

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 12th 2005 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Mora Abell, Diann Barnett, Steve Cook, Paul Court, Cllr Susan Findlay George Hawes, Sheila Glass (Chairman), Fiona Kimber, Debbie Marshall, Chris Morgan, Geoffrey Rissone, Sue Arnold (Clerk) and 2 member of the public.

- 1 **Apologies for absence:**, Roy Alexander, Alan Plenderleith, Matthew Tester, Geoffrey Treherne, Cllr Chris Humphries, PC Lyndsey Smith
- 2 **Disclosure of interest:** None
- 3 **The minutes of the meeting held on November 21st** were approved with the following amendments:
Page 348 item correspondence Item 1646: Replace £180 with £160.
Page 351 Item 7a: Replace *Letters are be written* with *Letters have been written*.
Page 351 Item 11: Replace *G. Rissone has received 3 quotations* with *G. Rissone has received 3 estimates*.

Matters arising: Area Plan. The chairman thanked those who had commented on the area plan. The comments have been submitted.

5 New Correspondence for Discussion:

1649	04/12/05	Emma Jeffery, Toddler Group	Request for grant of £200. To be discussed by Finance Committee
1678	12/12/05	KDC	Public Conveniences. Draft transfer documents. See Items 6B & 14.
1681	12/12/05	KDC	Draft Car Parking Strategy Consultation. Action: S. Glass to circulate.

6 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Chairman: G. Hawes

Planning report not available. [See addendum at end of minutes - Webmaster]

John Kirkman has provided a précis of the North Wessex Downs AONB document on Wind Turbines.

Action: Councillors to read & send comments to S. Glass who needs to submit comments to AONB by 13th January.

B Finance

Chairman: Steve Cook

- a. **Public Conveniences.** Quotations for cleaning the public conveniences have been received from KDC and a Swindon-based company. Running costs (electricity, water and rates) for last year have also been received. The Parish Council agreed to include in the draft budget a figure of £4500, which will cover part of the running costs, should the parish Council take over the public conveniences. **Action: S. Glass to pursue a reduction to the current rates charge of £1100pa and to liaise with Aldbourne and Pewsey Councils.**
- b. **The Draft Budget for 2006-7.** A precept of £25,461 was proposed and unanimously agreed.

C Rights of way

Chairman: Geoffrey Treherne

- a. **Manor Footpath (no 2).** In response to a request from S. Glass to clear Manor Footpath to make it wider, Esther Daly of WCC said that there is no money in the budget, and WCC can only clear tarmac paths. However, because this path forms part of a round trip that can be used by wheelchairs and buggies, money may be available from disability funds. S Glass suggested BCTV volunteers who would charge. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be willing to fund some of the cost. E Daly agreed to investigate WCC matching the funds.
- b. **Footpath 19 (Crooked Soley).** This footpath was discovered to be overgrown during a village walk. Esther Daly (WCC) will organise for volunteers from Ramblers to clear it.

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

- a. S. Glass has requested an insurance claim form, as the cost of the repair to the springer is estimated at £190. The excess on the policy is £100.
- b. Rospa and Aster have been informed that the springer has been removed from Atherton Close to Knowledge Crescent. Atherton Close will therefore not be classed as a play area.

E Emergency Committee**Chairman: Matthew Tester**

Nothing to report

F School Governor**Chairman: Paul Court**

Nothing to report this month

G Recreation Centre**Chairman: Alan Plenderleith**

- a. 50 people attended the tree planting at the recreation Centre on 10-11th December. 78 specimen trees and 50 metres of hedging were planted. Approximately 3000 whips and 50 yews are still to be planted.

H Policy Committee**Chairman: S Glass****Action: S. Glass to circulate Car Parking Consultation document.****7 Public Forum - Standing orders suspended for this item**

- a) Ben Tottenham reported that the 2 illegal satellite dishes on Saxon Court have been removed. The remaining dish has planning permission. The residents have clubbed together so that only 1 dish is now necessary for all.
- b) Ben Tottenham congratulated all those involved on the success of the case they had put to KDC Planning Committee regarding the roof height of the new houses on the old surgery site.
- c) Ben Tottenham thanked the Parish Council for their work during the year, saying it is much appreciated.

8 Axford.

Nothing to report

Nature Reserve

- a) The chicken wire torn down by vandals has been replaced.
- b) **A walkway has been put in the area near the large gate, as this can become very slippery when the weather is icy.**

1. The Ramsbury Roxy.

- a) The programme of films for the next season is now available. By popular demand 2 extra films are to be added to extend the season into May, with a break over the Easter period.
- b) Grants towards a projector are being investigated.

2. Square refurbishment.

- a) G. Rissone is arranging visits to suppliers of natural stone.
- b) The Parish Council aims to submit plans for the Square refurbishment to KDC as soon as possible. G Rissone is seeking a meeting with Mr Lund the Conservation Officer at KDC. The plans will include stone sets around the tree, and work to re-align traffic across the Square in line with WCC Highways recommendations, plus the provision of a couple of additional parking spaces. The work is expected to cost in the regions of £20,000.
- c) The next round of AONB grants starts in February for work to be finished by March 2007 and it may be possible for the Parish Council to offer matched funds.

- 3. **Oral History.** About a dozen interviews are outstanding. It is hoped that the audio-typist who broke her wrist will be back in action after Christmas. The workload is quite heavy, so the project is going to try and find a further audio-typist to share the load.

4. Police Surgery.

- a) **New Year's Eve.** S. Glass has spoken to PC Kuklinski and is hopeful that the Police will do a round of the village at about 2.00am to check for noise etc. The landlord of The Bell has volunteered to clear up the area around The Bell on the morning of 1st January. **Action: S. Glass to e-mail PC Kuklinski a reminder.** As

an addendum to the discussion of New Years Eve, it was decided to try to organise a countdown to the New Year and singing of Auld Lang Syne at the tree. **Action: P. Court to talk to Ian Smith regarding a megaphone/public address system.**

- b) Councillors reported 2 recent crimes – a break in to a barn and outbuildings and theft of tools, and an arson attack on a car in Atherton Close.

5. Public Conveniences.

Transfer documents relating to the transfer of ownership of the public conveniences from KDC to the Parish Council have been received. KDC are now willing to pay the legal fees and omit the claw-back clause. Some of the covenants in the document give rise to concern. **Action: S. Glass to seek legal advice.**

Youth Club.

It is proposed to run a Youth Club in the Church Hall for a 3-month trial period to gauge support. The Parish Council still holds some Youth Club Funds and offered to pay the rent for the hall while the club is getting established. Funds may also be available from the church which holds a restricted fund for youth activities and from the Parish Charities.

Police Reorganisation.

Cllr Humphries asked for attention to be drawn to a statement made by the WCC Cabinet questioning the suitability of the proposed re-organisation for rural areas like Wiltshire. The cabinet statement was read out.

ARK Map

The PC was approached by ARK some time ago regarding placing a sign in the form of a map at the River, just over the bridge from the Knap. All agreed this should be encouraged. **Action: S. Findlay to pass on message to Vice-Chairman of ARK.**

Accounts for Payment

I799	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – rent on Nature Reserve	10.00		0	No
I800	Meals on Wheels, Grant for 2 thermal boxes from Best Village competition prize money	160.00		0	Yes
I801	Playground Services – Re-site rocker	282.00		42.00	No
I802	G. Cox – Manor Lane Footpath 1/11/05	50.00		0	No
I803	S. Arnold – stamps for office	12.24		0	No
I804	P. Stephens – Oral History Project, Thank you cards, postage of disks to audio-typists	11.00		1.06	No

TOTAL FOR PAYMENT = £525.24. Proposed - P. Court, Seconded - G. Hawes. **Agreed unanimously.**

PAYMENTS RECEIVED Total Payments Received £0

R23	Interest on deposit account	401.60	01/12/05	Paid directly into deposit account	
I802	G. Cox – Manor Lane Footpath 1/11/05	50.00		0	No
I803	S. Arnold – stamps for office	12.24		0	No
I804	P. Stephens – Oral History Project, Thank you cards, postage of disks to audio-typists	11.00		1.06	No

TOTAL PAYMENTS RECEIVED = £525.24

BANK BALANCE ON 05/12/05 CURRENT ACCOUNT = £7,346.82

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT = £23,100.94

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

21 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1650	04/12/05	North Wessex Downs AONB	A study of Landscape Sensitivities and Restraints of Wind Turbine Development. (Copy on shelf in Office) Comments by 13 th Jan 2006
1651	04/12/05	KDC	Christmas and new year waste collection arrangements. Details sent to diary & Parish mag & placed on notice boards
1652	04/12/05	Michael Edmonds	Query re cardboard recycling. (Reply sent)
1653	04/12/05	Vince Kimber, KDC	Permission to put Christmas lights on tree in Square
1654	04/12/05	B. Tottenham	Dog mess, correction to November minutes, item 7a, Tree recycling entry for diary
1655	04/12/05	Playground Services	Acknowledgement of order for replacement springer seat
1656	04/12/05	Playground Services	Response to e-mail. Declines to waive £40 charge to cover travel time to replace rocker seat
1657	04/12/05	WCC	Transport Times & Telegraph newsletter. 1 copy each to S. Glass & F. Kimber. Copies available at meeting
1658	04/12/05	WCC & Swindon BC	Consultation on Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report for Wilts & Swindon Waste Local Development Documents. Given to S. Glass
1659	04/12/05	R. Price	Copy of letter from B. Burke WCC responding to letter from R. Price re Surgery footpath. Given to S. Glass
1660	04/12/05	KDC	Notification of Woodland grant scheme application from Forestry Commission for work at Harbrook
1661	04/12/05	Playground services	Reminder re invoices no I793 – already paid.
1662	04/12/05	Community First	Newsletter. Given to S. Glass
1663	04/12/05	WCC & Swindon BC	Consultation Documents – Minerals and waste Development Framework. Given to S. Glass
1664	04/12/05	BT	Reminder re Invoice I783 – already paid.
1665	04/12/05	Voluntary Action Kennet	Voluntary News. Given to D. Barnett
1666	04/12/05	WCC & Swindon BC	Consultation Documents – Waste development – Core Strategy & Development Control Policies. Given to S. Glass
1667	04/12/05	B. Tottenham	Copy of letter from KDC regarding satellite dishes on Saxon Forge
1668	05/12/05	R. Price	Satellite dish on Saxon Forge
1669	05/12/05	Marlborough Community Area Member's Forum	Minutes of meeting 17/11/05. Given to S. Glass
1670	05/12/05	CPRE	Fieldwork magazine, Given to S. Glass
1671	05/12/05	Splash	Newsletter
1672	05/12/05	J. Handford	Untidiness of Village
1673	05/12/05	Mr F. Harding, Mildenhall	Copy of letter to Andrew Wyatt WCC re C6 Ramsbury to Marlborough Road
1674	05/12/05	Ringway Parkman	Explaining permission need to put up festive lighting or hanging baskets
1675	12/12/05	PC Lyndsey Smith	Apologies re PC meeting. Given to S. Glass
1676	12/12/05	Steven Jenkins	Copy of e-mail to B. Tottenham – update on satellite dishes, Saxon Court – 2 unauthorised dishes removed. Dish remaining has planning permission
1677	12/12/05	KDC	Christmas Card Recycling. Cards can be recycled at Midway Stores, Hills Stores, Post Office & Ramsbury School.
1679	12/12/05	KDC	Kennet News. 1 copy filed – remaining available at meeting
1680	12/12/05	RoSPA	Playground inspection form. Given to S. Glass
1682	12/12/05	WCC & SBC	Waste Newsletter. Given to S. Glass
1683	12/12/05	KDC	Electoral Register 2005-6. Print version. Filed under 'elections'.
1684	12/12/05	Wilts & Swindon Local Access Forum	Details of websites showing land for public access, plus minutes of Local Access group. www.wiltshirelaf.org.uk and www.swindonlaf.org.uk

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1685	12/12/05	Alliance & Leicester	Deposit account statement 1/12/05: £23100.94
1686	12/12/05	Alliance & Leicester	Current account statement 1/12/05: £8634.71
1687	12/12/05	J. Rogerson, Bella Voce	Application for grant. Given to S. Glass. For discussion at Finance Committee
1688	12/12/05	Glasdon	Street Furniture Brochure
1689	12/12/05	J. Kirkman	Precis of Wind Turbine Document. Copies available at meeting
1690	12/12/05	GNC Cleaning Contractors	Quotation for cleaning Ramsbury & Aldbourne Public Toilets
1691	12/12/05	GNC Cleaning Contractors	Quotation for cleaning Ramsbury, Aldbourne & Pewsey Public Toilets

**DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY JANUARY 16th 2006
7.45pm**

Ramsbury Memorial Hall

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ADDENDUM

Meeting 12 December 2005

Report by Planning Committee

Planning Applications returned to KDC since 21 November 2005

K/53206/TR2	Felling and pruning works to various garden trees. Felling of yew trees, a lime tree and an apple tree. Pruning works to yew trees, small hornbeams and hazel. Raven House, 13 High Street, Ramsbury
K/53204/F	Two storey extension The Corner House, Back Lane, Ramsbury
K/53188/F	Erection of a conservatory 15 Back Lane, Ramsbury. Ms J Macphee No objection
K/52958/F	Retention of change to the roofline to accommodate french doors. Pear Tree Cottage, Axford
K/53154/TR2	Removal of 4 large trees from rear/side garden of property Kennet House, High St, Ramsbury
Applications refused by KDC since 21.11.05	
K/53081/F	Removal of condition no. 8 of planning permission K/51671/F (height of building) and retention of development as built. The Old Surgery Site, High St, Ramsbury * See notes below
K/533234/F	Installation of solar panels on side elevation roof slopes. 21 Oxford St, Ramsbury
Applications in circulation/just received	
K/53384/LBC and K/53385/F	Construction of glazed, playroom and re-modelling of existing west and south elevation, internal alteration to main house. New window first floor north elevation. 79 High Street, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs H Strover
K/53372/F	Single storey rear extension Wisteria Cottage, Oxford Street, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs Money
K/53337/LBC	Demolition of existing conservatory, construction of garden room 87 High Street, Ramsbury. Mrs C Tellwright
K/53309/F	Field Shelter and two stables Hilldrop Stables, Hilldrop Lane. Mrs W M Davies Notices received from KDC since 21.11.05
App/E3905/A/05/1194641 Appeal against refusal of K/52540/F	Conversion of outbuildings at Westfield Farm House To be decided by exchange of written statements to the Inspector. The Parish Council did not object to the original application and will make no further comment.
K/51671/F	Removal of height restriction on new buildings at the Old Surgery site, Ramsbury The applicant will not appeal the refusal and seeks consent to modify the as-built height by a reduction of 0.18m. which he provides evidence as the increase over and above the permitted scheme. The Parish Council will not make any further comment as this seems to be a satisfactory outcome.