

K/50730/F Full Planning Permission <u>Amended</u>	Amended Application. Erection of two storey/single storey side extension, chimney and detached garage/sauna/store building. 9 The Paddocks, Ramsbury. Mrs V Woestitjne.
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**B Finance**

Finance committee meeting date to be set after this evening's meeting. Village grant allocation to be decided at that committee meeting. Clerk to write to village organisations to ask if they wish to apply for a grant.

**Chairman: Steve Cook**

**Action: clerk and chairman**

**C Rights of way**

Nothing to report

**Chairman: Geoffrey Treherne**

**D Play Areas and Seats**

Nothing to report

**E Emergency Committee**

Nothing to report

**F School Governor**

Clare Allman has been voted as Chairman of School Governors

**G Recreation Centre**

Concerns were raised about a number of black rubbish bags left on the corner of the Rec Centre after the Ball which still had not been removed by 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. Cllr Findlay had contacted Vince Kimber at Kennet to arrange removal.

**H Policy Committee**

Nothing to report

**Chairman: Fiona Kimber**

**Chairman: Matthew Tester**

**Chairman: Paul Court**

**Chairman: Alan Plenderleith**

**Chairman: S Glass**

**7 Public Forum - Standing orders suspended for this item**

Right to Roam – a walk is planned by Ronnie Price for Boxing Day to show parishioners where they can now roam.

**8 Axford**

Diann Barnett reported that the fete had been a great success and £2627 had been raised. Concerns have been raised about an advertising sign along Kennet Rise – Diann to speak to individual concerned.

**9 Nature Reserve**

Brushcutter has been received. All walkways have been cut and boardwalk cleared of overhanging growth. Riverbank to east of viewing platform has been cleared. Sadly, the viewing platform was damaged by vandals during weekend of 12/13<sup>th</sup> September. Remedial work by Roy and David Jenkins is in progress.

**10 Square Refurbishment**

Meeting with Ian Lund Principle Conservation Officer at KDC on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. He favours executing only part of the project to a high standard rather than compromising standards and doing it all. Little prospect of any financial assistance from Kennet. Will now concentrate on conservation aspects of the project and exploring grant options available. Also planning approaches for funding from County Council on grounds of traffic and pedestrian safety.

**11 Policeman**

A Police Surgery is to be held in the Parish Council Office on Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup> 11am to 12 noon. This will advertised in all the normal places around the village. If successful this may become a regular monthly event. PC Mark Kuklinski will answer any questions from members of the public – matters such as speeding, burglary, anti-social behaviour can all be raised as well as anything else that causes concern to our residents. Access to the Parish Council Office is via the side door to the Memorial Hall and then past the toilets and up the stairs – the door on the left. If any member of the public is unable to attend the surgery, then PC Ben Braine can be contacted on [ben.braine@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:ben.braine@wiltshire.police.uk) and his colleague PC Mark Kuklinski can be contacted on [mark.kuklinski@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:mark.kuklinski@wiltshire.police.uk) - or call the Marlborough Police Station and they are always willing to hear from members of the public on any matter causing concern.

Sergeant Julian Riches spoke on crime statistics which have remained broadly the same over the past 8 years in this area. There have been 28 crimes in the village so far this year. (Normally between 20 to 30 per annum) Burglary particularly of remote properties remains a problem, and it thought it is professional criminals coming from out of the area who are to blame for some of it. Jewellery in bedrooms has been a focus of their break-ins. The hours of 10am to 2pm and overnight are the most common times for burglary to be committed. Villagers are urged to report any unusual events to Marlborough police, especially strangers in vehicles acting suspiciously. Speeding checks will continue in the villages and a member of the council will be invited to attend an officer when the checks are being carried out for observation purposes. Anti-social behaviour can be reported to the officers and a log book can be issued to record instances when it occurs – behaviour which may not be a crime but causes a nuisance to others can be dealt with by the police but they need to have the information from members of the public.

**12. Web-site**

This project will continue to be developed.

**13. Oral History.**

See appendix A attached to these minutes

**14. Accounts for Payment**

I656	Playground Services Ltd – Repair to Axford Swing	271.87		40.49	No
I656	Sue Arnold – Replacement phone for office	23.98		3.49	No
I657	Sue Arnold – Clerk’s salary April – August	916.65		0	no
I658	Midway Stores – newspaper bill	4.48		0	
I659	CPRE – membership subscription renewal notice	25.00		0	

I660	BT – Telephone Bill	48.27		7.33	No
I661	Lister Wilder Ltd – power mower	337.02		58.98	No
I662	Matthew Tester reimbursement for his payment to Four Seasons –getting generator into running order, air filter	93.74		13.96	No
I663	WALC – additional premium from adding mower to insurance schedule – see I661 above	3.76		0.08	No
I664	G Cox	45.00		0	No
I665	BTCV – additions to the boardwalk	729.79		108.69	No
I666	Playground Services – repairs to swing at Whittonditch	754.93		112.43	No

**Total paid: £3254.49**

### 15. Payments received

R8	Post Office – sales of maps, VDS and videos	242.60		Chq and cash	
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Total Received £242.60

### Bank balance on 31/8/04:

Current Account £16,287.61 (cheque to Rec Centre for £10,000 still outstanding)

