

# RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 10<sup>th</sup> 2006 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Diann Barnett, Paul Court, Cllr Susan Findlay, Sheila Glass (Chairman), George Hawes, Debbie Marshall, Alan Plenderleith, Geoffrey Rissone, Geoffrey Treherne, Sue Arnold (Clerk), PC Bayliss and 2 members of the public.

- 1 **Apologies for absence for approval:** Mora Abell, Steve Cook, Fiona Kimber, Chris Morgan – approved.  
Apologies were also received from Cllr Twigger and Cllr Chris Humphries,
- 2 **Disclosure of interest:** None
- 3 **The minutes of the meeting held on March 20<sup>th</sup>** were approved.
- 4 **Matters arising:** None
- 5 **NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:**

1844	02/04/06	KDC	Response to letter to KDC regarding AWC
1848	02/04/06	Anthony Setter	(Verbal) 1. 4 paving slabs needed where children congregate for school bus on Whittonditch road to prevent bank becoming muddy. <b>Action: Clerk to verify location and report to KDC.</b> 2. Footpath to surgery – very mossy and runs out between end of footpath and surgery. <b>Action: S. Glass to investigate moss killer.</b> 3. There are currently 3 steps to reach the surgery footpath from Ashley Piece – a ramp would be more suitable for pushchairs. <b>The Parish Council is pursuing funding for this.</b> 4. Hedge between Ashley Piece and playground needs cutting back so that the playground is visible from Ashley Piece (already done?). <b>Action: Chairman to arrange for hedge to be cut lower.</b> 5. Parking on pavements in Ashley Piece makes it difficult for pushchairs. <b>Action: Chairman to produce note to residents and P. Court to deliver it.</b>
1850	03/04/06	Sarsen Housing	Phone call re duplicate playground inspections. Only the organisation maintaining the playground needs to arrange an inspection. Sarsen maintains the grass, while the Parish Council maintains the equipment. <b>Action: Clerk to write to Sarsen to explain the position.</b>
1856	10/04/06	KDC	Lottery grant funding for Play Areas in KDC – response required. Given to S. Glass. <b>Action: Clerk to respond</b>
1858	10/04/06	Wilts highways Partnership	Invitation to annual meeting, Kennet Valley Village hall, Lockeridge, 10 <sup>th</sup> May, 1400 – 1600. Given to S. Glass.
1860	10/04/06	Wilts Bobby Van	Request for donation. Given to S. Glass. The Parish Council will not make a donation on this occasion.
1863	10/04/06	Mazars	Notice of Audit of Accounts
1864	10/04/06	PC Care	Update of work to <a href="http://www.ramsbury.org">www.ramsbury.org</a> website, including a request for an assistant webmaster. Given to S. Glass. <b>Action: A. Plenderleith to contact E. Judge.</b>
1868	10/04/06	Community First	Membership renewal (£32) and newsletter. Given to S. Glass. <b>Action: Clerk to renew membership.</b>

#### 6 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### A Planning

Chairman: G. Hawes

- a. This month's planning report will be available after the Planning Committee meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

**b.** G. Rissone will attend a site meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 11.00 at 30 Ashley Piece.

**c. Action: Planning Committee to appoint a deputy chairman to cover any absences of the chairman.**

**B Finance** No report

**Chairman: Steve Cook**

**C Rights of way**

**Chairman: Geoffrey Treherne**

**a. Footpath 45.** No response yet to grant application.

**b. Boundary Walk.** Pre-school will organise the teas and lunch stop. D. Marshall and F. Kimber will do the coffee stop. The tea stop will be on the Airfield this year. Ian Ritchie is leading the walk and Edward Judge is signing off. Portable loos have been booked. The start will be in the usual location in the field.

**c. Actions:**

**Clerk and Chairman to look for suitable location for the tea stop on the airfield.**

**G. Treherne to change map to indicate the stop on the airfield.**

**G. Treherne to organise a driver for the flyer.**

**G. Hawes to put up signs**

**D Play Areas and Seats.**

**Chairman: Fiona Kimber**

Quotes of £3081 and £4030 have been received for the baby swing, depending on the safety surface. The Parish Council would prefer the swing to be sited on a surface of well-maintained grass, with bark as a second choice. **Action:**

**Chairman to contact F. Kimber to progress this.**

**E Emergency Committee** No report

**Chairman: Chris Morgan**

**F School Governor**

**Chairman: Paul Court**

**a.** The Primary received an excellent OFSTED report, putting the school in the top 10% in the country.

**b.** The pre-school also had a good OFSTED report

**c.** Ramsbury Primary School numbers are low at the moment, but this is in line with the national trend of falling numbers of primary-school aged children.

