

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th April 2005 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Mora Abell, Steve Cook (chair), Paul Court, Fiona Kimber, Cllr Susan Findlay (minutes), George Hawes, Debbie Marshall, Alan Plenderleith, Geoffrey Treherne, Cllr Brian Twigger, and 4 members of the public.

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** Roy Alexander, Diann Barnett, Sheila Glass, Chris Morgan, Matthew Tester, Sue Arnold (Clerk).
- 2 **Disclosure of interest:** George Hawes item 7 (Recreation Centre).
- 3 **The minutes of the meeting held on March 21st** were approved with the following corrections: page 302 adds Geoffrey Rissone to the list of councillors present. Page 303 correspondence items 1319 & 1334 should read 1319 & 1324. Page 307 Delete last line of table.
- 4 **Matters arising:**
 - a) **Parish Charities:** Maureen Palmer has agreed to be the Parish Council representative on the Parish Charities.
 - b). **Ashley Piece – Surgery Footpath:** A letter has been received from the Diocese regarding repair of footpath between Ashley Piece and the new surgery. It was regretted that they could not undertake the repair. This was the responsibility of the Parish Council and they were not in favour of the footpath becoming a defined public-right-of-way and would not support this. **Action: Clerk to put on agenda for May meeting**
 - c) **July the 10th end of WWII celebration.** Chairman will apply for grant to help fund this.
 - d). **Road accidents on Manor Hill.** Paul Court reported that 5 collisions/accidents had taken place on Manor Hill which had been attended by the fire brigade and that he knew of 4 more that had occurred where the brigade were not called.
 - e). **Public conveniences.** A meeting is being arranged with the District Council.

5 New Correspondence for Discussion:

1341	31/03/05	G.W. Clive	By-way at Balak Farm, Marrison Hill. Given to S. Glass (see Agenda item 6) Concern has been expressed by Mr Clive re vehicles using this by-way. The Parish Council agreed that a barrier should be erected as suggested by Mr Clive and a letter sent to this effect. Also it was suggested that a notice saying “no through route” be displayed. Action: Clerk to send letter.
1342	10/04/05	Ben Tottenham	(E-mail) Request for white lines at junction of Loves Lane & Back Lane. To be raised in Public Forum
1349	10/04/05	Mazars	Arrangements & Forms for accounts year ending 31 st March 2005. (Dates as for last year).
1351	10/04/05	R.A. Copp	Quotation for Grass Cutting (footpaths). No action taken at this time. Action: Clerk to put on agenda of May meeting.
1352	10/04/05	Ramsbury Amenity Group	Axford Houses Project. Action: Clerk to put on May Agenda
1353	10/04/05	KDC	Future payments from KDC will be by Direct Credit. Form returned.

6 **Balak Farm.** See Correspondence Item 1341

7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Chairman: G. Hawes

A copy of letter has been received from Ramsbury pre-school to Andrew Guest at KDC outlining the proposals for a new site for the pre-school as presented to the PC at the March meeting.

Planning Applications returned to KDC since 21 March 2005

K/51995/F Full Planning	Erection of link building between existing pigeon lofts Crowood House, Ramsbury. Mr J Dennis No Objection
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K/51985/F Full Planning	Extension to the rear of the garage and provision of a room in the roof 18 The Paddocks, Ramsbury. Mr C Glass No objection
K/51875/F Full Planning	Horticultural workshop vehicle and equipment store Bourne Farm, Preston, Ramsbury. A C Landscape Services No objection
K/51877/F Full Planning	Erection of part single storey/part two storey rear extension and detached double garage Old Smithy Cottage, Whittonditch, Ramsbury. Mr T Derrick No objection. Comment: Design and material should be in keeping with the existing building.
K/51986/F Full Planning	First floor side extension Ravensbourne, Union Street, Ramsbury. Mr & Mrs K Jauncey No objection
K/51967/TR2 Works to trees	1. To reduce Weeping Willow tree to a 15 ft 3 stemmed pollard 2. To remove 2 heavy disproportionate limbs over the garden on an apple tree 42 Oxford Street, Ramsbury. Mr New No objection
K/51957/F Full Planning	Change of use from retail to residential The Granary, Back Lane, Ramsbury. J M Whiting No objection
K/51979/TR2	The felling of a Eucalyptus tree on the eastern boundary of the back garden of the property. 36 High Street, Ramsbury. Mr & Mrs D Jenkins No objection
K/51949/F Full Planning	Change of use of land from agriculture to domestic curtilage; retention of buildings, swimming pool and BBQ area for domestic use Bolstridge Farm, Hilldrop Lane, Ramsbury. Mr R Collins Observations: The Parish Council is concerned that the scale of this development is beyond "domestic use" and some very strict conditions would need to apply to the use if granted.

Planning Applications Approved by KDC since 21.3.05

K/51788/F Full Planning	Conservatory to rear of property 7 Lawrence Mead. Ramsbury Mr R Doore
K/51626/F Full Planning	Single storey bay window to west elevation (river side). Howe Mill, Ramsbury. Sir Martin Arbib
K/51648/F	Single storey rear and side extensions 37 Ashley Piece, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs A Knights
K/51628/F Full Planning	Erection of outbuildings, greenhouse and boat house Howe Mill, Ramsbury. Sir Martin Arbib
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
K/51744/LBC Listed Buildings Consent	New gate adjacent to cottage Elmdown Farm House, Ramsbury. Mr R Devereux

K/51745/LBC Listed Buildings Consent	Removal of kitchen window, replacement French Doors Elmdown Farm House, Ramsbury. Mr R Devereux
K/51732/F Full Planning	Pool house and plant room (amendment to planning permission K/51309/F comprising store/WC) Harbrook, Ramsbury
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
K/51676/F	Single storey rear extension 3 Isles Road, Ramsbury. Mr R Young
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
K/51312/F Full Planning	Amended plans/Revised details for Ramsbury Recreation Centre.

Planning Applications in Circulation/Just received

K/51987/TR2 Works to trees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To crown clean two London Plane trees, including the removal of crossing, rubbing, dead and dying branches. To further reduce one Ash Leafed Maple, (following previous removal of dead/split leaders) Holy Cross Church, Ramsbury. Mrs J Handford, Ramsbury PCC
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B Finance

Chairman: Steve Cook

a) Loan Application – The Formal Loan Sanction has been received from the ODPM's department. The application to draw down the loan will be completed when the required date has been agreed with the Project 2005 Committee.

b) Audit Documents for the Financial Year 2004/5 – These have been received and examined. The process is very similar to last year's. The draft accounts will be passed to the Internal Auditor at the start of June. The Council confirmed that no councillor has a conflict of interest with Mazars being the external auditor

C Rights of way - nothing to report

Chairman: Geoffrey Treherne

D Play Areas and Seats - nothing to report

Chairman: Fiona Kimber

E Emergency Committee

Chairman: Matthew Tester

Chairman and vice-chairman absent, but it was noted that the generator has been moved from storage and taken to Axford for installation.

F School Governor – nothing to report

Chairman: Paul Court

G Recreation Centre

Chairman: Alan Plenderleith

A Management Committee has taken place. It was reported that because of the large amount of works to be undertaken shortly Management needed to tighten up areas of responsibility, and papers would be put to their committee in a couple of months detailing this.

H Policy Committee - nothing to report

Chairman: S Glass

8 Public Forum - Standing orders suspended for this item

a) Ben Tottenham commented that he was having difficulty getting names of winners of Project 2005 monthly draw; he would like to publish names of winners in the Village Diary. **Action. G. Hawes.**

b) Ben Tottenham hoped that the Legion would benefit if the Parish Council received Grant Money for WW2 anniversary celebrations.

c) A low loader has removed part of the bank at the bottom of Love's Lane; this has now been well repaired. It was suggested that the Parish Council should ask for white lining at the junction.

Action: Clerk to arrange a meeting with Highways to discuss white lining around the village.

d) Cllr. Brian Twigger reported on the Green Wheelie Bin service for garden rubbish that is to start mid-May. He commented that the removal of green sacks from the Post Office had caused annoyance, but that the bags could be ordered directly from KDC. He stressed that garden rubbish in green bags would go in landfill sites not to make compost. Cllr. Brian Twigger confirmed that mixed recyclable

collection would start next Wednesday and that anyone who needed an extra box could get one from KDC. He also suggested that one of our future skips should be for plastics. Discussion took place regarding this and the disposal of plastics. CARE are organising an Energy Conservation exhibition with a grant from the PC – the date will be announced later. **Action: Clerk Get a skip for plastics.**

A suggestion was made that neighbours could share a green wheelie bin. Geoffrey Treherne asked about assisted collections for the infirm. Cllr Brian Twigger confirmed that this was possible. It was agreed that information regarding dates and location of skips should be publicised by the PC.

d) A notice regarding the campaign in Aldbourne for the retention of a Butchers Shop was bought to the notice of the Parish Council. It was suggested that the Post Office could be asked if they would display it.

9 **Axford.** Nothing to report.

10 **Beating the Bounds.** Geoffrey Treherne reported that this was organised. Most landowners had replied to letters. Littlecote had agreed to supply tables and chairs for signing off. Alma Farm has given permission to use their forecourt. Police have been asked for cones, signs etc. Ian Ritchie would lead the walk (Richard Groves was now unable to do it because of work commitments). Ben Tottenham and Kevin Light would act as back markers. The Press will be notified about the walk with the information that the Bishop of Ramsbury would be making a speech at the lunch stop. Sponsor forms are available from Midway Stores, Post Office, Crown and Anchor.

11 **Nature Reserve.** (Report on behalf of Roy Alexander)

The planting of trees and shrubs was completed in March and all appear to be doing well.

The Wildlife Trust has written to Mr W Charlwood proposing the arrangement for the right of way reported on at the last meeting and we await his reply. It is not intended to approach the adjacent properties until he has formally agreed to the proposal.

12 **Flix in the Stix (Now the Ramsbury Roxy)**

A showing of the film Chicago will take on 29 April in the Memorial Hall. A suggestion has been made that some performances are given for children.

13 **Square Refurbishment.** Informal talks have taken place with the manufacturer of one reinforced turf product and with one potential contractor for the work in the Square. It is claimed that the surface would withstand possible over runs by HGV turning the Square. It is probable that the combined cost of the material and installation would be less than those for a plan using conservations setts. We have been advised that the inclusion of an extra 70-80 sq. m. of grass would add only a few pounds to the annual contract for grass cutting.

Waiting for KDC conservation officer's views on the acceptability within the Conservation Area of red-paved dropped kerb design specified by Highways.

14 **Police Surgery.** Wed April 27th, 11-12 noon.

15 **Oral History.** Interviews have started and leaflets distributed.

16 **Memorial Hall.** Nothing to report

17 **Accounts Payment** – proposed by G Rissone and seconded by A Plenderleith. The Chairman of Finance bought the WALC subscription to the attention of the Council observing that it does not appear to be value for money.

I723	WALC – Annual Subscription	491.96		73.27	No
I724	Midway Stores – Newspapers for library w/c 5 – 26 th March	4.48		0	
I725	Sheila Glass – Oral History paper & print cartridges, primroses for car park, WALC training Course for S. Arnold & S. Glass	155.34		23.14	
I726	S. Arnold - Microphone for Oral History Project	27.95		4.16	
I727	Humberts – rent for Glebe Land	150.00		0	No
I728	Friends of Ramsbury Churchyard	150.00		0	

Total for payment = £949.73

18 **PAYMENTS RECEIVED - £0**

19 **BANK BALANCE ON 1/03/04:** CURRENT ACCOUNT £3374.79
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT £15,699.34

20 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE - as listed below:

1326	24/03/05	Lady Norrie	(By telephone). Thanking PC for its response to her letter re Nature Reserve (Item 1305)
1327	24/03/05	David Yearly, RoSPA	(By telephone). In response to letter concerning differences between reports on playgrounds. Message passed to S. Glass
1328	24/03/05	University of Greenwich	Invitation to workshops on period architectural features, various dates, April – June
1329	24/03/05	WCC	Wiltshire Waste Contract, Annual Review 2003 – 2004. Given to S. Glass
1330	24/03/04	West Berks	West Berks Local Development Framework: Draft Statement of Community Involvement. Given to S. Glass
1331	24/03/04	Society of Local Clerks, Wilts Branch	Invitation to training day, 20 th May & WALC Newsletter. Given to S. Glass.
1332	24/03/04	Glasdon	Brochure - Street Furniture for local councils.
1333	31/03/05	Sutcliffe Play	Brochure of play equipment
1334	31/03/05	Defra	Quality Parishes and Parish Planning. Given to S. Glass
1335	31/03/05	WCC	Circulation of Working Copy of definitive map and statement. Given to S. Glass
1336	31/03/05	CPRE	Request to reconsider entering best village competition. Deadline extended to 30 th April. No, we do not wish to reconsider.
1337	31/03/05	Playsafe	Invitation to seminar on Raising the Standards of Children's Play. (Seminar is offered by Public Sector Software Ltd). Fiona Kimber enquired venue of meeting, but too far away to attend
1338	31/03/05	Alliance & Leicester	Interest Rates
1339	31/03/05	Humberts	Response to letter re repairs to fences and right of way. Given to S. Glass
1340	31/03/05	Alliance & Leicester	Code of Practice
1343	10/04/05	Acting Returning Officer, Devizes constituency	Notice of Parliamentary Election – put on noticeboards
1344	10/04/05	North Wessex Downs AONB	Invitation to Annual Meeting. Given to R. Alexander
1345	10/04/05	Kennet & North Wilts NHS	News bulletin
1346	10/04/05	CPRE	Newsletter and notice of Plant sale, Rowdeford School Rowde, 22 nd May 2 – 5.
1347	10/04/05	Alliance & Leicester	Current Account Statement. Balance = £3374.79
1348	10/04/05	Alliance & Leicester	Deposit Account Statement. Balance = £15,699.34
1350	10/04/05	Kennet Community Safety {Partnership	Event to explore diversity & discrimination in Kennet. 25 th April 2005 10 – 4. Bouverie Hall, Pewsey
1354	10/04/05	Joan Waters	Telephone call re loss/theft of purse at Hort. Soc Spring Show
1355	10/04/05	Ben Tottenham	Telephone call querying if grant for RAG has been issued. Issued 15/11/2004, and cashed 1/12/2004
1356	10/04/05	St. John Ambulance	Buy a Brick appeal for new Wilts headquarters. It is not felt the Parish Council can support, but individuals may be interested.
1357	15/04/05	PC Kuklinski	Crime figures for March/April, plus response to request for information of outcome of crimes/incidents in Ramsbury
1358	15/04/05	WCC Rights of Way assistant	Working Copy of definitive map and statement. Acknowledgement of response

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1359	15/04/05	Voluntary Action Kennet	Kennet Directory of Voluntary Organisations. Give to D. Barnett
1360	15/04/05	WALC	April Newsletter & Enclosures – left in office for S. Glass
1361	15/04/05	KDC	Notice of Regulatory Committee meeting (21/4/2005, 2.15. & Planning info. Given to G. Hawes
1362	15/04/05	Wcc & Swindon	Form to select format for receiving Wilts & Swindon Local Waste Plan. Response sent 15/4/05
1363	15/04/05	KDC	Application for work in Conservation Area – sent to Memorial Hall as a neighbour.
1364	15/04/05	RoSPA	Acknowledgement of letter sent about duplications of inspections resulting in different requirements in play areas. Left in Office for S. Glass
1365	15/04/05	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister	Confirmation of borrowing approval.
1366	15/04/05	WCC	Community Area Highway Information. Left in office for S. Glass
1367	15/04/05	Alliance & Leicester	Cards to allow cash withdrawal at Post Offices. Locked in cupboard with other financial records
1368	15/04/05	KDC	Changes to recycling collections
1369	15/04/05	Alliance & Leicester	Confirmation of changes to signatories

DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY May 16th 2005

DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING –MONDAY May 23rd 2005

Both at 7.45pm Ramsbury Memorial Hall

COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC