

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 16th 2006 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Mora Abell, Diann Barnett, Steve Cook, Cllr Susan Findlay George Hawes, Sheila Glass (Chairman), Fiona Kimber, Debbie Marshall, Chris Morgan, Alan Plenderleith, Geoffrey Rissone, Matthew Tester, Geoffrey Treherne, Cllr Chris Humphries, Sue Arnold (Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

- 1 **Apologies for absence:**, Roy Alexander, Paul Court, Brian Twigger, (plus Ben Tottenham)
- 2 **Disclosure of interest:** Item 6a Parish Council referrals to KDC no 1 - G. Hawes
- 3 **The minutes of the meeting held on December 12th** were approved.
- 4 **Matters arising**
 - a. **Youth Club: Action: Clerk to put on February's agenda**
 - b. **New Year's Eve:** See Item 7 - Public Forum
 - c. **Wind turbines: Action: S. Glass to provide G. Rissone, M. Tester and G. Treherne with John Kirkman's summary of 'A study of Landscape Sensitivities and Restraints of Wind Turbine Development'.**

5 **New Correspondence for Discussion:**

1692	28/12/05	KDC	Legionnaires disease & public toilets, plus costings of public conveniences 2004/5 and quotation for cleaning. (If there is only a cold water feed, Legionnaires disease is not a problem)
1699	28/12/05	Ravensbury Players	Response to letter regarding grants to village organisations. No funds required at present, but Memorial Hall is considering plug in lighting board which players would use for productions. Given to S. Glass
1706	04/01/06	Meals on Wheels	Acknowledgement of grant from Best Village Prize Money and application for annual grant. (By e-mail. Filed with invoices and copy forwarded to Sheila)
1708	04/01/06	Ramsbury Luncheon Club	Application for grant. Given to S. Glass
1709	04/01/06	Ramsbury School PTA	Application for grant. Given to S. Glass
1712	04/01/06	KDC	Public Conveniences Best Value Review 2004. With S. Glass This report was not made available to The Parish Council on publication, nor was the Parish Council, a stakeholder, included in the consultation process. Action: S. Glass to write to KDC requesting that The Parish Council should be included in consultation exercises relating to issues in which The PC has a financial interest.
1714	16/01/06	Cllr Chris Humphries	Invitation to Local Authority Emergency Response Seminar. C. Morgan will attend.
1717	16/01/06	Home Front Recall	Confirmation That PC may retain small amount left over from VE/VJ day grant

6 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Please note that councillors sending out correspondence or telephoning on behalf of the Parish Council should e-mail a copy or details to the Chairman or the Clerk.

Applications received since 12 December 2005

K/53372/F	Single storey rear extension Wisteria Cottage, Oxford Street, Ramsbury. Mr & Mrs Money No objection
K/53384/LBC & K/53385/F	Construction of glazed playroom and remodelling of existing west and south elevation, internal alterations to main house. New window first floor north elevation 79 High Street, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs H Strover No objection
K/53427/LBC & K/53468/F	Erection of a single storey timber framed conservatory replacing existing 5 Burdett Street, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs Brockwell No objection
K/53457/F	Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of one detached two storey, four bed dwelling and separate double garage Land adjacent to Penllyn, Whittonditch Road, Ramsbury Mr C Gorringe No objection but some concern at loss of garaging at Penllyn
K/53471/TR2	Re-pollarding of 4 limes on south western side and removal of 1 silver birch and two alders of eastern side Isles Court, Ramsbury. Beechcroft Trust No objection

Applications approved by KDC since 12.12.05

K/53121/LBC	Alterations to building Kennet House, High Street, Ramsbury
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 at rear of Elm Bank, Whittonditch Road, Ramsbury
K/53224/F	Erection of hay/straw storage barn, 6 loosebox stable block, hard standing and private way to existing road access. Change of use to include equine Fosbury's. Crowood Lane, Ramsbury
K/53240/TR2	Works to trees in garden. The Corner House, 17 Back Lane, Ramsbury
K/53309/F	Field shelter and two stables Hilldrop Stables, Hilldrop Lane, Ramsbury
K/53337/LBC & K/53338/F	Demolition of conservatory and construction of a garden room 87 High Street, Ramsbury

