

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY May 15th 2006 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Mora Abell, Diann Barnett, Steve Cook, Paul Court, Anne Dixon, Graeme Fearon, Cllr Susan Findlay, Sheila Glass (Chairman), George Hawes, Fiona Kimber, Debbie Marshall, Chris Morgan, Geoffrey Rissone, Geoffrey Treherne, Sue Arnold (Clerk), and 3 members of the public.

The meeting was opened by the Clerk

1 **Election of chairman.** Sheila Glass was elected unanimously.

2 **Election of vice-chairman.** Steve Cook was elected unanimously.

Sheila Glass took the chair.

3 **Co-option of new parish councillors.** Anne Dixon and Graeme Fearon were co-opted as parish councillors without dissent. They then joined the Council meeting.

4 **Apologies for absence for approval:** Alan Plenderleith -approved Apologies were also received from Cllr Twigger and Cllr Chris Humphries.

5 **Disclosure of interest:** George Hawes – item 9a K54209/F.

6 **The minutes of the meeting held on April 10th** were approved.

7 **Matters arising:** None

8 NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:

1879	25/04/06	Kennet & North Wilts NHS	Consultation document and response form for <i>Taking the Next Step: modern and affordable healthcare for all</i> proposal. Consultation Document and feedback form on www.wiltshire.nhs.uk/pathwaysforchange . Given to D. Marshall. See Item 19 on agenda.
1892	07/05/06	Waitrose	Response to letter regarding their policy on packaging and recycling. Given to S. Glass
1901	07/05/06	Philip Walker	Lamb killed by dog on Membury Estate Farm on 01/05/06 (day of Boundary Walk). The walk leaders have confirmed that there were no dogs with the Boundary Walk group. The leader and back marker were experienced walkers who left no gates open. The Parish Council has written to Mr Walker to this effect.
1913	15/05/-6	Nigel Grove	Complaint regarding re-surfacing work in the High Street and areas still in need of repair. (Action: Clerk to add these to lengthsman's list). Given to S. Glass. The Chairman confirmed that she had spoken to WCC on the Monday following the Chaos on Saturday 6 th May. Apologies have been sent to residents in Back Lane. The work in the High Street has not been done to a satisfactory standard in that there is no longer a gutter on a section of the South side of the road. Action: Chairman to write to WCC.

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Chairman: G. Hawes

a. Full Planning report given at meeting. To be provided separately.

b. The Memorial Hall is to apply for planning consent to use the car park for selling food. The Parish Council, as co-trustees, will submit the application.

c. Work on outbuildings near Preston Farmhouse may not have planning consent. **Action: George Hawes to report work to enforcement officer.**

B Finance**Chairman: Steve Cook**

Work on the accounts for 2004-5 is in progress. The accounts will be ready for public inspection in August.

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

- a. Boundary Walk.** The Boundary walk was successful with over 100 people taking part in some or all of the stages of the walk. The new tea stop worked well, and the pre-school did a good job on teas and cakes. More toilets were suggested, particularly at the Preston tea stop.
Actions: Clerk to write to thank the Pre-School for teas when sending their donation.
Clerk to write to thank to Albert Dixon who helped steward the walk.
Geoff Treherne to organise a debrief meeting with Ian Richie to review timings.
- b. Footpath 45.** It has been confirmed that work of the kind proposed to Hopper's Lane falls within the criteria for the Landfill Tax Grants scheme, but no response has yet been received to the grant application for the work.
- c. Manor Lane Footpath.** Recent heavy rain displaced hoggan and left a river along this footpath. **Action: Clerk to report to Clarence. If Clarence does not cover work of this type Clerk to add it to the Lengthsmen's list.**

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

- a. Proposed baby swing.** A quote of approx. £2000 has been received for a baby swing so long as it is sited on a surface of well-maintained grass. The company is willing to visit and advise on the site. **Action: D. Marshall to organise a visit to enable the company to provide a more precise estimate.**
- b. Whittonditch Play Area.** Sarsen, as landowners, have requested work to the playground based on a report from their insurers. The RoSPA report provided to the Parish Council does not consider this work necessary. **Action: Clerk to send a copy of the RoSPA report to Sarsen.**
- c. Play Equipment.** The equipment at the Whittonditch playground needs re-painting. **Action: Clerk to get quotes from local painters and decorators.**
- d. Hedge at Whittonditch playground.** This needs cutting back again. **Action: Chairman to contact contractor who cut it last time.**

