

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21st March 2005 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Steve Cook, Paul Court, Cllr Susan Findlay, Sheila Glass, George Hawes, Fiona Kimber, Debbie Marshall, Chris Morgan, Alan Plenderleith, Matthew Tester, Geoffrey Treherne, Cllr Chris Humphries Cllr Brian Twigger, and 2 members of the public.

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** Mora Abell, Roy Alexander and Diann Barnett.
- 2 **Presentation by Mr T. McQue representing the pre-school committee.** The pre-school currently meets at the Methodist Hall. The running costs are about £35,000 pa of which rent for the next year will be £4300. Because the building is not purpose-built equipment cannot be left out, incurring extra staff costs, as staff have to arrive early to get equipment out, and leave late to put it away. The pre-school is in the early stages of planning for a purpose-built dedicated facility to be located on the site of the primary school. The building proposed is a demountable building on one of 2 potential sites. The first is at the front of the school between the wall and the car park. The second is in the vicinity of the demountable building currently used for music, which the school is under some pressure to remove. It was noted that the area to the front of the school was designated as space for a pre-school in the original plan. The total cost is likely to be around £120,000, but outline planning permission is needed to attract grant funding. Running costs on the new site are predicted to be lower than current costs.
The chairman proposed full support in principle to the scheme and this was agreed. The Parish Council may be able to support the project more tangibly when there is a more concrete plan. The Parish Council's opinion was that the building should be sited behind the schools for safety and aesthetic reasons, the site being in a conservation area.
- 3 **Disclosure of interest:** Paul Court Item 2.
- 4 **The minutes of the meeting held on January 17th** were approved with the following changes: all page 297 under Item 7, reference K/51658/F. Replace *Mr. Martin Arbib* with *Sir Martin Arbib*, replace *Mike Matthew* with *Mike Matthews*, replace *ARC* with *ARK*.
- 5 **Matters arising:**
 - a) **Ashley Piece/Surgery footpath.** S. Glass has written to the Diocese to ask for the path to be cleared and for the final 4 or 5 metres to be paved. She has also asked for their comments on making the path a Right of Way.
 - b) **Cleansing Grant.** It was suggestions that a bag full of rubbish collected in the village could be exchanged for free cinema tickets or refreshments. **Action: Clerk to put on May's agenda.**
 - c) **July the 10th end of WWII celebration.** Lottery funding is available for VE/VJ day celebrations. M. Tester suggested the event could be tied up with the Oral History project. (See also Item 8b) Applications for grant by the end of May.
 - d) **South West Regional Assembly.** The chairman's letter to local newspapers was unpublished. **Action: S. Glass to write directly to Nigel Kerton and Margaret McDonnell.**

6 New Correspondence for Discussion:

1297	07/03/05	Community First	Response to S. Glass's letter about SOLVE – local Solutions Fund. Money is available but is not targeted at RPC's current projects.
1305	07/03/05	Lady Norrie	Nature reserve – concerns re 'dump', vermin and fence. Response sent
1306	07/03/05	WCC Highways	Lengthsmen Programme for 2005/6. Ramsbury = 1 August and 20 Dec 05, and 15 Mar 06. – Feedback form on quality of last visit – given to S. Glass
1308	12/03/05	Edward Judge	Plans for golf course at Howe Mill

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1309	12/03/05	WCC	Waste Local Plan 2011. Given to S. Glass
1317	12/03/05	Senior Traffic Engineer, WCC	Response to letter re accidents on Manor Hill, stating the C6 is not included by the £200,000 WCC has for improvements to such roads. Action P. Court to supply S. Glass with details of accidents attended by the fire brigade.
1319 & 1334	21/03/05	Brian Twigger	Additional Kerbside recycling for Ramsbury. Cans, bottles, textiles and silver foil can be placed in the black recycling boxes used for paper and will be collected alternate Wednesdays. Extra boxes are available on request. It helps with kerbside sorting if similar materials are placed together in the box. People who would like to use the garden waste recycling service (a fortnightly collection for £20 p.a.) need to register their interest (see RPC notice board) as services will be targeted at areas where most interest is registered. Action: Clerk to get additional posters, including for Axford. (Contact details are on correspondence). Skips for green waste, metal, timber, plastic bottles & cardboard: - priority will be given to areas far from household waste recycling centres. From 31 st July electric & electronic equipment will not be accepted in metal waste skips, but it will still be possible to phone KDC to arrange collection. Preferred location of skips is the recycling site at Whittonditch. Action. B. Twigger to report back on recycling arrangements for electrical/electronic goods.
1335	21/03/05	KDC	Election of County Council Officers 2005. Nominations should be received by noon 07/04/05 (See Parish Council Notice board)

7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Chairman: G. Hawes

Planning Applications returned to KDC since 15 February 2005

K/51626/F Full Planning	Single storey bay window to west elevation (river side). Howe Mill, Ramsbury. Sir Martin Arbib No objection
K/51628/F Full Planning	Erection of outbuildings, greenhouse and boat house Howe Mill, Ramsbury. Sir Martin Arbib No objection
K/51671/F	Demolition of existing surgery. Erection of three x 3 bedroom houses (amended designs to those approved under K/45646). Ramsbury Surgery, High Street, Ramsbury. Ms K Easton No objection Comment: Please advise Building Regs. Officer that the WC directly off dining room seems odd.
K/51648/F	Single storey rear and side extensions 37 Ashley Piece, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs A Knights No objection
K/51683/F	Change of use from commercial use to residential use. Infilling of garage opening with wall/window 34C High Street. Ramsbury. Lady P A Norrie No objection
K/51676/F	Single storey rear extension 3 Isles Road, Ramsbury. Mr R Young No objection
K/51698/F	First floor side extension. Single storey side extension (replacing existing kitchen and conservatory). Gable end roof on rear elevation (replacing hip-end roof). Moons Mill, Mill Lane, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs R McMahon No objection

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K/51627/TR2 Tree works in Conservation area	The lopping of approx. 12 inches from the top of a row of 24 Lime trees at front of property. The lopping of approx. 12ft from the top of the Leylandii at rear of property. 22 Oxford Street, Ramsbury. Ms S Suchopar
K/51751/LBC Listed Buildings Consent	Erection of part single/part two storey rear extension and detached double garage. Old Smithy Cottage, Whittonditch. Ramsbury. Mr T Derrick No objection
K/51744/LBC Listed Buildings Consent	New gate adjacent to cottage Elmdown Farm House, Ramsbury. Mr R Devereux No objection
K/51745/LBC Listed Buildings Consent	Removal of kitchen window, replacement French Doors Elmdown Farm House, Ramsbury. Mr R Devereux No objection
K/51658/F	Part retrospective application for small private golf course at Howe Mill. Howe Mill, Ramsbury. Sir Martin Arbib There are some aspects of this application to which the Parish Council objects: We feel that the bridge is not in keeping with the surroundings and that a small wooden bridge like the existing bridges in the area would be more appropriate. There is a good deal of non-native planting already in place, mainly laurel, particularly along the edge of the Froxfield Road which we feel gives an urban, municipal park impression and we feel this should be removed. The application is contrary to Kennet Landscape Conservation Strategy. If the application is granted we feel that the following conditions should apply: The area should not be designated as recreation area but as a small private golf course which is basically enhanced grassland. It should never become part of a larger golf course. The maintenance system is a vital part of the application and methods statements should be imposed to maintain the stewardship in perpetuity.

Planning Applications Approved by KDC since 15.2.05

K/51572/LBC Listed Buildings Consent	Provision of insulation to form secure and temperature controlled store. Barn 1, Elmdown Farm, Ramsbury. Mr R Devereux
K/51627/TR2 Tree works in Conservation area	The lopping of approx. 12 inches from the top of a row of 24 Lime trees at front of property. The lopping of approx. 12ft from the top of the leylandii at rear of property. 22 Oxford Street, Ramsbury. Mrs S Suchopar.
K/51587/TR2 Tree works in Conservation area	Tree works in front garden to include the reduction in height of a fir tree to about 6 ft. And the reduction in height of a Holly tree to about 8 ft. 34 Oxford Street, Ramsbury. Mrs J Hierons

Planning Applications refused by KDC since 15th February 05

K/51510/F Full Planning	Erection of a hobby workshop in front garden Sheiling, Ramsbury. Mr T Barrett
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Planning Applications in Circulation/Just received

K/51732/F Full Planning	Pool house and plant room (amendment to planning permission K/51309/F comprising store/WC) Harbrook, Ramsbury. Mr & Mrs Evans
K/51791/F Full Planning	Formation of access and parking area for 1 vehicle on north side of lane. Field adjoining Riverside Cottage, Ramsbury. M D Abell

K/51788/F Full Planning	Conservatory to rear of property 7 Lawrence Mead, Ramsbury. Mr R Doore
K/51826/TR2 Works to trees	The removal of 6 Leylandii, 8 Conifers and 2 Deciduous trees, at the rear of the property The Limes, 22 Oxford Street, Ramsbury. Ms S Suchopar

B Finance

In response to a call from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, the loan for funding a multisports court at the Recreation Centre has been requested for next financial year.