**G Recreation Centre** Nothing to report

**Chairman: Alan Plenderleith**

**H Policy Committee** Nothing to report

**Chairman: S Glass**

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

Simon Blunt reported that the tarmac outside Ramsbury Hill at the junction with Burdett Street is again badly damaged.

**Action: Clerk to report damage to Clarence.**

**8 Axford** Nothing to report

**9 Nature Reserve**

A seat has been ordered in memory of Roy Alexander. It will be sited on the staging overlooking the pond. **Actions:**

**Paul Court to install seat. Chairman and Chris Morgan to organise a plaque.**

**10 The Ramsbury Roxy.**

The most recent film was Erin Brokovitch, with a good-sized audience. There will be no screenings in April as the hall is required by the Ravensbury Players. Girl with a Pearl Earring (which broke down during the March screening) will be shown again (free of charge to those who attended the 1<sup>st</sup> showing) on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Some like it Hot will be shown on May 26<sup>th</sup> and Mrs Henderson Presents will be shown in the Memorial Hall in association with the Hungerford Arts Festival on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

**11 Square refurbishment.**

**a.** KDC have agreed that no planning permission is necessary for the proposed work, but the conservation officer must see and approve the stone that is to be used.

**b.** The grant application to the AONB was unsuccessful as the work does not fit with their criteria. **Action: Chairman to pursue other sources of funding.**

- c. If no grant is obtained, the Parish Council's funds will enable the area around the tree to be extended, but these funds will not cover the delineation of the road and parking areas.

**12 Lengthsmen.** This item will now be on the agenda every month so that a list of work can be built up ready for the lengthsmen's visit in the Summer.

**13 Smoke Alarms.** Leaflets offering smoke alarms and fitting will be delivered by the Fire Brigade to every house in the village. The Fire Brigade has a legal requirement to install alarms requested within 28 days, and has limited manpower to carry out the work, so will target different areas of the village at different times.

**14 Police Information Boxes.** **Action: Clerk to ask Ramsbury Post Office if they would be willing to have a box within the shop.**

**15 Oral History.** Work is proceeding, with most of the focus now on designing the archive.

**16 Police Surgery.**

- a. PC Bayliss reported that 1 member of the public had attended the Police Surgery.
- b. Crime figures for the previous 2 months: 3 incidents of criminal damage, 1 burglary and 1 attempted burglary. 1 theft of parts from a motor vehicle.
- c. Communications between the Parish Council and the Police need to improve when organising the Police Surgery and dealing with last minute problems that can occur. Future Surgeries will be held in the Parish Council Office on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Memorial Hall. A downstairs room will also be available for the Police Constable to see anyone with mobility problems.  
**Action: Clerk to pass details of location and contact telephone numbers to PCs Kuklinski and Smith and Inspector Mark Freeman.**

**17 Public Conveniences**

- a. **Legal Progress.** The Parish Council has not yet taken over responsibility for the public conveniences as one of the covenants is still being negotiated. KDC are insisting on a claw-back clause should the site use be changed for commercial gain. The chairman has asked the Parish Council's solicitors to suggest a time limit on this covenant.
- b. **Cleaning.** **Action: Chairman to check with KDC that the toilets are being cleaned while the transfer of ownership to the Parish Council remains uncompleted.**

**18 Youth Club**

A meeting is to be arranged to confirm parental backing for the proposed Youth Club.