E Emergency Committee**Chairman: Chris Morgan**

- a.** The Emergency generator failed during a test and has gone for repair. In future the fuel tank will be kept permanently full to prevent water getting into the fuel.
- b.** The container of fuel for the generator is too big for 1 person to lift. **Action: P. Court to purchase funnels for both the Axford & Ramsbury generators.**

F School Governor**Chairman: Paul Court**

- a.** Paul Court resigned as School Governor representing the Parish Council, owing to pressure of work. **Action: Chairman to identify a replacement governor.**

G Recreation Centre**Chairman: Alan Plenderleith**

- a.** The recreation Centre AGM will be held on 14th June
- b.** The Management of the Recreation Centre is re-organising to reflect the additional responsibilities of managing the major assets provided via Project 2005.
- c.** The Parish Council's nomination of Project 2005 for a Queens Award for Voluntary Service was unsuccessful.

H Policy Committee**Chairman: S Glass**

Action: A. Dixon and G. Fearon, as new councillors, to report which committee/committees they would like to join at the next meeting.

10 Public Forum - Standing orders suspended for this item

- a.** Ben Tottenham warmly thanked the Parish Council for organising the Boundary Walk. He commented that the changes to the route were an improvement, but some stops had been lengthy. He praised the tea and cakes.

- b. Ben Tottenham reported that residents of Back Lane had been leafleted with an apology from Mr. Hawkins regarding the re-tarmacing chaos on Saturday 6th May. He requested that residents of Back Lane should be given at least 2 days notice should Back Lane ever be scheduled for re-tarmacing.
- c. Ben Tottenham requested an article for the Diary on the future of Savernake hospital. **Action: Chairman to provide the article.**

11 Axford

There has been no response as yet to a letter sent on 16/03/06 to the traffic manager at WCC asking what action is to be taken about traffic speeding through Axford. **Action: Clerk to ask PC Kuklinski to carry out further speed checks in Ramsbury.**

12 Nature Reserve

- a. There is now a rota with a team of 4 people cutting the grass.
- b. The Wilkins have agreed to store the brush cutter. **Actions: Clerk to write to thank the Wilkins. Clerk to inform the insurers of the change of storage location.**
- c. The seat ordered in memory of Roy Alexander has not yet been delivered. **Action: Chairman to chase order.**

13 Welcome Party for new Residents

The party organised by Holy Cross church will take place on May 20th. Steve Cook will represent the Parish Council.

14 The Ramsbury Roxy.

- a. The Roxy is reaching the end of a successful season, with audiences averaging 60-ish people.
- b. The next film will be Some Like it Hot on May 26th, and Mrs Henderson Presents will be shown in the Memorial Hall in association with the Hungerford Arts Festival on Friday 14th July.
- c. The Parish Council is pursuing grant aid towards the purchase of a projector and screen. The Roxy has use of professional sound equipment on permanent loan.

15 Square Refurbishment

There is enough money to undertake the work in the central area, but not enough for the delineation of car parking paces. WCC has responded to the submission of the reduced plan of work with no objection in principal. **Action: Chairman to continue looking for funding.**

16 Lengthmen.

- a. The repair work to a hole in the tarmac at the bottom of Burdett Street is of an unacceptable standard. **Action: Clerk to report to WCC.**
- b. The railings on the Froxfield Road bridge need re-painting. **Action: Clerk to add to lengthmen's list.**

17 Police information Boxes

The Ramsbury post office has agreed to have a Police Information box in the shop. **Action: Clerk to contact relevant authority to arrange.**

18 Red Cross Rooms

The Red Cross Rooms are designated for Social and Community use in the Kennet Local Plan. This will be taken into account when planning permission is sought for change of use. Letters are being sent to prospective purchasers to explain this.

19 Savernake Hospital.

The chairman reported on a meeting she attended at Marlborough on 3 options for future healthcare provision, one of which is to close Savernake Hospital. As more people wished to attend this meeting that there was space for, a further meeting will be held on 26th June at the Memorial Hall at Marlborough College at 6.30pm. The chairman urged people to read the consultation document (www.wiltshire.nhs.uk/pathwaysforchange). **Action: Chairman to send a letter in support of Savernake hospital on behalf of the Parish Council.**

20 Dog Control Orders

The consultation document was discussed. **Action: the chairman to respond that the Parish Council agrees with the land that KDC suggests should be covered by the order but cannot staff the scheme.**

21 Annual Assembly

Committee chairmen were reminded that their reports should be e-mailed to: parishcouncil@ramsbury.org.

