

# RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY September 19<sup>th</sup> 2005 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Mora Abell, Steve Cook, Diann Barnett, Cllr Susan Findlay George Hawes, Sheila Glass (Chairman), Fiona Kimber, Debbie Marshall, Alan Plenderleith, Geoffrey Rissone,

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** Roy Alexander, Paul Court, Chris Morgan, Matthew Tester , Geoffrey Treherne
- 2 **Disclosure of interest:** None

The Chairman announced with great regret the passing of Dorothy Mutter, who had been Clerk to the Parish Council for many years, and whose memorial Service had been held that afternoon (19/09).

- 3 **The minutes of the meeting held on August 15<sup>th</sup>** were approved.
- 4 **Matters arising:** a) **Ashley Piece– Surgery Footpath.** The fence has been repaired.  
b) **Smoke Alarms:** No report  
c) **Hedge at Whittonditch near the playground:** Two quotes have been received, a third is awaited.  
d) **Public Conveniences:** KDC are still indefinite about when the freehold would be given, but they are now stating that if the land was subsequently sold for anything but community use, then some of the profit should remit to KDC. The Parish Council thought that this was unreasonable. If the conveniences are not taken over by the PC they could be closed up and left as an eyesore. S. Glass has a copy of the sale document – the land was transferred to KDC for a peppercorn amount and one stipulation was that any building on the land should not create a nuisance. **Action: S. Glass to check the legal position.**  
e) **Surgery Houses:** S. Glass had spoken to Claire Coombs. No retrospective application had been received by the deadline, but since the enforcement officer is on holiday, no enforcement notice has yet been served. S. Glass has e-mailed Ted Howells & Mike Wilmot. The roofs are 30cm too high and the matter should go to committee but so far no action has been taken. Meanwhile the homes are still on the market.

### 5 **New Correspondence for Discussion:**

1517	05/09/05	Chris Lewis, 39 Ashley Piece	By Phone - Request for advice regarding hedge and trees on strip of land by Playing field overhanging her garden. (Tree is leaning against garden wall). See Item 5c.
1542	10/09/05	KDC	Affordable housing in Kennet – analysis section of report. Given to S. Glass
1544	10/09/05	WCC	Wilts & Swindon Waste Development Forum: Meeting 3 Outcomes report. (M. Tester has additional copy)
1552	16/0905	Andrew Wyatt WCC	Response to e-mail. No budget for traffic calming measures at present. Suggests Parish Council informs him of sites of concern and he will arrange for investigation & assessment

### 6 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### A Planning

Chairman: G. Hawes

#### Planning Applications returned to KDC since 15 August 2005

K/52749/F Full Planning	Proposed extension and alterations Moons Mill, Mill Lane, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs McMahon No objection
K/52660/LBC Listed Building Consent	Insertion of new window in former opening to dining room Elmdown Farm, Ramsbury. Mr R Devereux No objection
K/52750/TR2 Works to trees	Cut back 2 flowering cherry trees and 2 Leylandii in front garden 2-3 Dyers Yard, Ramsbury. Mrs M Blanchard No objection

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K/52757/TR2 Works to trees	Fell one conifer in back garden 44 Oxford Street, Ramsbury. Mrs A Field No objection
K/52760/F Full Planning	Single storey attached shed 15 Back Lane Ramsbury. Miss J Macphee
K/52779/VAR Variation to Condition	Replacement of tarmac driveway with stone driveway Planning Approval K/46142 Autumnmist House, Whittonditch, Ramsbury. Brayville Homes Ltd No objection
K/52852/F Full Planning & K/52853/LBC Listed Building	Erection of a timber framed conservatory to replace existing 5 Burdett St, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs Brockwell No objection
K/52881/F Full Planning	Re-siting of detached garage approved under K/50912. Enlargement of garden. Erection of summerhouse and studio/workshop Aldbrook House, Whittonditch Road, Ramsbury. Sherbourne Developments No objection
K/52891/F Full Planning	New barn to provide 10 loose boxes, change of use of land from agricultural to equine Elmbank Whittonditch Rd. Ramsbury. Mr P Westall No objection

#### Planning applications approved by KDC since 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005

K/52757/TR2 Works to trees	Fell one conifer in back garden 44 Oxford Street, Ramsbury
K/52750/TR2 Works to trees	Cut back 2 flowering cherry trees and 2 Leylandii in front garden 2-3 Dyers Yard, Ramsbury
K/52558/F Full Planning	Conversion of garage to Studio Elmdown Farm, Ramsbury
K/52613/F Full Planning	Rear conservatory 49 Ashley Piece, Ramsbury
K/52603/F Full Planning	Field Shelter Land at Whittonditch Road, Ramsbury
K/52442/F Full Planning	Erection of greenhouse 22 Oxford St., Ramsbury
K/52271/F Full Planning	Change of use of former cowshed to ancillary domestic accommodation Riverside House, Axford
K/52254/F Full Planning	Extension and alterations to garage to facilitate use as ancillary residential accommodation Smithy Cottage, Union St., Ramsbury.

#### Planning applications refused by KDC since 15 August

K/52540/F Full Planning	Part conversion /Part alteration and enlargement to outbuilding to form 2 cottages Westfield Yard House, Mill lane, Ramsbury Mr and Mrs Hardwick
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#### Planning Applications in Circulation/Just received

K/52922/F Full Planning	Roof extension to bungalow to form first floor accommodation, dormer windows and Covered rear terrace Springmead, Back lane, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs I Cowan
K/52950/TR2 Tree Works	Pollard 4 Lime Trees to side of drive 22 Oxford Street, Ramsbury. Mrs S Suchopar
K/52958/F Full Planning	Change of roof line to accommodate french door Pear Tree Cottage, Axford. Mr J Lappin

#### Other matters notified by KDC

K/52758/0	Withdrawn: Erection of 3 storey dwelling at Crown and Anchor, Ramsbury
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**B Finance****Chairman: Steve Cook**

- a) **External Audit:** The audit form has been re-submitted – no response as yet.
- b) **The Draft Budget for 2006-7** was presented. A provision of between £400 and £600 may be needed to deal with conifers adjacent to the Play areas at Whittonditch, one of which is in a poor state. **Action: S. Glass to get quotes for tree work.**

**C Rights of way - No report****Chairman: Geoffrey Treherne**

- a) The Chairman suggested that the PC might approach some village organisations which might want to organise the refreshments for Beating of the Bounds next year in return for a donation.
- b) It might be useful to change the refreshments stop from Park Farm to the Airfield, as this is easier for vehicles to get to.

**D Play Areas and Seats****Chairman: Fiona Kimber**

F. Kimber reported that the quote given by Playground Services to repair the single point swing at Atherton Close has been accepted. It was suggested that the springer be removed from Atherton Close and re-sited at Knowledge Crescent.

**E Emergency Committee - no report****Chairman: Matthew Tester****F School Governor****Chairman: Paul Court**

Clare Allman has been re-elected as chairman of governors.

**G Recreation Centre - No report****Chairman: Alan Plenderleith****H Policy Committee****Chairman: S Glass**

There is still concern about parking in the High Street, and WCC have been asked for white lines. It was suggested that a leaflet could be delivered to houses on the High Street, asking resident to respect the white lines.

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

Regarding the Surgery Site houses, B. Twigger reported that developers frequently breach planning conditions and the Parish Council should insist that KDC enforce the planning conditions imposed when the application was granted. The workload at KDC Planning department is heavy, and they are not now granting pre-planning interviews.

B. Twigger said that the waste recycling day is to change to Tuesdays Week B. Information will be displayed on the Parish Council notice board and in the Parish Magazine. 98% of the KDC Community now has a recycling service. Plastic bottle re-cycling is continuing on Wednesdays every 4 weeks with a manned skip at the new surgery between 8.00 and 10.30am.

**9 Axford.**

**The Sewage Works** – there is an unpleasant smell again. Thames Water should be notified.

b) **The Mobile Library service** will be discontinued at the end of October.

**10 July 10<sup>th</sup>.** The costs of the celebration have been re-imbursed with a cheque for £1050 from Home Front Recall.**11 Nature Reserve.** G. Rissone reported that Wiltshire Wildlife will undertake work on the pond in the next 2 months.**12 The Ramsbury Roxy.**

a) There was a performance on 16<sup>th</sup> September of Billy Elliott attended by 35 people. Tea with Mussolini would be next, at 7.30 for 8.00pm. Publicity, perhaps a board, is needed in The Square.

b) A grant for £500 has been received from Community First.

**13 Square refurbishment.** It might be possible to get a grant towards work on the square under the sustainable development programme from the AONB.**14 Police Surgery.** PC Kuklinski reported that it had been fairly quiet during the first part of the month. However there had been a lot of burglaries in August. Two juveniles in the village have been causing a lot of problems and the police are dealing with this. There have been several reported Road Traffic Accidents.**15 Oral History - progressing.****16 Junk Swap.** Items are brought and taken away by attendees with no money changing hands. January or February was suggested. It might be possible to use the Memorial Hall car park for larger items. KDC will take away any left over items. Electrical goods cannot be accepted at the Junk Swap. **Action: S. Glass and S. Arnold.**

**17 Queen's Awards.** S. Glass proposed that the Project 2005 Committee be nominated for a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – all agreed. **Action: S. Glass.**

**18 Energy Efficient Community.** B. Twigger said the initiative is about saving the planet and using less. The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, in conjunction with DeFRA are promoting energy efficient certification for communities that use energy saving devices such as energy saving light bulbs, and B. Twigger asked for the PC's support for the initiative.

### 19 Accounts for Payment

I763	Theresa Payne – Planting & Maintenance of Memorial Garden	173.66		0	No
I764	Sue Arnold – Printer paper for Office	22.99		3.42	No
I765	Paula Stephens – Oral History Project, Thank you cards	26.08		0	No
I766	A. Le Guilcher – Repair to chain link fences near Surgery	40.00		0	No
I767	Holy Cross Church – VE/VJ Day service (covered by grant from Home Front Recall)	100.00		0	No
I768	Roger Day – Expenses for mounting VE/VJ Day Exhibition. Covered by grant from Home Front Recall)	50.00		0	No
I769	Ramsbury Silver Band – VE/VJ Day Celebration. Covered by grant from Home Front Recall)	100.00		0	No
I770	Sheila Glass – Drinks for VE/VJ Day Celebration covered by grant from Home Front Recall).	69.55		10.36	No
I771	Midway Stores. Newspapers for Library w/e 23 <sup>rd</sup> July – 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.60		0	No
I772	Donation to British Lung Foundation – in memory of Dorothy Mutter	50.00			Yes

**TOTAL FOR PAYMENT = £641.88. Agreed unanimously**

### 20 PAYMENTS RECEIVED –

R21	Home Recall Front (VE/VJ Day)	1050.00	5/08/05	Transfer	
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**TOTAL PAYMENTS RECEIVED - £1050.00**

**21 BANK BALANCE ON 01/09/05** CURRENT ACCOUNT = £4,477.74

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT = £22,699.34

### 21 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE – as listed below:

1516	05/09/05	June Roberts, Oare House	By Phone – Noise form Memorial Hall events
1518	05/09/05	Cllr B. Twigger	Request that Outline Planning Application K/52758/0 is determined by Regulatory Committee. (Plan since withdrawn)
1519	05/09/05	Clarence	Feedback form on work done in August ( <b>Action: Clerk to respond</b> )
1520	05/09/05	PC Lyndsey Smith	Unavailable for Police Surgery 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Later mail confirmed PC Kuklinski available)
1521	05/09/05	Director of Environmental Services, WCC	Copy of speed management policy, and estimate of £2500 - £3000 per site for red road surfacing material
1522	05/09/05	Local Works	Lobbying regarding Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill
1523	05/09/05	David Ogilvie Engineering	Flyer- designer and manufacturer of decorative street furniture
1524	05/09/05	KDC	Reminder re grounds maintenance contract invoice – paid at last meeting.
1525	05/09/05	Alliance & Leicester	VDS account – withdrawal of paper transfer deposit facility (June 2006)
1526	05/09/05	CPRE	Planning for Housing Provision (invitation to consultation 9/9/05 –)

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1527	05/09/05	West Berks Council	Local development Framework – Statement of Community Involvement (Given to S. Glass)
1528	05/09/05	WCC	Provisional Wilts Local transport Plan – comment by 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 1 copy to S. Glass, 1 to F. Kimber. Further copies available at meeting.
1529	05/09/05	Kennet Housing Society	Invitation to AGM 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept – declined
1530	05/09/05	Ramsbury Parish Charities	Amalgamation of some of Ramsbury Charities – request to use PC notice board
1531	05/09/05	Wilts & Swindon Domestic Violence Intervention Partnership	Reaching Women in Rural Communities Project - information moved from Ladies toilet at Burdett Arms to Post Office
1532	05/09/05	Voluntary Action Kennet	Volunteering Opportunities. Given to D. Barnett
1533	05/09/05	West Berks Council	Scope report for SEA/Sustainability Appraisal of the Core Strategy & Newbury Town Centre APP. See <a href="http://www.westberks.gov.uk">www.westberks.gov.uk</a> . Comments by 26 <sup>th</sup> September. Given to S. Glass
1534	05/09/05	Swindon BC	Wilts & Swindon Structure plan 2016. See <a href="http://www.wilthsire.gov.uk">www.wilthsire.gov.uk</a> or <a href="http://www.swindon.gov.uk">www.swindon.gov.uk</a> . Comment by 7 <sup>th</sup> October. Given to S. Glass
1535	05/09/05	Mazars	Request for additional of long-term asset value for Annual Return to auditors. ( <b>Action: Clerk to amend, S. Glass &amp; S. Cook to sign amendment and return. Done</b> )
1536	10/09/05	Clerk, Pewsey Parish Council	Update on taking over Public conveniences – no progress as yet
1537	10/09/05	Alliance & Leicester	Deposit account statement – Balance = £22699.34
1538	10/09/05	Alliance & Leicester	Current account statement – Balance = £4477.74
1539	10/09/05	Standbrook Guides	Residents' Handbook – Hungerford & Marlborough area
1540	10/09/05	Marlborough Area Development Trust (MADT)	Copy of MADT Newsletter
1541	10/09/05	MADT	Request for details of village publications ( <b>Action: Clerk to submit form</b> )
1543	10/09/05	KDC	Copy of Public Entertainment Licence application for New Scout Hall. (Legal notice on Parish Council Notice board. Form returned signed)
1545	10/09/05	WALC	September Newsletter – given to S. Glass
1546	10/09/05	Wiltshire Compact	Codes of practice – invitation to launch meeting. Declined
1547	16/09/05	KDC	New recycling day from 3/10/05 (Tuesday, Week B)
1548	16/09/05	West Berks	Invitation to meeting Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 9.30 – 3.00 re Planning Strategy for West Berks. Given to S. Glass
1549	16/09/05	Voluntary Action Kennet	Invitation to 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct 10.45 Devizes. Given to D. Barnett
1550	16/09/05	Clerks & Councils Direct	September newsletter
1551	16/09/05	KDC	Housing Land Supply & Employment Land Supply statements April 2005. Given to S. Glass

**DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY October 17<sup>th</sup> 2005  
7.45pm**

**Ramsbury Memorial Hall**

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