

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council: Sue Arnold c/o Parish Council office, Memorial Hall, High Street, Ramsbury Tel no. 01672 520045 (answerphone)
E-mail parishcouncil@ramsbury.org

314

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY May 16th 2005 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Mora Abell, Diann Barnett, Steve Cook, Paul Court, Sheila Glass (chair), Fiona Kimber, Cllr Susan Findlay, George Hawes, Debbie Marshall, Chris Morgan, Alan Plenderleith, Geoffrey Rissone, Matthew Tester, Geoffrey Treherne, Cllr Chris Humphries, Sue Arnold (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

- 1 Election of Chairman.** The Clerk opened the meeting, asking for nominations for chairman. Sheila Glass was proposed by Steve Cook and seconded by Alan Plenderleith, and agreed unanimously.
- 2 Election of Vice-Chairman.** S. Glass took the chair and asked for nomination for vice-chairman. Steve Cook was proposed by Sheila Glass and seconded by Matthew tester, and agreed unanimously.
- 3 Apologies for absence:** Roy Alexander, Cllr Brian Twigger, PC Kuklinski.
- 4 Disclosure of interest:** George Hawes & Alan Plenderleith - item 9G (Recreation Centre).
- 5 Signage at New Surgery presentation.** Owing to the late unavailability of Dr. R. Owen-Jones, this was deferred to the next meeting. (**Action: Clerk to add to June's agenda**).
- 6 The minutes of the meeting held on April 18th** were approved with the following corrections: page 308: add Geoffrey Rissone to the list of councillors present.
- 7 Matters arising:**
 - a) Public Work Loans Board application.** This has been submitted and the money should be available on 1st June (see also item9B).
 - b) Public Conveniences.** S. Glass is to attend a meeting on 1st July with KDC, with a view to agreeing to taking over the management of the public conveniences in Ramsbury from April 2006 if the terms are acceptable. She will report back to the PC.
 - c) Ashley Piece – Surgery Footpath:** Now the path is being walked regularly it is clearing. The situation will be kept under review. A quotation for the repair to the fence has been requested.

8 New Correspondence for Discussion:

| | | | |
|------|----------|-------------------------|---|
| 1384 | 10/05/05 | Jeffrey Shea | Parking & traffic, new buildings on surgery site, lack of facilities and role of Parish Council. Action: S. Glass to write to Mr. Shea inviting him to Parish Council meeting. |
| 1388 | 10/05/05 | Community First | Membership renewal notice & newsletter. The membership of WALC was discussed at this point. It is felt to be value for money, providing a simple way of getting cheaper insurance, as a source of useful information, including training for councillors and clerks, and as a source of funding to which RPC has applied for grants towards the oral history and cinema projects. |
| 1392 | 16/05/05 | AJ de Safrin & NSG Swan | Covering letter re potential new housing in Axford. Given to S. Glass. The chairman corrected the statement in the petition that Ramsbury Parish Council was a driving force for new housing in Axford, explaining that the Parish Council had not been informed of the meeting which gave rise to the petition, although 2 councillors were present as private individuals. The council has no involvement in the possibility of new housing discussed at that meeting other than in receiving comments from residents. No planning application has been received. Action: S. Glass to write to Mr. de Safrin to correct the wrong impression of the Parish Council's involvement. |

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Chairman: G. Hawes

Planning Applications returned to KDC since 18 April 2005

| | |
|---|--|
| K/52088/LBC Listed Building Consent | Removal of window and the provision of french doors and an additional window. Elmdown Farm, Elmdown Ramsbury. Mr R Devereux No objection |
|---|--|

| | |
|---|--|
| K/52099/LBC Listed Building Consent | Extension and alterations to garage to facilitate use as ancillary residential accommodation Smithy Cottage, Union Street. Ramsbury The Parish Council strongly objects. We believe the reasons for refusal of the previous application – K/51132/F still apply. Loss of off street parking in this area is most undesirable and has been the subject of concern on previous applications. The Parish Council has had cause to write to the police over parking obstructions in this tiny road. |
|---|--|

Planning Applications Approved by KDC since 18.4.05

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| K/51987/TR2 Works to trees | 1. To crown clean two London Plane trees, including the removal of crossing, rubbing, dead and dying branches. 2. To further reduce one Ash Leafed Maple, (following previous removal of dead/split leaders) Holy Cross Church, Ramsbury |
| 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 |
| 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/51985/F Full Planning | Extension to the rear of the garage and provision of a room in the roof 18 The Paddocks, Ramsbury NB. G. Hawes pointed out that this was application was not circulated to the chairman. |

Planning Applications in Circulation /Just Received

| | |
|--|---|
| K/51791/F Full planning (revised plan) | Formation of access and parking area for one vehicle on north side of lane. Field adjoining Riverside Cottage, Ramsbury. M D Abell |
| K/51658/F (revised plan) | Formation of a small private golf course Howe Mill, Newtown Road, Ramsbury, Sir M Arbib Application withdrawn |

B Finance

Chairman: Steve Cook

Loan Application – The interest rate for the PWLB will be fixed on Friday 27th May. The loan will be at a fixed rate of interest for 10 years, repayable in half-yearly instalments. The loan fee of £25 is deducted from the loan amount, so the Council will receive £29,975, expected on June 1st.