22 Oral History

The remaining interviews are slowly coming in. Indexing the information is proceeding well.

23 Police Surgery

The next police surgery will take place in the Parish Council office, The Memorial Hall from 6.30 – 7.30 on June 19th.

24 Public Conveniences

- a. A rates demand has been received for the public conveniences although they have not yet been handed over to the Parish Council. Additionally the Parish Council has appealed against the rating value. **Action: Chairman to write to the appeal board regarding rating value and small business rate reduction.**
- b. KDC is continuing to pay for cleaning of the public toilets until they are handed over to the Parish Council.
- c. 3 out of the original 4 covenants challenged by the Parish Council have been removed. Negotiations on the 4th covenant are continuing. KDC have agreed to amend it so that should the Parish Council apply to use the facility for anything other than a public convenience, KDC would not exact a premium to release the Parish Council from the covenant provided that it was still for community use.

25 Youth Club

A meeting has been arranged for Monday 5th June, 7.30 – 9.30, at the Church Rooms arranged to confirm parental backing for the proposed Youth Club for children aged 11 – 16.

26 Accounts for Payment

I842	WALC & NALC annual subscription	529.98		78.93	No
I843	Community First – Annual membership	32.00		0	No
I844	Cora Jackson – typing 8 oral history scripts	80.00		0	No
I 845	S. Arnold - Stamps for office	5.52		0	No
I846	M. Manning – Cleaning Parish Council Office Jan – April	7.50		0	No
I847	Sarsen Housing Association. Annual Subscription	5.00		0	No
I848	Humberts – Rent on Glebeland	150.00		0	No
I849	Community First – Zurich Insurance	1,234.41		51.43	No
I850	Pre-School. Donation following their provision of refreshments at Boundary Walk	100.00		0	Yes
I851	Sue Arnold (W.H. Smiths) Black Ink Cartridge for printer	27.99		4.17	No
I852	Public Works Loan Board. Half-yearly repayment via direct debit, due 31/05/06	1,870.31		0	No
I853	S137 Grant to Meals on Wheels to cover their insurance costs. (Authorised at January Finance Committee meeting)	164.82		0	Yes
I854	Midway Stores – Newspapers for library	9.00		0	No
I855	Ramsbury Memorial Hall – rent & electricity	611.25		0	No
I856	Ab Fab Loos – Hire of portable loos for Boundary Walk	70.50		10.50	No
I857	BT – telephone bill	65.98		9.82	No

Total for Payment: £4,964.28. NB Invoice for rates on public conveniences received but not paid.

Advance approval for Internet credit card spending.

Disks & jewel cases for Oral History Project	Approx. £50	S. Arnold. Approved
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27 Payments received

R 28	Litter Grant	200.00	25/04/06	Cheque
R29	Precept	12,731.00	24/04/06	Direct Transfer

Total Payments Received - £12,931.00

28 BANK BALANCE ON 01/05/06 CURRENT ACCOUNT - £15,183.26

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT - £22,100.94

NB. £1,000 transferred from Deposit to Current account last month to ensure adequate funds should the precept have arrived late.

29 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1872	21/04/06	Marlborough Area Development Trust	Newsletter. Given to S. Glass
1873	21/04/06	KDC	Kennet News and feedback form. 1 copy to Sheila. Copies for councillors will be available at meeting
1874	21/04/06	KDC	Notification OF planning application K/54093/F. Given to G. Hawes
1875	21/04/06	KDC	Notification of rates for public loos - £1,299.00 pa. Given to S. Glass
1876	25/04/06	R. Eyles	Query regarding recycling skip dates. Clerk has responded
1877	25/04/06	Pathways For Change	Public meeting, Marlborough Town Hall Monday 8 th May, 6.30. Taking the next step: modern & affordable health care for all. Given to D. Marshall
1878	25/04/06	Revs S & J Railton	Welcome party for village newcomers – Sat 20 th May, 2.00 – 5.00, Memorial Hall. Invitation to PC to take part
1880	25/04/06	Voluntary Action Kennet	Notification of training events. Poster for notice board.
1881	25/04/06	KDC	Cleansing grant for 2006-7, and application form for grant for 2007-8
1882	25/04/06	KDC	Information Fair for the over 50s. Corn Exchange Devizes, 23 rd June, 10 – 2. Poster put on board.
1883	25/04/06	WCC	Wilts Local Transport Plan 2006/7 – 2010/11. Brochure & CD-Rom. Copies of brochure to S. Glass & F. Kimber. Further copies in office.
1884	25/04/06	KDC	Sustainability Appraisal – Draft Scoping report for the Kennet Local Development Framework. Given to S. Glass
1885	25/04/06	Glasdon	Brochure – seats & benches.
1886	25/04/06	AONB	Newsletter. Given to S. Glass
1887	25/04/06	Highways Agency	Leaflets – Planning Your Summer Journey. Available at meeting
1888	07/05/06	Sarsen	Re Zurich playground inspection report sent to us in March, asking when ‘recommended work’ would be completed. Given to S. Glass
1889	07/05/06	Denise Edwards	Allotment enquiry. Responded.
1890	07/05/06	KDC	Tree Preservation Order, 44 High Street. Given to G. Hawes
1891	07/05/06	MADT	Invitation to have stall at Marlborough Community Area Summer Fair, Sat July 22 nd , 12.00 – 5.00 pm. Given to S. Glass
1892	07/05/06	Presco	Lamination supplies brochure. Given to S. Arnold (Oral History)
1893	07/05/06	Imperial Cleaning Services	Publicity
1894	07/05/06	Ramsbury Scouts	Acknowledgement of grant
1895	07/05/06	KDC	Town And Parish Council Yearbook, 2006-7. Requests for updates. Form completed and returned.
1896	07/05/06	Brian Twigger	Reports to Clarence. 1) 3 Uprooted bollards and attendant holes outside Kennet House. 2 Requested officer to inspect general state of footpath in High Street following complaint from Mrs Uncle. Job no 195538
1897	07/05/06	Cllr C. Humphries	Pathways to Change (NHS) Consultation document & notification of public meeting. E-mailed to all councillors.
1898	07/05/06	John Bailey	By e-mail. Hole in tarmac outside Little Orchard, Hilldrop Lane (Clarence ref. 187340). WCC say it is not Council property. Requests someone to take it further. Given to S. Glass

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1899	07/05/06	Rev J. Railton	Response to Parish Council's email commenting on short notice of Welcome Party
1900	07/05/06	Cllr B. Twigger	Copies of correspondence regarding arrangements for recycling skips at the Surgery.
1902	08/05/06	KDC	Notice of Rates arrears of £129.00 on public conveniences
1903	08/05/06	Wiltshire Valuation Tribunal	Notice of Hearing – Invalidity Notice Appeal (2005 Rating List) – Public Conveniences. Given to S. Glass
1904	08/05/06	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister	Local Authority Bylaws in England: A discussion paper. Given to S. Glass
1905	08/05/06	Alliance Leicester	Current Bank Account statement. Balance: £15,183.26
1906	08/05/06	Alliance Leicester	Current Bank Account statement. Balance: 22,100.94
1907	15/05/06	PC Kuklinski	Arrangements for police surgeries and response to invitation to Annual Parish Assembly
1908	15/05/06	Isobel Henry	Query re cutting of grassy area outside Ashley Piece
1909	15/05/06	Central Domain	Invitation to buy www.ramsburyparishcouncil.co.uk
1910	15/05/06	WCC	No objection in principle to work on the Square. Detailed drawings required. Given to G. Rissone
1911	15/05/06	KDC	Regulatory Committee Agenda. Given to G. Hawes.
1912	15/05/06	WALC	Newsletter & enclosures. 1 copy to S. Glass, 1 filed.
1914	15/05/06	John Bailey	Hole in tarmac outside Little Orchard, Hilldrop Lane. Action: Clerk to put on lengthsman's list.
1915	15/05/06	KDC via John Broadway	Information for Parish Magazine editor. KDC have been asked to update their contact details.
1916	15/05/06	Kennet Community safety Partnership	Invitation to 'Equalities law for the confused and political correctness corrected'. June 12 th 10.00 – 1.00, Devizes
1917	15/05/06	KDC	Copy of letter to Mr Bolton, The Old Forge, confirming dying plum tree may be removed. Given to G. Hawes.
1918	15/05/06	Victim Support, Wiltshire.	Request for donation. Given to S. Glass
1919	15/05/06	Glasdon	Street furniture brochure

**DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY JUNE 19th 2006
7.45pm**

Ramsbury Memorial Hall

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