**19 Junk Swap**

**Action: Clerk to put on January 2007 agenda**

**20 Parish Council vacancies.**

No responses have yet been received from individuals willing to be co-opted to the Parish Council. **Action: All to encourage anyone who may be interested to contact S. Glass (520409) or S. Arnold (520322).**

**21 Accounts for Payment**

I835	Sue Arnold - Norton Systems Works from Amazon (Authorised credit card payment)	13.22		1.88	No
I836	Chris Morgan - Expenses for WCC Emergency Planning Seminar 22/02/06	25.60		0	No
I837	KDC – final instalment ground maintenance contract 2005 – 6	308.43		45.93	No
I838	Sheila Glass – Oral History – disk boxes	9.00			No
I839	Trevor Tiplady – Oral History Project, Photocopying at Post Office	4.00		0	No
I840	PC Care – Balance of payment for web site development and 6-monthly maintenance charge	369.72		9.44	No

1841	Martin Copeland-Green – photocopier repair	99.88	14.88	No
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**Total for Payment: £829.85**

**21 Payments received - none**

**22 BANK BALANCE ON 01/04/06** CURRENT ACCOUNT = £2,316.23  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT = £23,100.94

**23 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

1835	02/04/06	Society of Local Council Clerks	Invitation to South East Regional Conference 1/06/06
1836	02/04/06	CPRE	Best Kept Village Competition – reminder
1837	02/04/06	WCC	Wilts County Council’s Statement of Community Involvement – Receipt of the Inspector’s Report. See <a href="http://www.Wiltshire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning-home/planning-statement-of-community-involvement.htm">www.Wiltshire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning-home/planning-statement-of-community-involvement.htm</a>
1838	02/04/06	KDC	Full Planning Permission notification K/53769/F. Given to G. Hawes.
1839	02/04/06	Volunteer Centre, Kennet	Poster requesting volunteers – on notice board. Also list of volunteering opportunities
1840	02/04/06	KDC	Confirmation there is no need for planning application for Square work. Given to G. Rissone
1841	02/04/06	Alliance Leicester	Deposit account interest rates
1842	02/04/06	Wilts Fire Brigade	Performance Summary 2005-6
1843	02/04/06	Splash	Acknowledgement of donation
1845	02/04/06	KDC	Permission to co-opt 2 Parish Council members
1846	02/04/06	Bishops	Sports & Leisure catalogue. Irrelevant to PC – given to Ramsbury Scouts
1847	02/04/06	Postwatch	Pillartalk Magazine & Postwatch Update DVD. (in office)
1849	03/04/06	North Wessex Downs AONB	Application for funds for Square improvement does not match criteria for a Sustainable Development Fund grant 2006-7
1851	03/04/06	Playground Services	Quote for cradle swing with tiled safety surface £3081. With F. Kimber
1852	10/04/06	WCC	Wilts & Swindon Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Consultation on Waste Sites Allocation DPD – Issues and Options. In office on shelf.
1853	10/04/06	KDC	Planning application K/53831/1, 30 Ashley Piece. Site meeting Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April. G. Rissone to attend
1854	10/04/06	Alliance Leicester.	Current account balance 1 <sup>st</sup> April - £2,316.23
1855	10/04/06	Alliance Leicester	Deposit account balance 1 <sup>st</sup> April - £23,100.94
1857	10/04/06	Defra	Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 – a parish council guide to environmental enforcement. Given to S. Glass
1859	10/04/06	PAWS	Art Project workshop. Given to S. Glass
1861	10/04/06	KDC	Updates for electoral register – done
1862	10/04/06	Glasdon	Local councils news sheet and product brochure
1865	10/04/06	PC Lyndsey Smith	(e-mail). Apologies that neither she nor PC Kuklinski can attend the police surgery. (PC Bayliss will attend instead)
1866	10/04/06	Namesco	Changes to terms & conditions (ramsbury.org domain name provider).
1867	10/04/06	Wood, Awdry & Ford	Re transfer of public conveniences and covenants. With S. Glass
1869	10/04/06	WALC	Newsletter and amendments to audit regulations. Given to S. Glass
1870	10/04/06	South East regional Assembly	South East plan. On CD plus forms for comments. In office
1871	10/04/06	West Berks	Local Development Framework – Newbury Town Centre Plan, Preferred Options. In office

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**DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY MAY 15<sup>th</sup> 2006 7.45pm**

**Ramsbury Memorial Hall**

**Planning Committee Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm in the Council office**

**DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY – MONDAY MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> 2006 7.45pm**

**Ramsbury Memorial Hall**

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