

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY June 19th 2006 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Mora Abell, Steve Cook, Paul Court, Anne Dixon, Graeme Fearon, Cllr Susan Findlay, Sheila Glass (Chairman), George Hawes, Geoffrey Rissone, Geoffrey Treherne, Sue Arnold (Clerk), Cllr Chris Humphries and 1 member of the public.

- 1 **Apologies for absence for approval:** Diann Barnett, Fiona Kimber, Debbie Marshall, Chris Morgan, Alan Plenderleith - approved. Apologies were also received from Cllr Twigger and Ben Tottenham
- 2 **Disclosure of interest:** None
- 3 **The minutes of the meeting held on May 15th** were approved with the following amendment – Page 386 Change *Albert Dixon* to *Albert Tingley*.
- 4 **Matters arising:**
 - a. Nothing more has been heard about the incident when a lamb was killed by dog on Membury Estate Farm on 01/05/06 (day of Boundary Walk).
 - b. The PC is awaiting a response to a call to WCC regarding the lack of white lining and guttering in the High Street. Action: **Clerk to inform WCC that resurfacing notices have not yet been removed.**

5 NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:

1929	01/06/06	KDC	Neighbourhood Policing Areas – consultation document. Response deadline – 5 th July. Given to S. Glass
1952	12/06/06	Peter Page	Copy of letter to KDC regarding design of information lectern for Square. Objection noted. The Planning officer has been informed that the PC would welcome a re-consideration of the detailed design.
1954	12/06/06	KDC	Re request made to KDC to officially register Swan's Bottom and suggesting it will need renaming to exclude the word Swans to avoid confusion with Swans Close. Given to S. Glass. Action: Clerk to write to KDC expressing preference of retaining <i>Swans Bottom</i> as name - done.
1963	19/06/06	WCC	Invitation for 2 parish councillors to meet Leader of WCC, cabinet colleagues and senior managers. Choice of dates Monday 24 th or Tuesday 25 th July, County Hall Trowbridge, 7 – 8.30pm. Given to S. Glass. Action: Clerk to respond. S. Glass & G. Hawes will attend on 24th.
1964	19/06/06	WCC	Notice of meeting of Wilts & Swindon Waste Development forum and minerals forum, and notice of public consultation. Thursday 20 th July all day, Civic Hall, Trowbridge. Given to S. Glass. Action: Clerk to ask B. Twigger to report back - done
1967	19/06/06	H. M. Dodd	Request for white line outside her garage. Given to S. Glass. Action: Clerk to respond.
1969	19/06/06	Dr M H Handford	Copy of letter to KDC regarding design of information lectern for Square. Objection noted. See item 1952

6 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Chairman: G. Hawes

- a. Moons Mill. Concerns were expressed regarding current parking by contractors on the High Street close to the bend and the possibility of vehicles that currently park on Mill Lane also moving onto the High Street when the work on the bridge is undertaken. Contractors have been offered parking at the Recreation Centre Car Park. Action: **Clerk to check with MS Salisbury of KDC regarding regulations on blocking/closing the right of way.**
- b. **Planning Applications Processed since May Report**

K/54303/F	Single storey side extension 17 Swans Close, Ramsbury. Mr. and Mrs.T. Crompton
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Granted
K/54354/TR2	The reduction in height of yew trees, situated in the lower part of the walled garden on the boundary, to 10 feet in order to form a hedge Ramsbury Hill, Back Lane, Ramsbury. Mr. Blunt
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Awaited
K/53862/F	Construct bowling green and pavilion with car park and associated store shed, earthworks/regarding, water tanks and landscaping. Ramsbury Recreation Centre, Hilldrop Lane, Ramsbury Trustees of Ramsbury Recreation Centre
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection. PC declared an interest as a sponsor of Project 2005 Granted
K/54295/TR2	The removal of a large red cedar tree adjacent to the front gateway of the property Knapp House, Scholards Lane, Ramsbury. Mr.N. Shaw
PC Comment KDC Decision	Object. Although this is NOT a red cedar it is in a very prominent position in the landscape Awaited
K/54297/VAR	Relaxation of condition 2 of planning permission K/41144[restriction on insertion of openings in east and west elevations to allow insertion of obscurely glazed roof light in west facing elevation serving bathroom 2, Knowledge Crescent, Ramsbury. Mr. and Mrs. Foale
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection. Comment to ensure that this variation applies specifically to this one opening with obscure glazing Awaited
K/54415/F	New greenhouse 2.43 x 7.79m, new thatched hut 2.4m octagon. The Old Mill, Ramsbury. A and J Dallas
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Awaited
K/54428/LBC	New shower rooms, study and general repairs including new central heating. Kennet Mews Cottage, Ramsbury. Mr. L. Hogan and Mrs. C. Vigers
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Awaited
K/54459/F	Removal of existing outbuildings. Erection of summerhouse/studio. The Old Mill, Ramsbury. Mrs. A. Dallas
PC Comment KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited
K/54399/ADV	Erection of steel lectern with visitor information The Square, Ramsbury. Mr .R. Price
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection to the idea of a lectern but would welcome consideration of design matters Awaited.
K/54036/LBC And K/54037/F	Construction of single and double storey curved wing extensions, refenestration of west elevation, and associated internal alterations. 79 High Street, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs H. Strover
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Granted
K/54093/F	Weather boarding to final wall of outbuilding to match existing. The Old Forge, Hilldrop Lane, Ramsbury. D.G. Bolton.
PC Comment KDC Decision	Retrospective application. No objection Granted
K54158/F	Continued use of land as enlarged garden. Whitton Hill, Whittonditch Road, Ramsbury. G. and E Kenneth