Deposit Account £13,385.10

### 17. Other Correspondence

1083	20/08/04	KDC	Acknowledgement of letter regarding satellite dish on 15 Saxon Court
1084	20/08/04	KDC	Acknowledgement of letter regarding satellite dish on 5 Oxford Street
1085	20/08/04	Royal Mail	Post Box 194 Newtown Road. Demolished in RTA. To be re-sited. Given to Sheila.
1087	23/08/04	CPRE	Notification of £50 prize for coming 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Large Village category of Best Kept Village competition.
1088	23/08/04	KDC	Reminder Invoice for Grounds maintenance (£293.75) – already paid
1089	23/08/04	KDC Planning services	Satellite dishes: 2 Owners of dishes in Oxford St. have been asked to remove from current locations. Dish on 15 Saxon Court is legal. Given to Sheila.
1090	23/08/04	The Planning Inspectorate	Appeal by Airwave MM02 Ltd against enforcement notice issued by KDC relating to Eastridge mast. Appeal dismissed and enforcement notice upheld. One copy o Sheila, one to G. Hawes.
1091	25/08/04	Trading Standards Alert	Silver Renault in area offering to sell carpets, mainly to elderly people and offering to drive them to the bank to collect money to pay
1092	1/09/04	Wiltshire Highways Partnership	Lengthsmen Programme. Covering letter given to Sheila. Programme put on board (Ramsbury is 21&22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2005)
1094	1/09/04	WCC	Wiltshire & Swindon Waste Local Plan 2011 – Proposed modifications. Given to Sheila
1095	1/09/04	Royal Mail	Proposed re-siting of postbox 149 Newtown Road. Given to Sheila
1096	1/09/04	Office of Deputy Prime Minister	Consultation papers on draft code of conduct for local government employees and review of restriction on political activities of local authority employees. In office
1097	1/09/04	M. Fryer. Hilldrop Close.	Letter re trees between track to Bolstridge Farm and boundary fence that are overhanging garden of 33 Hilldrop Close and need cutting back. Given to Sheila
1098	1/09/04	WCC	Performance & Improvement Plan 2004. Given to Sheila
1099	1/09/04	WCC	Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2006/7. Marlborough Area Consultation Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. Given to Sheila.
1100	1/09/04	WALC	WALC newsletter & enclosures. Given to Sheila
1102	6/9/04	CPRE	Newsletter – ‘Fieldwork’

1103	6/9/04	Wiltshire County Council	Emergency Planning Newsletter – all copies given out to committee members
1104	13/9/04	Wilts Constabulary	E mail re dates for police surgery
1105	13/9/04	Wilts Highways	Letter re trees on Crowood Lane
1106	13/9/04	Wilts and Swindon Domestic Violence Partnership	Stand to be place in ladies toilets in Burdett Arms
1109	20/9/04	Trafalgar Festival	Information re Celebrations on 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2005
1110	20/9/04	Ramsbury Manor	Letter informing that redecoration of 14 Burdett Street has been organised – no definite start date yet.
1111	20/9/04	Clerks Society	Magazine
1112	20/9/04	Kennet District Council	Public Entertainment licence Scout Hall
1113	20/9/04	Wiltshire Council	Waste leaflet
1114	20/9/04	Kennet Community Safety Partnership	Letter re tackling anti-social behaviour in communities
1115	20/9/04	Wiltshire County Council	Consultation document on Generic Learning Centres
1117	20/9/04	Society for clerks	Conference for clerks and councillors – main topics fundraising

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING  
MONDAY OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> IN THE MEMORIAL HALL 7.45PM**

***THE PRESENTATION OF THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE AWARD WILL BE  
MADE AT THE START OF THE MEETING BY CLLR. C HUMPHRIES –  
ALL VILLAGERS ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND***

**ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME - PLEASE COME**

Appendix A

**Oral History Report**

The oral history group had its first meeting about 3 weeks ago.

We used the meeting to try to decide the scope of the project.

**The aim is to capture memories of life in Ramsbury starting as early as possible and initially going up to the end of 1947. (An arbitrary date – we decided to go the end of the war, but 1947 was such a bad winter we thought that would be interesting too).**

The project will produce sound archives and transcripts relating to topics of village life such as school, work, church, the impact of the war, festivals and fetes, shops, pubs and more, for reference by present and future generations. It also hopes to produce a CD of highlights for sale.

We are aiming to have this ready for Dec 2005.

We made a list of the skills we thought the project needed, for example interviewing, typing transcripts and sound-recording, editing, and archiving. We have had some interest from people who could type transcripts and edit content & write synopses, which is very useful. What we now really need is people who have some experience of sound recording and sound editing and archiving – either to get involved directly or to train one or more members of the project group.

We have been very lucky in that The Marlborough Oral history Group have contacted us and given us some very useful information, for example about the legal implications of recording and publishing information. Susan Monson from the project has offered to come along to a meeting and give us some tips and practice in recording interviews.

As a next step we need to get to grips with the equipment Steve bought for the project - that should happen in the next couple of weeks and then set up the meeting with Susan.

At the meeting we also made a list of people who have been in the village for a long time who we hope will want to contribute – either their own memories, or maybe stories passed down by their parent. The project would like to hear from more people with memories to contribute.

**In the meantime, anyone who would like to get involved in any capacity is very welcome – you don't need to be a Parish Councillor. If you are interested please see Fiona Kimber and we can give you an information pack that we've put together, which gives a lot more information about Oral History projects generally.**