Applications refused by KDC since 12.12.05

K/53190/F	Block up existing access and re-instate highway verge. Form new vehicular access. Ravensfield House, Newtown, Ramsbury
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Notices received from KDC since 12.12.05

K/53081/F	Former surgery site High Street, Ramsbury Confirmation of proposed solution to reduce ridge height by 0.18m
K/53372/F & K/53391/LBC	Single storey extension Wisteria Cottage, Oxford Street, Ramsbury Withdrawn

Parish Council referrals to KDC since 12.12.05

1. Exterior cladding applied to outbuildings at the Old Forge, Ramsbury. As a general principle the Parish Council agreed that changes to listed buildings should not be made without due process.
Action: G. Hawes to communicate the council's view to KDC
2. Track to new house at rear of the Limes off Swans bottom non-compliant with planning permission. Query original requirement to improve Swans Bottom track. **Action: G. Hawes to find out why a condition in the outline planning permission was discharged.**

B Finance**Chairman: Steve Cook**

- a. Grants.** Grants to village organisations were agreed as proposed (See item 15, refs. I814 – I818). A grant to the Village Diary will be made in February. **Action: Clerk to put on February's agenda.** Organisations receiving a grant from the Parish Council are to be asked to provide a page for the village web site. **Action: Clerk to write to organisations concerned.**
- b. The precept form** has been returned. Precept = £25,461.00.

C Rights of way**Chairman: Geoffrey Treherne**

- a. Grass cutting Quotes.** The final quote is awaited.
- b. Boundary Walk.** **Action: G. Treherne to confirm with Ab Fab Loos that a portable loo is required.** The Park Farm stop is to be moved to the Airfield. Boundary walk details will be put on the web site. **Action: G. Treherne to provide web master with details.**
- c.** A quote of £70 has been received to cut both sides of the hedge between Whittonditch and Ashley Piece. **Action. A. Plenderleith to accept quote.**

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

- a. Insurance of play equipment.** There is an excess of £250 on the insurance of play equipment, therefore the council cannot claim for the recent repairs that cost £190. As the springers are only worth £400 - £500 each, it may not be worth continuing to insure them. This would not affect public liability insurance. **Action: S. Glass to ask for quotations for insuring a reduced list of items, and for lower excess.** The Knowledge Crescent Play area is inspected by Zurich (for Sarsen) and RoSPA (for PC). This duplication of effort, and expense, should be avoided if possible. **Action: Clerk to contact Karen Tambling to discuss having one inspection only.**
- b. Playground Lease.** Sarsen do not have a copy of the Knowledge Crescent playground lease. **Action: Clerk to send copy to Sarsen.**
- c. Graffiti** on the slide in Ashley Piece needs painting over. **Action: Committee to organise working party when weather improves.**

E Emergency Committee**Chairman: Matthew Tester**

There will be an emergency exercise with WCC on February 9th.

F School Governor**Chairman: Paul Court**

No report

G Recreation Centre**Chairman: Alan Plenderleith**

- a.** A second tree planting session took place on 7th January.
- b.** Project 2005 is to hold another fundraising auction sale in October. Anyone who can donate anything should contact Project 2005.

H Policy Committee**Chairman: S Glass**

Nothing to report

7 Public Forum - Standing orders suspended for this item

- a) Assaults near the tree at the midnight celebration on New Year's Eve.** Peter Field expressed concerns over events on New Year's Eve/New Year's day when several teenage boys were attacked by others, resulting in injuries, which in one case necessitated surgery. The incidents took place near the tree and some boys were chased along Back Lane. Mr Field said that the police are investigating and appealing for witnesses (particularly adults) to the incident, which occurred at about 12.10AM. In the meantime he wished to raise awareness of the problem and expressed concerns for the safety of young people in the village. Mr Field's views were endorsed by Mr Sawbridge.

Actions:

- 1 S. Findlay to seek help from Hilary Marsh of the Kennet Community Safety Scheme**
- 2 Clerk to put up notices in village asking anyone who witnessed the incidents or with subsequent information to get in touch with the Police in Marlborough (512311), or the Parish Council (520045).**
- 3 Clerk to ask Webmaster to highlight this item in the minutes on www.ramsbury.org**
- 4 Clerk to organise a police surgery before the February 20th Parish Council meeting. NB. Members of the public can mention names in confidence at police surgeries.**

5 Chairman to arrange for the policy committee to have a meeting with Crime Prevention

6 Chairman to contact Ramsbury School

7 Chairman to attend Police Liaison Committee meeting at Marlborough town Hall, Tuesday 17th January.

The countdown to midnight did not happen this year, due to a technical fault. This has been fixed for next year. To help prevent future problems it was suggested that adults should make the effort to interact with groups of teenagers at the New Year's Eve celebration.

- b) Victor Taylor enquired about allotments. These are managed by Charles Wells at Kidson Trigg.
- c) Ben Tottenham sent a message that he has put a note in the diary reminding people to clear up after their dogs.

8 Axford.

- a. There has been broken glass around the recycling bins.
- b. There has been a report of cars that do not belong to residents being left on the car park for long periods.
Action: S. Findlay to talk to Sarsen as owners of the land.

9 Nature Reserve

C. Morgan will attend wardens' meeting at Ashton Keynes.

10 The Ramsbury Roxy.

- a. Support for recent films has been a little lower than for earlier ones.
- b. The chairman thanked Mr. Andrews for the continuing loan of the projector while she is pursuing grants towards our own.

11 Square refurbishment.

G. Rissone has visited reclamation sites to identify materials acceptable to the conservation officer. **Action: G. Rissone to apply for planning permission for the three options identified before a grant application is prepared in February.**

12 Oral History. Interviews are progressing and good progress is now being made with typing transcripts. Work on classifying the information has started.

13 Police Surgery. Action: Clerk to organise a police surgery before the February 20th Parish Council meeting.

14 Public Conveniences.

- a. Lois Smith (solicitor) is to write to KDC on behalf of the Parish Council regarding the covenants attached to the sale, which are felt to be unreasonable.
- b. Everything other than insurance is in place for the Parish Council to take over responsibility for the public conveniences should they choose to do so. **Action: S. Glass to contact insurers re insuring the building.**

15 Accounts for Payment

I805	M. Manning – office cleaning, Sept – Dec	7.50		0	No
I806	Playground Services – Supply and fit new rocker seat	223.25		33.25	No
I807	Namesco Ltd – Renewal of Ramsbury.org domain name for 2 years	41.11		6.12	No
I808	Sue Arnold – refreshments for December PC meeting	13.95		1.78	No
I809	Chris Morgan – Nature Reserve – chicken wire & staples	16.82		2.50	No
I810	S. Arnold – Clerk's Salary, Oct – Dec 2005	550.00		0	No
I811	S Glass – land search fee	41.13		6.13	No
I812	Mrs C. Jackson - Audio-typing for Oral History Project	60.00		0	No

1813	PC Care – 6 monthly rental for Ramsbury.org web space	69.72		9.44	No
1814	Toddler Group – S137 Grant	£125		0	Yes
1815	Pre- School – S137 Grant	£250		0	Yes
1816	Luncheon Club – S137 Grant	£200		0	Yes
1817	PTA – S137 Grant	£250		0	Yes
1818	Jubilee Centre – S137 Grant	£50		0	Yes

TOTAL FOR PAYMENT = £1898.48. Proposed – G. Rissone, Seconded - G. Treherne. **Agreed unanimously.**

NB. While the individual cheques and amounts listed on the agenda were correct, there was an error in reference numbers and another in the total. These have been corrected in these minutes.

