

# RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> October 2004 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Mora Abell, Roy Alexander, Diann Barnett, Paul Court, Steve Cook, Cllr Susan Findlay, Sheila Glass, Fiona Kimber, Debbie Marshall, Chris Morgan, Alan Plenderleith, Geoffrey Rissone, Matthew Tester, Cllr Chris Humphries

- 1 PRESENTATION OF THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE AWARD** – this was made by David Heather from CPRE – he thanked the Parish Council for their hard work on behalf of the village and mentioned this was the 49<sup>th</sup> year this competition had been running in Wiltshire. In the district round Ramsbury came 1<sup>st</sup> in the large village category. In the county round Ramsbury came 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have now been selected to go forward into the Regional round of the Village of the Year competition. He presented a plaque and stated that the village had got 96 points out of a possible 100. Special praise was given to Isles Court, the School, the churchyard was a highlight, the new surgery building was impressive and the shops and pubs in the village were also highly praised. He presented the chairman with a cheque for £50. 5 plaques and a certificate were received altogether from CPRE, Kennet District Council and Calor Gas.
- 2 Apologies for absence: G Hawes, G Treherne, Cllr Twigger**
- 3 Disclosure of interest:** R. Alexander – item 10
- 4** The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September were approved with a small change to page 265 – under item 4 should read ‘the house opposite Kimberley Cottage’ It was also noted that there was no page 269.
- 5 Matters arising:** Recycling skips – poster now up around village.  
Grant letters to village organisations have been sent out.
- 6 New Correspondence for Discussion:**

1121	27/9/04	Kennet District Council	Participatory Arts Workshop Scheme – various arts projects available for a fee of £25 – subsidised by Kennet – leaflets given to some village groups who may be interested in applying – to be discussed at next Council meeting
1118	27/9/04	Wiltshire County Council	Notice of closure of C194 (part) Scholars Lane junction, distance of approx 1 mile up over Springs Hill to junction with Darrells Farm Road. From Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> to Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> . Notice put on board in Square – clerk has contacted both BT and WCC about lack of advance notice of closure – one of them hopefully will now put up notices.

## **7 Committee Reports**

### **A Planning**

**Chairman: G. Hawes**

#### **Planning Applications returned to KDC since 20 September 2004:**

K/50912/F Full Planning	Side and rear extensions to existing house and erection of detached double garage to front/side. Bulcorig, Whittonditch Ramsbury Sherbourne Developments No objection
K/50916/F Full Planning	Erection of conservatory 38 Ashley Piece Ramsbury. Mr D Fremlin No objection.
K/50930/F Full Planning	Conversion of 3 stores to provide new bedroom accommodation. Addition of 3 rooflights to elevations and provision of 3 new car parking spaces within site curtilage. Littlecote House Hotel Bourne Leisure Ltd No objection.

K/50945/F Full Planning	Erection of single storey rear extension to form shower room 11 High Street, Ramsbury. Mr & Mrs G Mills. No objection.
K/50862/TR2 Tree Works in Conservation area	Thin and prune crown of cherry tree and reduce Lawson cypress by 10 feet. 32 High Street, Ramsbury Mrs C Mardon No objection.

Planning Applications Approved by KDC

K/50674/F Full Planning Permission	Erection of kitchen extension and first floor extensions - amended roof design Mead Cottage, Axford. Mr K Light Approved with conditions
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Planning Application in circulation at 18/10/04

K/50944/F Full Planning	Timber carport and new vehicle entrance and driveway 1 Kennet Rise, Axford Mr and Mrs B Murray
K/50977/F Full Planning	Erection of replacement double garage – renewal of existing permission K/38425 Brick Kiln Cottage, Loves Lane Ramsbury Mr J Bristow
K/50975/LBC Listed Building Consent and K50973/F Full Planning	Erection of two storey extension – renewal of existing permissions K/38422/L and K/38419 Brick Kiln Cottage, Loves Lane Ramsbury Mr J Bristow
K/51002/LBC Listed Building Consent and K/51004/F Full Planning	Demolish existing rear Perspex canopy. Erection of single storey rear extension. Alterations to kitchen to form cloakroom. 4 Back Lane, Ramsbury Mr A G Pusey
K/51034/F Full Planning	Erection of two storey building containing garages with workshop. Breeding lofts for pigeons and stores over. External works. Crowood House, Ramsbury Mr J Dennis
K/51040/TR2 Tree works in Conservation Area	Reduce willows to a reasonable size. 73 High Street, Ramsbury Mr N Triptree

**B Finance**

Committee meeting date to be set at end of the evenings' meeting primarily to discuss budget.

**C Rights of way**

Nothing to report

**Chairman: Steve Cook**

**Chairman: Geoffrey Treherne**

**D Play Areas and Seats**

Had received the ROSPA report - only thing of note was suggested replacement of cantilever supports at Whittonditch Play Area.

**Chairman: Fiona Kimber****E Emergency Committee**

This year's emergency exercise had taken place with the scenario of a village fete and an exploding burger van. The committee were 'well up to scratch' and were able to show how the village emergency plan could cover such a scenario if needed.

**Chairman: Matthew Tester**

Matthew had also attended the Police Authority Consultation Group – crime in these villages is extremely low in comparison with similar areas nationwide. Detection and clear-up rates locally are also higher than the national average.

**F School Governor**

Nothing to report

**Chairman: Paul Court****G Recreation Centre**

Nothing to report

**Chairman: Alan Plenderleith****H Policy Committee**

A committee meeting is to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm

**Chairman: S Glass****8 Public Forum - Standing orders suspended for this item**

Ben Tottenham mentioned that there were no signs on Springs Hill – this had already been dealt with earlier. He asked the School Governor representative to bring to the schools attention the ongoing problem of parents parking cars opposite the end of Loves Lane along Back Lane. It causes great difficulties for large lorries to turn. He asked whether the Council had an opinion about the proposed Riverbank Project in Marlborough. It was generally felt that this was a Marlborough Project and therefore the Parish Council did not need to have an official opinion, and also that public consultation had been done 7 years ago (approx.) and was discussed at KDC then. He asked whether anyone was planning to attend the North Wessex Downs AONB Forum on 16<sup>th</sup> November. S Findlay took the details to see whether she might be able to attend.

**9 Axford**

Still rubbish around the recycling area – but as it is now only a matter of weeks for the extra bins to remain here no action to be taken at this time.

**Chairman: Geoffrey Treherne****10 Nature Reserve**

A working part from WWT will be coming to clear the pond. An estimate is being obtained for tree planting in November. The council agreed that up to £150 could be spent on trees. It has been discovered that the owners of a High Street property have a right of way across the North Boundary of the Reserve – Roy to find out more about this matter.

**Chairman: Roy Alexander****11 Square Refurbishment**

Nothing significant further to report

**12** Village of the Year report on Presentation – held on 15<sup>th</sup> October in the Memorial Hall. It was felt the evening had been a great success – many thanks to all those villagers who turned out to represent their organisations. Special thanks were given to Sheila Glass for all her very hard work in organising the whole evening. The judges however applied very strict rules on the timing of the presentations and cut-off at exactly 9pm and left the hall. **This was considered astonishing by those who were involved!** We now await the results.

**13** Flix in the Stix – a meeting to be held on Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. The group may be needing some help towards start-up funds.

**14** Policeman – PC Braine spoke about giving the Parish Council monthly information about crime in the area. He is keen that groups set up Neighbourhood Watch schemes – further information can be obtained from him. Police Surgery at 11 am on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> October in Parish Council offices.

**15** Donation of historical books – the Council has been given two copies of the History of the Hundred of Ramsbury published in 1890. S Findlay to fine out if they are of any value. One copy may be given to Wiltshire Archives for safekeeping. Clerk to send thank you letter to Mr Watts.

**16** Lengthsman – Carters Close sign to be put up and rubbish bin refitted on pole at Knowledge Crescent – to be noted for February visit

**17** Wiltshire Charter – to be discussed at Policy Committee.

**18** Change of day of meeting in December to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm – mince pies and wine.

**19 Accounts for Payment**

I667	Mazars – audit fee y/e 2004	293.75		43.75	No
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Total for Payment £293.75

**20 Payments received**

	Map sales - R Price	13.80			
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CPRE – prize	50.00			
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Total Received £63.80

**21** BANK BALANCE ON 30/10/04:CURRENT ACCOUNT £7855 DEPOSIT ACCOUNT £20385

**22 Other Correspondence**

1119	27/9/04	Kennet District Council	Letter confirming presentation of Best Kept Village award to take place 7.45pm Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October in the Memorial Hall prior to Parish Council meeting.
1120	27/9/04	Kennet District Council	Planning for the Future of Kennet – Draft Local Development Scheme for Kennet, draft Statement of Community Involvement – workshops in Pewsey, summary leaflets, parish council's views are sought – pack given to G Hawes for comments at next meeting
1122	27/9/04	North Wessex Downs	Forum – 16 <sup>th</sup> November at Hungerford Town Hall – annual meeting
1123	27/9/04	Community First	Updated insurance schedule
1124	27/9/04	BBC	Poster advertising 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Roadshow presented by Alan Titchmarsh at Wroughton Science Museum 14 <sup>th</sup> October 9.30am to 5pm – admission free
1125	27/9/04	Lister Wilder	Return of cheque sent in error by clerk – duplicated
1126	27/9/04	Kennet District Council	Satellite dish at 5 Oxford St has been removed
1127	20/9/04	Wiltshire County Council	Traffic signing in Whittonditch Road – holding letter
1128	4/10/04	Wiltshire Music Centre	Annual Review
1129	4/10/04	Kennet Care and Repair	Leaflet about supporting people in their own homes – 2 copies available – ask clerk
1130	4/10/04	DEFRA	Reminder about consultation document Clean Neighbourhoods – asking for comments – document only on-line <a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/clean-neighbourhood/index.htm">www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/clean-neighbourhood/index.htm</a> Comments needed ASAP
1131	4/10/04	Kennet District Council	Satellite dish 2 Oxford St has been removed
1132	4/10/04	Wiltshire County Council	Reminder re new website – clerk has already responded by e mail
1133	4/10/04	Kennet Housing Society	Annual report 2004
1134	4/10/04	Mazars	Audit 2004 signed off and invoice enclosed
1135	4/10/04	Community First	Newsletter Autumn 2004
1136	4/10/04	Age Concern	AGM to be held 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm Corn Exchange Devizes – further details from the clerk
1137	4/10/04	Wiltshire County Council	Consultation on Draft Statement of Community Involvement for Wiltshire – given to George to raise at meeting
1138	11/10/04	Sue Arnold	Thank you card
1139	11/10/04	Kennet District Council	Affordable Housing in Kennet 2004 - report
1140	11/10/04	SEC	Christmas Lighting displays - letter re arrangements – clerk to write to SEC with date
1141	11/10/04	WALC	Newsletter and details about South West assembly
1142	11/10/04	Kennet and North Wiltshire PCT	Annual report 2003-2004
1143	11/10/04	Kennet District Council	Application for community cleansing grant – clerk has applied for this

1144	11/10/04	Kennet District Council	Public Entertainment Licence – Memorial Hall
1145	11/10/04	CPRE	Half-yearly newsletter
1146	11/10/04	ROSPA	Report

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
**MONDAY NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> AXFORD VILLAGE HALL**  
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