PC Comment KDC Decision	Retrospective application. No objection Granted
K/54204/F	Demolition of single storey side extension. Erection of two storey/single storey side and front extensions. Detached garage. Regrading of existing driveway. Sunnybank, 13 Union Street, Ramsbury. Mr. and Mrs .S. Hawes
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection. Single Garage for a large dwelling, steep driveway to road. Granted
K/54222/F	Change of use of garage to workshop 1 Peach Tree Cottage, Ramsbury. Mr. S. Marshall
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Granted
K54514/TR2	Works to a horse chestnut tree in the garden of the property to consist of crown raising by 2 metres and rebalancing. TPO 94 G1 applies. 1, Townfield, Ramsbury. Mr. J. Sampson
PC Comment KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited
K/50080/LBC	Works of Alteration and refurbishment Riverside House, Axford. Mr.and Mrs.Watson
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection-retrospective application. Granted
K/54259/F	Single and two storey extension to existing dwelling 4 Green Acres, Ramsbury. Mr. and Mrs C Helmer
PC Comment KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited
K/54513/TR2	Works to trees on the eastern boundary of the garden of the property to consist of; the crown reduction and removal of overhanging lower branches on a large ash tree, the pollarding of another ash tree at the point where it starts to fork, the thinning of a smaller ash tree, the removal of a tree stump, and the trimming of a weeping willow tree including removal of overhanging branches and pollarding as appropriate. 1 Townfield, Ramsbury. Mr .J. Sampson
PC Comment KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited
K/54504/F	Two storey extension and detached double garage Shepherds Cottage, Stone Lane, Axford
PC Comment KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited

B Finance**Chairman: Steve Cook****The internal auditor has finished his audit – there are no outstanding issues.**

The Chairman called a short committee meeting after the Council meeting

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

- a. Footpath 45.** No response has yet been received to the grant application for the work.
- b. Boundary Walk.** There will be a review meeting with Ian Ritchie on 27th June.
- c. Vehicle use of public Rights of Way.** There has been a recent change in the law in this area. **Action: G. Treherne & G. Fearon to comment on explanatory document.**

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

- a. Proposed baby swing at Ashley Piece Play Area.** The PC voted to accept a quote of £2976 which includes a safety surface mandatory for this type of equipment that has been received from Play Force.
Action: Clerk to order equipment
- b. Knowledge Crescent Play Area.** A quote of £4792 for a slide with a climbing rope off one side has been received from Playforce. This item does not need a safety surface. There are no funds for this at present.
- c. The hedge at the Ashley Piece play area** has been cut low to improve visibility.

E Emergency Committee**Chairman: Chris Morgan**

- a.** The Emergency generator has been repaired.

- b. Action carried forward from last month: P. Court to purchase funnels for both the Axford & Ramsbury generators.**

F School Governor

No news on the appointment of a new school governor as yet.

Chairman: Paul Court

G Recreation Centre

The mower was stolen by children who wrote it off. The police have charged juveniles.

Chairman: Alan Plenderleith

H Policy Committee

Nothing to report

Chairman: S Glass

7 Public Forum - Standing orders suspended for this item

Brian Twigger has asked anyone who is without a black wheelie bin or black recycling box to contact him.

8 Axford

Traffic Calming. WCC have asked for verification from the PC that the complaint that traffic goes too fast through Axford is a legitimate one. **Action: Clerk to send letter confirming this.**

9 Committee members

- a.** Graeme Fearon has joined the rights of Way Committee.
- b.** Anne Dixon has joined the Planning committee.

Action: Clerk to ascertain if Alan Plenderleith wishes to remain on the Planning Committee, then issue an updated Committee Members list.

10 Memorial Hall Trustee

Graeme Fearon has been appointed as Memorial Hall Trustee to represent The Parish Council in addition to Sheila Glass.

11 Police Representative

Susan Findlay will represent Ramsbury when attendance is required at police meetings

12 Nature Reserve.

The bench in memory of Roy Alexander has been delivered. **Action: C. Morgan to install bench in Nature reserve. A plaque will be attached**

13 The Ramsbury Roxy

- a.** The Roxy, in conjunction with the Hungerford Arts Festival, will show *Mrs Henderson Presents* at the Memorial Hall on 14th July.
- b.** There will be another season of films starting in September.
- c.** The project hopes to get its own projector in soon.

14 Square refurbishment

The meeting with KDC to finalise costs was cancelled.

15 Lengsthmen

The tarmac at the junction of Burdett Street and Back lane has again been damaged. **Action: Clerk to report to Clarence.**

16 Police information Boxes

- a. Police Information Box.** The cost of the box is £50 – 60. **Action: Clerk to order a box.**
- b. Vandalism in the village.** The chairman has put up notices in village shops and the post office about 2 incidents of vandalism to Parish Council property – the public convenience doors and playground equipment. Money for repairs to these items comes from the precept, which in turn comes from the council tax paid by residents. The chairman requested that more people take notice of things going on around the village. **Action: Clerk to keep a log of incidents of vandalism. ANY RESIDENT WITH ANY**

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KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH INCIDENTS IS ASKED TO SEND A NOTE, IN CONFIDENCE, TO THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE OR E-MAIL, parishcouncil@ramsbury.org

- c. Damage to the public convenience doors. Action: S. Glass to get quotation for stainless steel panels for both sides of the toilet doors that face sideways.**

17 Red Cross Rooms

The Clerk has written to The Editor of The Newbury Weekly News where she was incorrectly named as the source of information on the sale of the property.

18 Savernake Hospital.

To make the hospital viable it needs a Minor Injuries Unit. None of the options offered include this. The chairman suggested that anyone wishing to respond to the consultation should write a letter rather than use the proforma in the consultation document, as the latter does not include an option to keep the Minor Injuries Unit.

19 Oral History

A sound engineer has volunteered to do the sound editing for the highlights CD. He has also advised on structuring the content.

20 Police Surgery

The police had informed the PC they would be unable to attend a Police Surgery on June 19th due to policing the Summer Solstice. A surgery in July has been requested – no response as yet. **Action: Clerk to remind PC Kuklinski of request.**

21 Public Conveniences

a. Handover to Parish Council. A contract has been received from KDC with the date of transfer backdated to April.

b. Rates are to be paid backdated to April. **Action: S. Glass to query rateable value.**

c. Vandalism –see 16b above.

22 Youth Club

The meeting on 5th June was not well attended, but enough support for the proposal was expressed outside the meeting. As a result, the Youth Club will run on Monday evenings starting in September, with a review on its viability at the end of December.

23 Accounts for Payment

I858	Sue Arnold - Printer Paper. 1 box for Oral History Project + 1 box for Office	38.60		5.75	No
I859	R.J. Talmage – Flushing water out of emergency generator fuel system and running up and testing.	70.50		10.50	No
I860	S. Glass – refreshments for Boundary Walk	29.50		0	No
I861	Mrs S. Lane. Typing 2 Oral History scripts	20.00		0	No
I862	The Cobblers Shop, Swindon – 2 Boundary Walk medals	7.00		0.82	No
I863	Dharma Gardening Services	50.00		0	No
I864	Rates for Public Conveniences April – June (Direct debit)	389.00		0	No
I865	Orchard Street – Bench for Nature Reserve	224.94		33.50	No
I866	Ramsbury Community Bus – Hire for Boundary Walk	29.80		0	No
I867	S. Glass – replacement tubs and plants for Square	63.75		0	No
I868	D R & R A Pittams – cutting Ashley Piece hedge	111.63		16.63	No

Total Payment for June: £1,034.72. Proposed: G. Hawes. Seconded S. Cook. Agreed Unanimously.

NB Internet credit card spending on CDs for the Oral History Project authorised at the May meeting has not been actioned, as it may be cheaper to use other sources when the CDs are copied for the archive.

24 Payments received

R30	Sale of Walking maps at party	5.00	01/06/06	Cash
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R31	HM Customs & Excise	984.05	12/06/06	Cheque
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Total Payments Received - £989.05**25 BANK BALANCE ON 01/06/06**

CURRENT ACCOUNT - £12,224.09

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT - £22,100.94

26 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1920	29/05/06	Danks Bandell Architects	Plans to reconstruct bridge on Mill Lane adjacent to Moons Mill. Given to S. Glass
1921	01/06/06	KDC	Notification of Woodland Grant Scheme – Ramsbury Estate. Given to G. Hawes
1922	01/06/06	Valuation Tribunal Service	Notification of postponement of appeal. Given to S. Glass
1923	01/06/06	Voluntary Action Kennet	Training Opportunities Questionnaire. Given to D. Barnett
1924	01/06/06	Valuation Officer	Withdrawal of Listing Invalid Proposal. Given to S. Glass
1925	01/06/06	KDC	Amendments for Electoral Register. Updated.
1926	01/06/06	Charter 88	Campaign for Modern Democracy & Sustainable Communities Bill. Given to S. Glass
1927	01/06/06	RoSPA	Invitation to International Play safety Conference. Given to F. Kimber
1928	01/06/06	KDC	Confirmation of approval of cladding on outbuilding at The Old Forge, Hilldrop, Ramsbury.
1930	01/06/06	Wilts Bobby Van Trust	Newsletter
1931	01/06/06	Marlborough Community Area Member's Forum	Invitation to meeting 1 st June, 7.30, Marlborough Town Hall – PCT Pathways for Change and Mainstreaming Mental Health. Given to S. Glass
1932	01/06/06	CPRE	Invitation to Kennet District AGM. Wed 14 th June. Given to S. Glass
1933	01/06/06	Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust	Invitation to Charity Launch. 1.06/06, London
1934	01/06/06	WCC	Community Area Highways Information. Given to S. Glass
1935	01/06/06	PC Kuklinski	Cannot attend Police Surgery June 19 th .
1936	01/06/06	PC Smith	Cannot attend Police Surgery June 19 th . July 17 th now requested – awaiting a response.
1937	01/06/06	Alison Smith	Request for May Planning report. Referred to KDC web site
1938	01/06/06	Mrs Clay, Clerk to Aldbourne PC	Cardboard & Plastic recycling. Asking if Ramsbury has any scheme to help working people who are not available at skip times. Responded.
1939	01/06/06	Eden Speller, KDC	Response to e-mail requesting nettles on verge in Scholar's Lane are cut back. Work now done.
1940	05/06/06	South West Regional Assembly	Draft Regional Spatial Strategy – Summary document and questionnaire. Given to S. Glass
1941	12/06/06	KDC	Alternate Weekly Collection details + Poster for notice board
1942	12/06/06	CPRE	Newsletter & enclosures (incl. lessons learned from decisions to refuse wind turbines). Given to S. Glass
1942	12/06/06	KDC	Dog Control Orders consultation document (discussed at May meeting)
1943	12/06/06	Queens Award for Voluntary Service	Informing that Project 2005 will not receive an award this year
1944	12/06/06	F. Harding	Copy of letter to Wilts Highways proposing 40mph limit on C6 Ramsbury – Marlborough Road
1945	12/06/06	Jubilee Centre	Invitation to AGM (wed 5 th July, 7.30, Jubilee Centre, Marlborough) and to become a member. Given to S. Glass
1946	12/06/06	CPRE – Wilts Branch	Annual report and invitation to AGM (Thurs 29 th June 6.30, Steeple Ashton Village Hall
1947	12/06/06	Alliance Leicester	Current Bank Account statement. Balance: £12,244.09
1948	12/06/06	Alliance Leicester	Current Bank Account statement. Balance: 22,100.94
1949	12/06/06	PC Kuklinski	Will try and re-arrange duties to attend a July Police Surgery
1950	12/06/06	Orchard Street	Confirmation of order for wooden seat for nature reserve

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1951	12/06/06	PC Emma Brown	Response to request for Police Information box – PC should purchase from TH White. Cost = £50 – 60
1953	12/06/06	PC Emma Brown	Response to query that PC must fund police information box. Marlborough's box is funded by Waitrose, Burbage & Avebury PCs have funded their own.
1955	12/06/06	KDC	Confirmation Ramsbury & Axford PC now has full complement of councillors
1956	12/06/06	KDC	Housing & Employment Land supply statements. Given to S. Glass
1957	12/06/06	WCC	Emergency planning newsletter. 1 copy to S. Glass, 1 on file. Copies for emergency committee members at June meeting
1958	19/06/06	Splash	Summer activities programme
1959	19/06/06	Airfields of Britain Conservation trust	Introducing organisation. Given to S. Glass.
1960	19/06/06	WCC	Changes to law affecting vehicular users of public rights of way. Copies to G Treherne & G. Fearon
1961	19/06/06	KDC	Acknowledgement of request for sand bags
1962	19/06/06	KDC	Re request for grit bin and sandbags. They have ordered a sand delivery & sandbags. After checking with fire station PC has asked them to cancel sand delivery. Fire station will accept offer of dumpy bag for storage of sand and men to shovel up existing sand into dumpy bag.
1965	19/06/06	WALC	Newsletter and notice of AGM. Given to S. Glass
1966	19/06/06	KDC	Cleaning contract.
1968	19/06/06	Mouchel Parkman	Notification of tree work on B4192 between Swindon & Knighton. Given to S. Glass

**DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY JULY 17th 2006
7.45pm**

Ramsbury Memorial Hall

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