15 PAYMENTS RECEIVED Total Payments Received **£0**

16 BANK BALANCE ON 01/01/06 CURRENT ACCOUNT = **£6,096.43**

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT = **£23,100.**

17 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1693	28/12/05	Jane Handford, Meals on Wheels	Thanks for support of Parish Council over the last year.
1694	28/12/05	WCC	Emergency planning newsletter. 1 copy to S. Glass, 1 to M. Tester. Further copies available at meeting
1695	28/12/05	MADT	Marlborough Area Development Trust newsletter. Given to S. Glass
1696	28/12/05	North Wessex Downs AONB	Annual report. (for C. Morgan at Jan meeting)
1697	28/12/05	KDC – Planning	Acknowledgement of letter regarding planning conditions at The Limes
1698	28/12/05	WCC	Invitation to meeting regarding WCC budget and vision. Devises Town Hall 17 th Jan, 6.30. Given to S. Glass.
1700	28/12/05	Playground Services	Reminder re invoice L2025 (Already paid).
1701	28/12/05	John Kirkman	Summary of North Wessex Downs AONB reports on Wind turbines and the landscape – review & recommendations. (Duplicate of 1689, logged in error)
1702	28/12/05	WCC	Wilts 2009 Corporate plan – see www.wiltshire.gov . Given to S. Glass
1703	28/12/05	WCC	Planning for Minerals. Newsletter. Consultation period ends 23.1.06. Given to S. Glass
1704	28/12/05	WCC	Rural Facilities Survey – reminder. Given to S. Glass
1705	28/12/05	KDC – Planning	Acknowledgement of letter regarding timber out buildings at The Old Forge (previously Bleeding House PH)
1707	04/01/06	WALC	Assorted updates. Given to S. Glass
1710	04/01/06	KDC	Amendments to electoral Register. Master copy in office updated accordingly.
1711	04/01/06	WCC	A-Z of Highways Services. Filed under Highways
1713	16/01/06	Clerks & Councils Direct	Jan Newsletter and yearbook of council suppliers. (On shelf in office)
1715	16/01/06	Cllr Brian Twigger	Schedule of PC meetings he will attend in 2006. On noticeboard
1716	16/01/06	Namesco	(PC domain name) Confirmation changes of contact details
1718	16/01/06	F. Harding, Mildenhall	Copy of Letter to CEO of WCC re concerns regarding speed of traffic on C6 Ramsbury to Marlborough Road.
1719	16/01/06	Valuation Officer, Inland revenue	Response to letter sent by S. Glass regarding re-evaluation of rates on public conveniences.
1720	16/01/06	Jane Handford	Thanks for making New Year's Eve enjoyable plus no repeat of fast food rubbish by Lych Gate
1721	16/01/06	Berks Unitary Authorities	Joint Minerals and Waste SA Scoping Report Consultation 16/01 – 20/02/06. Given to M. Tester.
1722	16/01/01	Theresa Payne	Introducing Dharma Gardening Services (T. Payne & A. Searle) and their charges

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1723	16/01/06	WCC	Wilts Local Transport Plan – Consultation Responses 2 copies – 1 to S. Glass, 1 to F. Kimber
1724	16/01/06	Alliance & Leicester	Deposit account statement 3/1/06: £23100.94
1725	16/01/06	Alliance & Leicester	Current account statement 3/1/06: £6096.43
1726	16/01/06	KDC	Staff Changes at KDC Democratic Services section
1727	16/01/06	Glasdon	Street Furniture & Local Councils News Sheet
1728	16/01/06	Office of Deputy Prime Minister	Standards of Conduct in English Local Government. Given to S. Glass
1729	16/01/06	North Wilts AONB	Via e-mail - Latest bulletin. Forwarded to S. Glass and C. Morgan

**DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY FEBRUARY 20th
2006 7.45 pm**

Ramsbury Memorial Hall

Emergency Committee February 9th 7.15pm in Council Office (Exercise)

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