Chairman: Steve Cook**C Rights of way** - nothing to report**Chairman: Geoffrey Treherne****D Play Areas and Seats****Chairman: Fiona Kimber**

Nothing to report, but a meeting of the sub-committee is requested.

E Emergency Committee**Chairman: Matthew Tester**

Emergency Generator at Axford – still awaiting final work by Tim Pope.

F School Governor – nothing to report**Chairman: Paul Court****G Recreation Centre****Chairman: Alan Plenderleith**Nothing to report from the recreation centre AGM. There will be a meeting of the management committee on 5th April**H Policy Committee** - nothing to report**Chairman: S Glass****Action: S. Glass to respond to Code of Conduct consultation document.****8 Public Forum - Standing orders suspended for this item**

- a) Ben Tottenham offered the diary to remind people about the recycling scheme and to encourage registration for the Green Waste Scheme.
- b) Speaking as president of the Legion, Ben Tottenham said that tea party, a church service and possibly a display are planned in the after noon of July 10th to commemorate the 60th anniversary of VE and VJ days. He requested a meeting with J. Plenderleith and S. Glass, who suggested that older people in the village who might be willing to talk about their war time experiences should be identified. **Action: Clerk to contact Roger Day to see if he would be willing to organise an exhibition in the village.**
- c) Simon Blunt requested details of convictions following incidents in the village dealt with by the police. **Action: Clerk to contact PC Kuklinski.**
- 9 **Axford.** A well-attended public meeting was held in the village hall to discuss possible new houses in the village. As a result Sarsen were asked to return with more details of the proposal. **Action: S. Findlay to find out if Axford's needs are assessed with Ramsbury's or independently. Action: All councillors to ensure such meetings are publicised to the Council in advance.**
- 10 **Parish Charities representative.** Peter Rapson was the Parish Council representative on the Charity's board of trustees for 34 years. **Action: S. Glass to approach people who have been recommended and who might be interested in taking on the role.**
- 11 **Future of Public Conveniences.** They will close on 31st March 2006 and KDC will dispose of the building and land unless the Parish Council takes them over. **Action: S. Glass to write to the local paper against KDC's decision to close them, and contact KDC to arrange a meeting.**
- 12 **News Mobile Library Routes.** The Mobile Library will call at Axford on Thursdays between 12.20 and 12.30. Anyone in sheltered accommodation (e.g. Isles Court or the bungalows) can request the mobile Library to call.
Action: Clerk to produce a poster for the Axford Notice Board.
- 13 **Insure Schedule Review.** S. Findlay pointed out that the boardwalk is not currently covered. The Oral History project's minidisk player should also be added to the schedule.
Action: S. Glass & Clerk.
- 14 **Discussion documents from The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: 1- Citizen Engagement and Public Services, 2- Vibrant Local Leadership.** Nothing to report.
- 15 **Allocation of Village of the Year Prize Money.** £150 has been set aside for Friends of the Churchyard in Ramsbury. Requests have been received from the PTA and Friends of Axford Churchyard. **Action: Clerk to put on Agenda for May.**
- 16 **Beating of the Bounds – May 2nd.** All affected landowners have been asked for permission to cross their land. Richard Groves has agreed to lead the walk. Refreshments: Littlecote has been

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booked, F. Kimber and D. Marshall will do coffees, and J. Mantle & S. Glass will do the lunch stop. Stitchcombe will be organised from Axford. Timings will need to be reviewed, as the route is slightly shorter now the footpath no longer goes through the pig field.

Peter Rapson was one of the 4 who revived The Beating of the Bounds walk 35 years ago. In his memory sponsorship and donations can be made to the Ataxia Association and Treloar. **Action: S.**

Glass to get relevant charity details for sponsorship forms.

- 17 Nature Reserve.** The re-routing of the right of way along the reserve was discussed with Mr. Charlwood, who is happy that this should be agreed via a simple exchange of letters registered with the Parish Council. **Action: R. Alexander to send a letter to householders affected explaining the existence of the right of way, and reason for moving it by 25 feet to protect the interests of householders.** The remaining trees will be planted soon, weather permitting.
- 18 Flix in the Stix** – Now known as **The Ramsbury Roxy** as Flicks in the Sticks is a separate organisation. 80 people attended the first film showing, and feedback was positive. The next film will be in early May. Chicago will be requested from the distributor.
- 19 Square Refurbishment.** Suppliers of ground reinforcement mesh have been identified. **Action: G. Rissone to investigate costs, installation procedure, etc.**
- 20 Police Surgery.** The policeman did not turn up to the scheduled Police Surgery, but 1 member of the public did. **Action: Clerk to put on agenda for April**
- 21 Oral History.** The next meeting is scheduled for 22nd March. Additional interviewers have volunteered. Interviewing will start in April.
- 22 Consultation on Code of Conduct.** A response has been sent.
- 23 Accounts Payment – proposed by G. Hawes and seconded by S. Cook**
NB Expenses for payment at the April meeting should be submitted as early as possible due to Clerk's holiday. **Action: Clerk to ask Ros Eyles for couple of hours to help with end of year accounts.**

I716	Midway Stores – Newspapers 8/1/05 – 26/2/05	8.96		0	No
I717	Solicitors Wood, Awdry & Ford. Professional charges re right of way in Nature Reserve	157.58		22.58	
I718	Hire of Memorial Hall for dry run and Ramsbury Roxy film evening	36.00		0	
I719	KDC – Grounds Maintenance Contract	293.75		43.75	No
I720	Martin Copeman-Green, New part for photocopier	52.88		7.88	No
I721	Sue Arnold – Clerk's Salary Dec 2004 – Feb 2005	550.00			No
I722	Sue Arnold – Clerk's Salary March 2005	183.30			No

Total Paid = £1,282.47

24 BANK BALANCE ON 4/3/04: CURRENT ACCOUNT £5176.91
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT £15,699.34

25 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE - as listed below:

1293	07/03/05	Leapfrog	Grounds Maintenance Brochure
1294	07/03/05	KDC	Enc. Community Arts Leaflets
1295	07/03/05	SEC	Reminder- bill for Christmas lights. Already paid.
1296	07/03/05	Humberts	Notice of rent increase for the Glebe land. Error – S. Glass has resolved
1298	07/03/05	Glasdon	Street Furniture Brochure
1299	07/03/05	Marlborough Community Area Members' Forum	Minutes of meeting 17 th Feb. Given to S. Glass.
1300	07/03/05	KDC	Home Office Burial Grounds Survey 2005
1301	07/03/05	KDC	Enclosing copy of Kennet Times
1302	07/03/05	Alliance & Leicester	Current Account Statement. Balance = £5176.91
1303	07/03/05	Alliance & Leicester	Deposit Account Statement. Balance = £15,699.34

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1304	07/03/05	Mr Sheilds, Chepstow	Apology for accidental demolition of bollard at roadside opposite Memorial Hall. Passed to WCC
1307	07/03/05	The Standards Board for England	A Code for the Future. Copies in Office.
1310	12/03/05	Senior Traffic Engineer, WCC	Acknowledgement of letter re accidents on Manor Hill
1311	12/03/05	Splash	Acknowledgement of donation
1312	12/03/05	Clerks & Councils Direct	Newsletter. Advertising enclosure re plastic surfaces through which grass grows given to G. Rissone
1313	12/03/05	Defra & DTI	Broadband & local communities. (with CD-ROM) Given to S. Glass
1314	12/03/05	CPRE	Voice Magazine, questionnaire, Open Houses & Gardens. Given to S. Glass
1315	12/03/05	CPRE	March edition of Fieldwork
1316	12/03/05	KDC	Kennet News
1318	12/03/05	Voluntary Action Kennet	Kennet Voluntary News – Feb edition. Given to D. Barnett
1320	21/03/05	F. Harding, Mildenhall	Copies of response to Dept of transport re consultation papers and statement to WCC re review of speed limits, with ref. to C6. (Ramsbury to Marlborough Road.)
1321	21/03/05	M. Dixon	Re replacement for Peter Rapson as a trustee of Ramsbury Parish Charities.
1322	21/03/05	WCC	Invitation to presentation on Highways Maintenance 23/5/05 at 2.00pm, Kennet Valley Village Hall, Lockeridge
1323	21/03/05	KDC	Transfer of Public Conveniences to Parish Council. Invitation to meeting.
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**DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY April 18th 2005 at
7.45pm Ramsbury Memorial Hall**

COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC