

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 21st 2005 in Axford Village Hall

PRESENT: Diann Barnett, Steve Cook Cllr Susan Findlay George Hawes, Sheila Glass (Chairman), Fiona Kimber, Alan Plenderleith, Geoffrey Rissone, Matthew Tester, Geoffrey Treherne, Sue Arnold (Clerk) Cllr Brian Twigger, Cllr Chris Humphries and 2 member of the public.

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** Mora Abell, Roy Alexander, Paul Court, Debbie Marshall, Chris Morgan
- 2 **Disclosure of interest:** Item 18, I767 George Hawes and Alan Plenderleith
- 3 **The minutes of the meeting held on October 17th** were approved with the following amendment. Item 6C: Replace *Geoffrey Findlay has agreed to act as backstop, and Ian Ritchie to lead next year's Boundary Walk* with *Ian Ritchie has agreed to lead next year's Boundary Walk*.
- 4 **Matters arising:**
 - a) **Public Conveniences.** KDC is now willing to act as a contractor to clean the public conveniences and have submitted a quote for cleaning 3 times a week. A further quote is awaited from a firm prepared to clean 5 days a week. Conveyancing documents are awaited from KDC. Rates are payable on the public conveniences. The charge is £1500 per annum. **Action: S. Glass to query rates charge again.**
 - b) **Rural Needs Survey.** This has not been completed because information from it will be used to inform the South West Spatial Strategy group.
 - c) **White lines.** B. Tottenham and R Price have suggested a list of locations where white lines would be useful. Further locations were discussed and added. **Action: Clerk to pass total list on to WCC Highways.**
 - d) M. Tester reported that recycling Yellow Pages as equine bedding was not viable for the number of directories involved. Cllr Twigger reported that when new issues of Yellow Pages are distributed, it should be possible to get a skip specifically for recycling old copies.

5 New Correspondence for Discussion:

1593	02/11/05	Ben Tottenham	Copy of letter sent to him for diary, with 6 signatures, regarding dog mess in village, particularly in Swan's bottom. Given to S. Glass. See agenda item 16
1600	02/11/05	Wilts CC	Community Area Profile. Given to S. Glass
1620	02/11/05	Allan Davison for Meals on Wheels	Request for grant. See agenda item 6B
1623	07/11/05	North Wessex Downs AONB	Study of effects of wind turbines. E-mail forwarded to all Parish Councillors. See Item 17
1630	07/11/05	Alison Smith	Regarding garden fires and the effect of their smoke. See agenda item 15
1637	11/11/05	Ramsbury Pre-School Committee	Request for a grant of £500. Action: Finance Committee to discuss.
1640	11/11/05	B. Tottenham	Copy of letter to KDC re 3 rd satellite dish on Saxon Court. See Item 7-Public Forum.
1642	21/22/05	Eden Speller, KDC	Quote for grass cutting
1646	21/11/05	Allan Davison for meals on Wheels	Request for grant towards 2 thermal boxes, total cost £180. Agreed. Action: Clerk to put payment on December's agenda
1648	21/11/05	WCC	Reorganisation of police - Resolution

6 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Chairman: G. Hawes

Planning Applications returned to KDC since 17 October 2005

K/53074/F	Amendment to K/51995/F – link building between existing pigeon lofts Crowood House, Ramsbury. Mr J F Dennis No objection
K/53077/TR2	Works to trees in garden of property 31 High St, Ramsbury. Mrs E Jarrett No objection
K/53081/F	Variation of condition no. 8 of planning permission K/51671/F (ridge height restriction) to allow retention of higher roofs. The Old Surgery Site High St, Ramsbury Heath Design and Build * See attached comments
K/53188/F	Erection of a conservatory 15 Back Lane, Ramsbury. Ms J Macphee No objection
K/53190/F	Blocking up existing access and reinstate highway verge. Form new vehicular access. Ravensfield House, Newtown, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs T Pope No objection
K/53110/TR2	Fell silver birch in garden of the property and replacement shrub proposed. 13 Back Lane, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs S North No objection
K/53121/LBC	Alterations to building Kennet House, High St, Ramsbury. Mr P Cheney & Mrs Grimshaw No objection
K/53154/TR2	Removal of 4 large trees from rear/side garden of property Kennet House, High St, Ramsbury. Mr P Cheney & Mrs Grimshaw No objection
K/53204/F	Two storey extension The Corner House, Back Lane, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs Hertzell No objection
K/53206/TR2	Felling and pruning works to various trees Raven House, 13 High Street, Ramsbury. W Charlwood and V Hellyer No objection
K/53217/F	New barn to provide loose boxes, tack room, feed room and carriage store. Change of use of land from agricultural to equine use. Land to rear of Elmbank , Whittonditch Rd, Ramsbury. Mr P Westall No objection (site meeting held 20Oct 05) No objection
K/53224/F	Erection of hay/straw storage barn, 6 loose box stable block, hard standing and private way to existing road access. Change of use to include equine Fosbury's, Crowood Lane, Ramsbury. M J A Mabbett No objection
K/533234/F	Installation of solar panels on side elevation roof slopes. 21 Oxford St, Ramsbury, Mr and Mrs Jennings No objection
K/53240/TR2	Works to trees in the garden of the property Corner House 17 Back Lane, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs Hertzell No objection

Planning applications approved by KDC since 4.10.2005

K/53110/TR2	Fell silver birch in garden of the property and replacement shrub proposed. 13 Back Lane, Ramsbury
K/53077/TR2	Works to trees in garden of property 31 High St, Ramsbury

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K/52760/F Full Planning	Single storey attached shed 15 Back Lane Ramsbury
K/53074/F	Amendment to K/51995/F – link building between existing pigeon lofts Crowood House, Ramsbury
K/53015/F	Part single storey/part two storey rear extension 37 High St, Ramsbury
K/53004/TR2	Fell twin stem beech tree closest to house 4 The Square, Ramsbury
K/52922/F Full Planning	Roof extension to bungalow to form first floor accommodation, dormer windows and Covered rear terrace Springmead, Back lane, Ramsbury

Applications refused by KDC since 17.10.05

K/52853/LBC & K/52852/F	Erection of timber framed conservatory replacing existing 5 Burdett St Ramsbury
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* **The Old Surgery - Attached comments**

The parish council objects in the very strongest terms to this retrospective application; our comments are as follows:

The condition placed on roof height was one of several crucial conditions to the approval of this very sensitive development.

The parish council is very concerned that, given the sensitive nature of this development and previous breaches of condition (i.e. slab height which was the subject of enforcement procedure) that this breach was not detected prior to completion as part of KDC building inspection and enforcement procedures. Early detection would have made enforcement automatic.

Approval would, in our opinion, totally compromise the integrity of the entire planning, inspection and enforcement processes and would negate the whole purpose behind the granting of conditional approvals.

A copy of the Parish Council's comments on this application and the process which was applied to it was circulated to all KDC Planning Committee members ahead of the meeting to discuss it.

B Finance

Chairman: Steve Cook

- a. **The Draft Budget for 2006-7.** The Parish Council agreed to leave the budget in draft form until further information about the public conveniences and their cost becomes available, hopefully before the next meeting. **Action: S. Glass to contact councillors if and when more information is available.**
- b. **Annual Grants to Village Organisations.** Ramsbury Pre-School Committee has requested a larger grant than normally given to village organisations. **Action: The Finance committee will meet to decide all grants.**

C Rights of way

Chairman: Geoffrey Treherne

A quote for grass cutting has been received from KDC. Other quotes are awaited.

D Play Areas and Seats

Chairman: Fiona Kimber

- a. The single point swing at Whittonditch has been repaired.
- b. The springer seat has been replaced. The springer is to be removed from Atherton Close to Knowledge Crescent. Atherton Close will therefore not be classed as a play area. **Action: Fiona to liaise with Playground Services re re-siting the springer.**
- c. G. Treherne reported a puddle under the seesaw in the Axford play area. **Action: G. Treherne to check if there is a problem.**

E Emergency Committee**Chairman: Matthew Tester**

- a. The annual emergency practice scheduled for 17th November was postponed as 4 out of the 5 Emergency Committee members were unavailable. The date for the exercise has been provisionally set for 9th February 2006.
- b. Emergency Paraffin heaters may need some attention. **Action: M. Tester to organise a sub-committee meeting.**

F School Governor**Chairman: Paul Court**

No report

G Recreation Centre**Chairman: Alan Plenderleith**

- a. Approximately 3500 whips and 100 trees are to be planted on the weekend of 10th and 11th December.
- b. The Parish Council has received acknowledgement that Project 2000 has been nominated for a Queen's Award for Voluntary Services.

H Policy Committee**Chairman: S Glass**

The Policy Committee will discuss the Area Plan at their next meeting.

7 Public Forum - Standing orders suspended for this item

- a) Ben Tottenham has received a letter from KDC stating that 1 satellite dish on Saxon Court has planning approval, but that the other two do not. Letters are to be written to the owners of the other 2 dishes requesting their removal.
- b) Cllr Brian Twigger reported that Whittonditch and New Town road are now included in the recycling scheme. Recycling in the areas is now at 24.5%, a huge increase over the last two years.
- c) Black boxes are now available via the Parish Council Office, Cllr Twigger, or from Midway Stores.

8 Axford.

- a) Complaints have been received about parking outside Mead Cottage which is dangerous to other road users. **Action: Clerk to contact the Police.**

9 Nature Reserve

- a) A site meeting with Catherine José has taken place regarding the on-going maintenance of the site. G. Rissone reported that she was impressed by the work carried out, particularly the planting. She brought a team to clear the pond. The work will continue in the spring.
- b) Undergrowth alongside the boardwalk and elsewhere has been cleared.
- c) A fire has been lit on a seat. The damage is minimal but it will require re-painting.

10 The Ramsbury Roxy.

- a) 73 tickets and 54 portions of fish and chips were sold for the performance of Brief Encounter. The take-up for the last film (The Heat of the Night) was smaller.
- b) It was felt that advertising needs improving. The posters need to be more visible and more widely distributed. **Action: The Roxy Committee to discuss at their December 8th Committee meeting.**
- c) As an addendum to the discussion of the Ramsbury Roxy, the Parish Council asked that their congratulations to **The Ravensbury Players** be recorded. The Parish Council praised their excellent production of Flare Path.

- 11 Square refurbishment.** G. Rissone has received 3 quotations for work to the Square, based on different materials for the stone sets. **Action: S. Glass to pass on to the AONB as part of a submission for a grant towards the work**

- 12 Oral History.** About two thirds of the interviews have been completed. Typing is underway, but progress has slowed down as one of the typists is out of action with a broken wrist.

13 Police Surgery.

- a) PC Lyndsey Smith was due to hold a police surgery immediately prior to the PC meeting, but did not attend.

- b) Cllr Twigger has received figures from PC Kuklinski relating to burglaries on the Parish from 2003 to date. He needs further information to analyse these figures with PC Kuklinski and will then publish them.
- c) It was stressed that residents need to be aware of suspicious people and vehicles. **Action: Policy Committee to discuss proactive measures to avoid burglary.**

14 Village Clean Up. Reported at October meeting.

15 Bonfires

A letter was received about bonfires and the effects of their smoke. Unless these are a regular event, residents are asked to be both more considerate about bonfires, and more tolerant, especially at this time of year. Cllr Findlay had been asked to suggest that the Parish Council lobby KDC to introduce by-laws relating to bonfires. The Parish Council considers that laws under which KDC currently handles persistent nuisance are adequate. **Action: Clerk to write to Mrs. A. Smith. S. Glass to put a note in the diary and Parish Magazine.**

16 Dog Mess

Action: Clerk to put a note in the diary and Parish Magazine reminding owners to clear up after their dogs.

17 Wind Turbines

AONB has produced a consultation document about landscape conservation relating to the placing of wind turbines. Comments are required by January 13th. John Kirkman will be reporting on behalf of CPRE and has offered to report to the Council. **Action: S. Glass to contact John Kirkman, accepting his offer.**

18 Accounts for Payment

I781	Humberts – Rent on Glebe land	150.00		0	No
I782	Sue Arnold – stamps & envelopes	7.97		0	No
I783	BT – Telephone Bill	63.22		9.41	No
I784	Ramsbury Memorial Hall – Office rent	591.25		0	No
I785	Ramsbury Memorial Hall – electricity	20.90		0.85	No
I786	Mrs S. Lane. Audio-typing for Oral History Project	50.00		0	No
I787	Midway Stores. Newspapers for library w/e15th Oct – 5 th Nov	4.60		0	No
I788	KDC – Lighting – new poles & bracket – The Cedars & re-siting existing light to Scholards Lane, New wall bracket Light, Rear 1 Oxford Street . NB Bulbs in the new lanterns are not white. Action: S. Glass to contact KDC requesting white bulbs.	909.46		135.44	No
I789	Mrs V. Jackson. Audio-typing for Oral History Project	70.00		0	No
I790	Dr & RA Pittams – Tree work, Ashley Piece	105.75		15.75	No
I791	Public Works Loan Board – 6-monthly Loan repayment (by direct transfer)	1,870.31		0	No
I792	G.M. Cox – Grass-cutting, Manor Lane	100.00		0	No
I793	Playground Services, Repairs to swing, Whittonditch playground	1,104.50		164.50	No
I794	Alan Plenderleith – Minidisks, CDs, CD cases for Oral History Project	53.63		0	No
I795	R.A.Copp – Grass cutting (footpath mowing) 2005	382.00		0	No
I796	KDC – Ground Maintenance Contract – June – September 2005	308.43		45.93	No
I797	Ramsbury Royal British Legion – Remembrance wreath	16.50		0	Yes
I798	S. Arnold – Memory upgrade to Office PC	57.09		8.64	No

TOTAL FOR PAYMENT = £5,101.59. Proposed- S. Cook. Seconded - A. Plenderleith. **Agreed unanimously.**

19 PAYMENTS RECEIVED Total Payments Received £0**20 BANK BALANCE ON 01/11/05 CURRENT ACCOUNT = £13,047.63****DEPOSIT ACCOUNT = £22,699.34**

NB. 1 cheque sanctioned at the September meeting (to the Silver Band) has not yet been issued – awaiting invoice).

1592	02/11/05	KDC	Kennet News. 1 copy to S. Glass, remainder to Nov. meeting
1594	02/11/05	KDC	Offer of Christmas tree recycling facility in village. Accepted - will be at New Surgery 3 rd – 9 th Jan. Action: Clerk to inform Parish magazine, diary & webmaster.
1595	02/11/05	Mrs P Bethwaite	Re damage to verge on Crowood Lane – done prior to hedge trimming by contractors. Given to S. Glass. Action: Clerk to write again to Mrs Bethwaite, as 2 individuals witnessed the damage by the contractor.
1596	02/11/05	WCC	New mobile library routes
1597	02/11/05	Wilts Constabulary	Initial Police Learning & Development Programme. Given to M. Tester
1598	02/11/05	WCC	Ringway Parkman Annual Review (Highways)
1599	02/11/05	Wilts Wildlife Trust	Posters.
1601	02/11/05	Society of Local Clerks	Invitation to 1 day conference
1602	02/11/05	KDC	Christmas Card recycling offer of sacks and posters. Accepted
1603	02/11/05	Nigel Grove	Acknowledgement of letter from PC thanking him for his actions clearing up nature reserve following vandalism
1604	02/11/05	WCC	Wilts & Swindon Waste development forum – consultation meetings. (M. Tester also receives copy of all WCC Waste Management documents)
1605	02/11/05	Timberline	Outdoor Play Equipment Brochure. Filed in Office
1606	02/11/05	1&1 Internet Service provider	Final Payment Notice (sent in error to PC). Action: Clerk to arrange for Parish Council to take over responsibility for payment from PC Care.
1607	02/11/05	Wilts Constabulary	Results of speed checks in Axford
1608	02/11/05	WCC	Wiltshire Waste Management Strategy Overview. Comments by 16 th December.
1609	02/11/05	KDC	Notification of KDC's receipt of Forest Design Plan Application for Henswood from Forestry Commission: Given to G. Hawes
1610	02/11/05	Wilts Wildlife Trust	Flyer from real nappy network
1611	02/11/05	KDC	Copy of licence application and notice for PC Notice board. (Notice on display)
1612	02/11/05	KDC	Permission to remove dead willow trees from the Mill Ramsbury. Given to G. Hawes
1613	02/11/05	North West Downs AONB – Wind Turbine Study	E-mail. Forwarded to G. Hawes & S. Glass
1614	02/11/05	Jason Close	Request to advertise services in magazine and on web. Forwarded to Parish Magazine and webmaster
1615	02/11/05	Playground Services	Acknowledgement of Request for work to single point swing, junior swing and re-siting of springer.
1616	02/11/05	Ben Tottenham	Suggestions for sites for white lines. Given to S. Glass
1617	02/11/05	Playground Services	Advice of start date for work
1618	02/11/05	Marilyn Fremlin	Request for PC Minutes by e-mail. Added to distribution list
1619	02/11/05	Cllr Chris Humphries	Vacancy for a parish Councillor on Kennet Standards Committee. Forwarded to Councillors
1621	07/11/05	Alliance & Leicester	Deposit account statement - £22,699.34
1622	07/11/05	Alliance & Leicester	Current account statement - £13,047.63

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1624	07/11/05	KDC	Confirmation of Christmas tree recycling area at New Surgery, Tues 3 rd – Mon 9 th Jan. Also of Christmas card recycling points.
1625	07/11/05	KDC	Study of future of Devizes town centre – questionnaire given to S. Glass. See www.kennet.gov.uk for details of plans.
1626	07/11/05	Clerks & Councils Direct	November copy in office). Play equipment enclosures (given to F. Kimber)
1627	07/11/05	West Berks Council	Summary of main points of feedback on Local Development Framework Options Consultation.
1628	07/11/05	WCC	Statement of Community involvement. Planning Inspectorate has queried WCC's process for this. Parish Council to confirm if they feel they have been prejudiced by the procedure adopted by WCC. Given to S. Glass
1629	07/11/05	Playground Services	Acknowledgement of order - Single point swing repairs
1631	07/11/05	Riverbank Arts Complex	Community Plan
1632	07/11/05	Playground Services	Quotation for repairs to Fish Rocker and resiting springer. Action: Clerk to write accepting main part of quote, but declining anti-erosion tile surface.
1633	11/11/05	Voluntary Action Kennet	First Aid Course – Wed 7 th December, Bowling Club, Devizes. £40.
1634	11/11/05	KDC	Proposed police re-organisation and amalgamation. Public form 21 st Dec. Devizes. Given to M. Tester
1635	11/11/05	KDC	Re: Transfer of freehold of public conveniences. Given to S. Glass
1636	11/11/05	Marlborough Area Members' Forum –	Meeting, Nov 17 th , 7.15. Given to S. Glass
1638	11/11/05	West Berks	Consultation on Draft Quality Design, West Berk, Supplementary Planning document. In 1639office.
1639	11/11/05	British Lung Foundation	Acknowledgement of donation in memory of Dorothy Mutter
1641	21/11/05	Wiltshire Strategic Board	'Leading by Example' Initiative questionnaire. Given to S. Glass
1643	21/11/-05	Countrywise Consultants	AONB & 'relevant authorities' questionnaire. Given to S. Glass
1644	21.11.05	KDC	Form to request copy of electoral register. Returned by clerk
1645	21/11/05	Ramsbury Scouts	Acknowledgement of £150 donation following village clean up.
1647	21/11/05	Glasdon	Street Furniture Brochure

**DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY DECEMBER 12th 2005
7.45pm**

Ramsbury Memorial Hall

Wine and mince pies will be served after the meeting

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