C Rights of way

Chairman: Geoffrey Treherne

85 people did part of the Beating of the Bounds and 67 people completed the whole walk, including Ronny Price who completed his 30th walk. The weather was good, and thanks were extended to all those who had helped and provided cakes at refreshment stops and to landowners. Sponsorship and collection tins raised £340 to be divided equally between Ataxia UK (the charity which Peter Rapson supported) and Treloar. Following the success in raising funds on this occasion, it was decided to nominate a local charity each year to benefit from donations made for refreshments.

The chairman gave a vote of thanks to G. Treherne for his excellent organisation. In response, G. Treherne said that he is looking to hand-over the organisation of the annual walk to a younger volunteer. The organisation needed is well documented and Geoffrey is willing to help the new volunteer. **Action: Volunteers to contact G. Treherne.**

Finally a Mr. Brocklehurst is due a medal for completing 5 walks. Please could he, or anyone who knows him, get in touch with G. Treherne who has his medal (or the Parish Council office).

D Play Areas and Seats - nothing to report

Chairman: Fiona Kimber

E Emergency Committee

Chairman: Matthew Tester

a) Both generators fired up in a test on Sunday 15th May. There will be a practice at Axford on Tues 17th May at 6.30 for all committee members to learn how to start the generator there.

b) Following M. Tester's request at a meeting of the Police Consultative Group, the Parish Council will, in future, be informed of arrests made relating to incidents in Ramsbury.

F School Governor

Chairman: Paul Court

The School has new networked computers and new play equipment funded by the PTA.

G Recreation Centre – nothing to report

H Policy Committee - nothing to report

Chairman: Alan Plenderleith

Chairman: S Glass

10 Public Forum - Standing orders suspended for this item

a) Ben Tottenham said that as the only member of the public to regularly attend Parish Council meetings, he felt entitled to comment on the letter read out earlier (see item 8, correspondence ref. 1384). He expressed surprise at the views expressed, saying that he did not consider them to reflect reality, citing the number of events included in every month's diary as testimony to how much goes on in the village. He praised the Parish Council's on-going efforts on parking, and their success in reducing the number of houses originally proposed on the old surgery site.

b) M. Tester congratulated Cllr. Humphries on his re-election.

11 Annual Parish Assembly, Monday 23rd May. Councillors were reminded that reports for the meeting are due.

12 Axford. G. Treherne SAID that litter around bins and in the car park was an on-going problem. Some of this is plastic bags left by people taking items to the recycling area. **Action: S. Glass to ask KDC to supply a container for recycling plastic bags.**

13 July 10th event to mark end of WWII. There will be a service at Holy Cross at 3.00 pm on July 10th, followed by wreath-laying at the War Memorial. This will be followed by a bun party in the Memorial Hall to which all the village is invited. Roger Day is to mount a display in the Memorial Hall. The Council is pursuing funding under the Lottery's 'Home Front' Initiative to fund the event. **Action. P. Court to investigate display of military vehicles and fly-past.**

14 Cleansing Grant. £150 is available for any village organisation whose members volunteer to do a village clean-up.

15 Nature Reserve. (Report on behalf of Roy Alexander). R. Alexander and David Jenkins mowed paths around the reserve and access is now clear. Laying the anti-weed mats has begun, and the bench has been repainted. Positive comments were made by visitors to the Nature Reserve at the Horticultural Society's Open Gardens day.

16 Ramsbury Roxy. 80 people attended a screening of Chicago in April. The cinema will take a break over Summer and restart in September, hopefully showing a film every 2 weeks. Any requests for films can be passed to the organisers via the PC.

17 Square Refurbishment. Meetings with potential contractors have been organised. Action: P. Court to provide G. Rissone with sample of grass blocks.

18 Police Surgery. There were no visitors to the police surgery on Wed April 27th. This month's surgery will be held on Thursday 26th May, 11-12 noon at the Parish Council office and will be publicised more widely.

19 Oral History. 7 Interviews have been done, and 2 other interviewers are ready to start recording.

20 Accounts for Payment – proposed by M. Tester and seconded by P. Court. The Chairman of Finance reiterated that item I736*, though approved in principle, would not be paid out until receipt of the PWLB loan. **Action: When the loan is received, Clerk to send cheque to Project 2005 with covering letter explaining that if the money is not spent it should be returned to the PC.**

| | | | | | |
|-------|--|-----------|--|--------------------------------------|----|
| I729 | G.M. Cox – Manor Lane footpath (5/4/05 and 19/4/05) | 100.00 | | 0 | No |
| I730 | Sarsen – peppercorn rent for playgrounds | 5.00 | | 0 | No |
| I731 | Tim Pope – moving generator to Axford village hall | 182.99 | | 27.25 | No |
| I732 | Community First – Zurich annual insurance | 947.69 | | Insurance premiums Tax- 39.39. | No |
| I733 | Mavis Manning – cleaning office | 7.50 | | 0 | No |
| I734 | Ramsbury Memorial Hall – office rent May 05 – Oct 05 | 591.25 | | 0 | No |
| I735 | Electricity – office | 23.15 | | Vat @5% = 00.96 | No |
| I736* | Project 2005 | 30,000.00 | | 0 | |
| I737 | BT – Telephone bill | 59.19 | | 8.81 | No |
| I738 | G. Treherne – Beating of the Bounds medals etc | 47.89 | | | |

317

| | | | | | |
|------|---|-------|--|---|--|
| I739 | Ramsbury Community Bus – Beating of the Bounds | 20.70 | | 0 | |
| I740 | S. Glass – Beating of the Bounds incidental expenses + stamps | 37.07 | | | |

Total for payment = £2015.43

21 PAYMENTS RECEIVED

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------------|--------|----------|--------|--|
| R17 | KDC – Cleansing Grant | 200.00 | 11/05/05 | Cheque | |
|-----|-----------------------|--------|----------|--------|--|

Total received = £200.00

22 BANK BALANCE ON 1/05/04: CURRENT ACCOUNT £2,714.72

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT £15,699.

23 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE - as listed below:

| | | | |
|------|----------|---|---|
| 1370 | 10/05/05 | D.Hignall, Jeffrey Charles Emmett | Copy of letter withdrawing planning application K/51658/F, Howe Mill, Ramsbury. |
| 1371 | 10/05/05 | Alliance & Leicester | Interest Rate changes |
| 1372 | 10/05/05 | Alliance & Leicester | Deposit Account Statement. Balance on 1st May - £15,699.34 |
| 1373 | 10/05/05 | Alliance & Leicester | Current Account Statement. Balance on 1 st May - £2,714.72 |
| 1374 | 10/05/05 | Town Clerk, Trowbridge Town Council | Schedules of Parishes with precepts > £20,000 |
| 1375 | 10/05/05 | Sheila Shaw | Thanks for donation to Friends of Ramsbury Churchyard |
| 1376 | 10/05/05 | Environmental Health Manager KDC | Copy of letter sent to Ramsbury Manor re actions needed on 14 Burdett Street |
| 1377 | 10/05/05 | Alliance & Leicester | Notice of change from monthly to quarterly statements |
| 1378 | 10/05/05 | KDC | Cleansing grant cheque (R17) - & application form for 2006-7 (Clerk to submit form) |
| 1379 | 10/05/05 | Kennet & North Wilts NHS | Announcement of Strategic Review |
| 1380 | 10/05/05 | Wiltshire Wildlife Trust | Waste reduction projects, & compost bin products for sale |
| 1381 | 10/05/05 | Alliance & Leicester | Changes to paying in process at Post Offices |
| 1382 | 10/05/05 | WCC | Waste Management in Wilts & Swindon |
| 1383 | 10/05/05 | KDC | Kennet news |
| 1385 | 10/05/05 | WCC | Provisional Wilts Local Transport Plan 2006/7 – 2010/11/ Copies to S. Glass, F. Kimber, office. Further copies available. |
| 1386 | 10/05/05 | Trafalgar Weekend | Guide to taking part in Trafalgar Weekend |
| 1387 | 10/05/05 | Clerks & Councils Direct | May Newsletter |
| 1389 | 10/05/05 | Aster Group | Report on playgrounds in Hilldrop & Atherston Close. With S. Glass |
| 1390 | 16/05/05 | WALC | Newsletter, car allowances, intro from new Village Shop adviser. Given to S. Glass. |
| 1391 | 16/05/05 | KDC | Requests for details for yearbook. Action: Clerk to submit. |
| 1393 | 16/05/05 | Alliance & Leicester | Cash deposit card. |
| 1394 | 16/05/05 | WCC | Invitation to 1 st meeting of Wilts & Swindon Waste Development Forum, 7 th June, 9.30, Civic hall, Trowbridge. |

318

DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING –MONDAY May 23rd 2005
DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY June 20th 2005

Both at 7.45pm Ramsbury Memorial Hall

COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC