

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY AUGUST 21st 2006 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Diann Barnett, Steve Cook, Paul Court, Graeme Fearon, Cllr Susan Findlay, Sheila Glass (Chairman), George Hawes, Geoffrey Rissone, Chris Morgan, Cllr Brian Twigger and four members of the public.

- 1 **Apologies for absence for approval:** Mora Abell, Anne Dixon, Fiona Kimber, Debbie Marshall, Geoffrey Treherne, Cllr Chris Humphries. **Approved.**
- 2 **Disclosure of interest:** None
- 3 **The minutes of the meeting held on July 17th** were approved.
- 4 **Matters arising:** None
- 5 **NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:**

2010	28/07/06	WCC	Decriminalised Parking Enforcement. Given to S. Glass. Parking attendants now have power of traffic wardens to book owners of cars parked illegally on yellow lines.
2023	28/07/06	KDC	Response to PC's letter against renaming of Swan's Bottom. They request suggestions for a new name. Given to S. Glass. The Parish Council agreed unanimously that the name Swan's Bottom, must be retained. Action: S. Glass / Clerk to contact KDC. S. Findlay to check old records for references to the name.
2042	14/08/06	Ramsbury Parish Charities	Requesting Parish Council to consider re-appointing Frances Mills as Trustee of Ramsbury Parish Charities on expiry of her term of office in November 2002. Response needed early October. Given to S. Glass. The Parish Council agreed unanimously to re-appoint Frances Mills. Action. Clerk to write to Ramsbury Parish Charities.
2047	14/08/06	WCC	Decriminalised Parking Enforcement in Kennet & North Wilts. Given to S. Glass
2049	20/08/06	Dept of Transport	New Guidance on setting local speed limits. Given to S. Glass. Action: Clerk to put on September's agenda.

6 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Chairman: G. Hawes

K/54530/F	Ground floor extension to rear 10 Kennet Rise, Axford. Mr and Mrs Grant
PC Comment KDC Decision	No Objection Granted
K/54834/F	Construction of a replacement shed Moons Mill, Mill Lane, Ramsbury. Mr. and Mrs McMahon
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection but the Parish Council is concerned that the foundations of such a substantial building may damage the roots of an adjacent Yew tree. Awaited
K/54618/F	Removal of condition no.1 of K/52270/F [requirement to render exposed Boundary wall blockwork] Riverside House, Axford. H.M. Watson

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PC Comment	The Parish Council STRONGLY objects. Removal of the condition after such a lengthy process to resolve this retrospective application would make nonsense of the planning process.
KDC Decision	Refused
K/54295/TR2	The removal of a large red cedar tree adjacent to the front gateway of the property Knapp House, Scholarads Lane, Ramsbury. Mr. N. Shaw
PC Comment	Object. Although this is NOT a red cedar it is in a very prominent position in the landscape
KDC Decision	Awaited
K/54881/TR2	Works to trees on the western side of the rear garden to consist of: The removal of one acer tree [within a group of 4], and the pruning of the remaining three to encourage good shape and leaf colour, and the removal of one ornamental flowering cherry tree [from a pair] Cranmer Cottage, Scholarads Lane, Ramsbury. Mr. D. Arnold
PC Comment	No objection
KDC Decision	Awaited
K/54910/F	Proposed single dwelling Land adjoining 1 Ashley Piece, Ramsbury. Mr. and Mrs. Hicklin
PC Comment	In circulation
KDC Decision	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.Vigors
PC Comment	No objection
KDC Decision	Granted
K/54933/F	The erection of a satellite dish in connection with the installation and commissioning of communal aerial systems to provide satellite and terrestrial television and radio reception.1 through 17 Saxon Forge, High Street Ramsbury. Sarcen Housing Association
PC Comment	In circulation
KDC Decision	Awaited
K/54399/ADV	Erection of steel lectern with visitor information The Square, Ramsbury. Mr. R. Price
PC Comment	No objection to the idea of a lectern but would welcome consideration of design matters
KDC Decision	Refused
K/54611/F	Two storey side extension 46 Whittonditch Road, Ramsbury. Mr. S. D. Morley
PC Comment	No objection
KDC Decision	Granted
K/54647/TR2	The felling of two conifers and the clearance of shrubs Land adjacent to 5 Saxon Forge, High Street, Ramsbury. Mr. C. Grant, Sarcen Housing Association
PC Comments	No objection
KDC Decision	Granted
K/54617/F	Fixing of plant supports to garden wall Riverside House, Axford. Mr.H. M. Watson
PC Comments	The Parish Council does not object on planning grounds but does find the need to add further to the height of the wall by way of plant supports to be detrimental to the adjoining property.
KDC Decision	Refused
K/54531/LBC	Replacement of conservatory to rear of house The Redhouse, Back Lane, Ramsbury. Mrs S Kendall
PC Comment	No Objection
KDC Decision	Awaited
K/54549/F	External staircase to garage Aldbrook House, Whittonditch Road, Ramsbury Mrs.S .C. Rutland
PC Comments	No objection
KDC Decision	Granted

K/54585/F	Conversion of farm track to hard surface track, construct all weather exercise track, construction of a horse shelter [open sided]
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Granted
K/54504/F	Two storey extension and detached double garage Shepherds Cottage, Stone Lane, Axford Mr and Mrs Strauss
PC Comment KDC Decision	No Objection Granted

Notes to report.

Notice that KDC made a provisional TPO on a tree at 44 Oxford Street Ramsbury.

B Finance

Chairman: Steve Cook

- a. Parish Council Elections recharging policy.** KDC have advised the Parish Council that they should include costs for an election in next year's precept. Costs will be incurred even if there are not enough candidates to necessitate a Parish Council election. **Action: Finance committee to take this into account when determining the 2007-8 budget.**
- b. 2005-6 Accounts.** The accounts are available for public viewing between 9 and 5 from 17th August until 14th September in the Parish Council Office. Please contact the clerk to arrange for the office to be opened if you wish to view the accounts. Axford. A query relating to the accounts has been highlighted by the external auditor. **Action: Clerk to put 2005-6 accounts on the September agenda.**

C Rights of way

Chairman: Geoffrey Treherne

- a. Amenity Group Walks. Action:** Ideas for attracting more people to the Sunday afternoon walks led by Ronnie Price all suggested focussing a walk on a topic such as bird watching, floral recognition, fungi foray and autumn leaf collection. **Action: S. Glass to pass ideas to R. Price and discuss notices advertising the walks.**
- b. Report on changes to vehicle use of Rights of Way.** Graeme Fearon explained that the regulations relating to some classes of public tracks and paths have been changed. The Category of Roads Used as Public Footpaths (RUPPS) has been abolished and roads in this category have been re-classified. A new category of Restricted Byway has been introduced and some of the former RUPPs have been assigned to this category to which there is no access to vehicles propelled by an engine. Other former RUPPs have been assigned to the BOAT category (Byways Open to All Traffic). The result should be to reduce vehicular use of paths and tracks predominantly used by pedestrians and riders. A private Right of Way cannot be used by vehicles without permission of the Landowner. The Definitive Map is being updated to reflect these changes.
- c. Footpaths 19 & 31.** Footpath 19 towards East Soley is overgrown. Footpath 31 near East Soley farm has a exposed electric fence on top of a post and rail fence adjacent to a style which gave shocks to 2 walkers on an Amenity Group walk. Esther Daly, footpaths officer, has been informed of both. It was pointed out that a style is broken on the footpath from the B34192 to Marrison Hill. **Action: S. Glass to report to Esther Daly.**
- d. Footpath warden.** Graeme Fearon volunteered to take on the role of Parish Council footpath warden, which involves monitoring footpaths in the parish by walking them regularly. **Action: S. Glass to give copy of green footpath map to G. Fearon.**

D Play Areas and Seats.

Chairman: Fiona Kimber

- a. Response from Sarsen to RoSPA report. Action: Clerk to put on September's Agenda.**
- b. September inspection.** An inspection of the Knowledge Hill playground has taken place. It is not known if this was by RoSPA or representatives of Zurich insurers.
- c. Play equipment order.** A baby swing and related safety surface have been ordered for the Ashley Piece play area. Delivery and installation are expected in September.
- d. The balance beam in Ashley Piece playground.** A shackle needs replacing. **Action: P. Court to repair.**
- e. Conifers at Ashley Piece playground.** S. Glass is to meet with tree men to get 2 quotes for removing 15 conifers at the Ashley Piece playground.

E Emergency Committee

Chairman: Chris Morgan

- a. Emergency Generator.** Generators in Ramsbury and Axford have been tested recently.

- b. Fuel Funnels for generators.** The original supplier no longer stocks these. **Action: P. Court to purchase from alternate supplier.**

F School Governor

Susan Suchopar is now chairman of the governing body.

Chairman: Paul Court

G Recreation Centre

Nothing to report.

Chairman: Alan Plenderleith

H Policy Committee

Nothing to report

Chairman: S Glass

7 Public Forum - Standing orders suspended for this item

- a.** Ben Tottenham queried whether the communal satellite dish planned for Saxon Forge would lead to others. It was explained that this would remove the necessity for individual households to install their own dish.

Action: G. Hawes to show B. Tottenham the planning application.

- b.** Brian Twigger reported that the Alternate Weekly Collection (AWC) system had stabilised. He congratulated the parish in their part in increasing the proportion of recycled waste in the Kennet area from 11% 18 months ago, to 26% by June 2006 following the introduction of black boxes, and to 45% since the introduction of AWC. He said a 'bring site' is now available at skips behind the Waitrose Car Park in Marlborough, and recommended the Hills Waste web site <http://www.hills-group.co.uk/household.html> that details which materials can be taken to each recycling site.

- 8 Axford. Speed checks.** The Wiltshire Gazette & Herald has reported that speed checks will be done soon to which councillors and residents will be invited, but the Parish Council has not yet been officially notified of the date.

9 Nature Reserve.

- a. Volunteers.** More volunteers would be welcome, especially during holiday periods. **Action: Anyone in the Parish interested please contact Chris Morgan 520501**

- b. Seat in memory of Roy Alexander. Actions: C. Morgan to install bench in Nature Reserve. S. Glass and C. Morgan to decide wording for memorial plaque for seat and contact English Nature who agreed to pay half the cost of the seat.**

- 10 School Governor.** Two names have been provided of individuals who would be interested in representing the Parish Council on the governing body. **Action: S. Glass to ask each to write a side of A4 on why they wish to be a governor, and report back to next meeting.**

- 11 Square refurbishment.** Geoff Rissone has had discussions with potential contractors. The sum earmarked for refurbishment will allow the Parish Council to proceed with the extension of the area around the tree, repaving and kerbing with natural stone. **Actions: G Rissone to contact Highway authorities to resolve outstanding queries.**

- 12 Parish Stewards.** These replace the previous lengthsman scheme.

- a. Autumn Schedule.** The Parish Stewards will visit Ramsbury for a total of 4 days during October, November, and December. The first two days are on 24th and 25th October. Stewards undertake a variety of work including cutting back roadside banks, clearing weeds from roadside gutters, mending small potholes and cleaning road signs. If there is insufficient work in the village the future allocation will be cut. **Action: Anybody in the Parish knowing of any work to be done should contact the Clerk (tel. 520045 or e-mail parishcouncil@ramsbury.org).**

- b. Items for October visit.** Drains adjacent to Charity Cottage and at bottom of Hilldrop Lane to be cleared. Weeds in the gutters of Newtown Road, The Paddocks, Chapel Lane and High Street to be cleared. **Action: Clerk to add these to October work schedule.**

- 13 Police Information Box.** This has now been purchased and will be located in the Post office for anyone to post confidential information for the police. **Action. S. Glass and Clerk to make notice for the box.**

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14 Vandalism

a. Incidents. A number of incidents, mostly relating to minor damage have been reported to the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk to pass on this information to police.**

b. Police car visit to Summer Show and Fete. It was noted that at the fete the policeman did a good job of fostering relations with young people.

15 Police Surgery. Awaiting confirmation that a policeman can attend a surgery prior to the September 18th Parish Council meeting. **Action: Clerk to contact Policeman again.**

16 Litter. Concerns were expressed about overflowing public litter bins, which under AWC are emptied fortnightly and the KDC policy regarding litter bins. **Action: B. Twigger to organise a representative of KDC to speak at the September Parish Council meeting.**

17 Youth Club. It is proposed to launch the youth club on September 14th. **Action: P. Court to follow up sources of funding.**

18 The Ramsbury Roxy. The Roxy's Autumn season start on September 15th with Captain Corelli's Mandolin. The other films in the season are The Third Man (with fish and chip supper), Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café, March of the Penguins Strictly Ballroom and a further film to be decided.

19 Oral History. The interviews are almost complete and work has started to identify extracts for a CD of Highlights.

20 Accounts for Payment

I876	Mrs C Jackson – Typing Oral History Scripts	20.00		0	No
I877	Midway Stores – Newspapers for library, w/e 1 st July 06 – w/e/ 22 nd July 06	4.60		0	No
I878	BT – Telephone bill	72.48		10.79	No
I879	CPRE – Subscription renewal	26.00		0	No
I880	S. Glass – cups and spoons for next boundary walk and envelopes for office	12.11		1.80	No
I881	S. Arnold – Postage stamps for office	7.09		0	No
I882	Rates for Public Conveniences – due 1/09/06 by direct debit.	69.00		0	No
I883	S. Glass – Police Information Box	50.24		7.48	No
I884	Midway Stores – Newspapers for library, w/e 29th July 06 – w/e/ 19 th August 06	4.60		0	No

Total Payment for August = £266.12. Proposed – S. Cook, Seconded – C. Morgan. Unanimously approved.

21 Cheque for Replacement

The following was included in the June totals but the cheque covering the total has been lost.

I860	S. Glass – refreshments for Boundary Walk	29.50		0	No
I867	S. Glass – replacement tubs and plants for Square	63.75		0	No

Value of cheque to be re-issued =£ 93.25

22 Payments Received

R32	Mr M Franklin - Millennium Video	12.99	14/08/06	Cash	
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Total Payments Received - £12.99

23 Bank Balance on 01/08/06 CURRENT ACCOUNT £3,815.62
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT £28,100.94

24 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE - as listed below:

2007	28/07/06	HM Government	Fire Safety Law and Safety checklist
2008	28/07/06	KDC	Corporate Strategy Review Questionnaire. Given to S. Glass

2009	28/07/06	Childcare UK	Advertising Little Jogs Nursery Hungerford
2012	28/07/06	Messe Berlin	Invitation to International Tunnel Construction Exhibition (!)
2013	28/07/06	Community First	Invitation to AGM wed 4 th October 2006 (buffet at 6.0 0. AGM at 7.00). Devizes Corn Exchange, Plus newsletter & Enclosures. Given to S. Glass
2014	28/07/06	WALC	Newsletter & Enclosures. 1 copy of newsletter in file, 1 to S. Glass
2015	28/07/06	KDC	Rolling registration update. Entries for Wootton Rivers sent – error reported.
2016	28/07/06	Kennet & North Wilts NHS	Acknowledgement of letter sent by S. Glass re PCT Consultation (Savernake Hospital) Given to S. Glass
2017	28/07/06	KDC	Parking Strategy. Given to S. Glass
2018	28/07/06	KDC	Outcome of planning application K/54428/LBC - see planning report. Given to G. Hawes.
2019	28/07/06	KDC	Outcome of planning application K/54399/ADV - see planning report. Given to G. Hawes.
2020	28/07/06	KDC	Parish Council Elections recharging policy. Need to include provision in precept for elections in 2007. Given to S. Glass
2021	28/07/06	KDC	New purchasing & ordering system. Need to put Purchase Order Number on all invoices sent to KDC.
2022	28/07/06	KDC	Annual Voter Registration Campaign – opportunities for casual employment. Copy given to Mary Cook for Parish Mag.
2024	31/07/06	KDC	Provisional TPO 44 Oxford Street – see planning report. Given to G. Hawes
2025	07/08/06	RoSPA	Notice of September inspection. Responded removing Atherton Crescent from list. Given to F. Kimber.
2026	07/08/06	North Wessex Down AONB	Appointment of Advisory Members to the Council of Partners – request for nominations. Given to S. Glass
2027	07/08/06	WCC	Request to check contact and PC Office accessibility details. Action: Clerk to respond. Done.
2028	07/08/06	Cllr Humphries	Availability of Education Maintenance Allowance. See www.direct.gov.uk/ema for details
2029	07/08/06	West Berks Council	Local development framework, Statement of Community Involvement. In shelf in office.
2030	07/08/06	Wilts Highways	Details of Parish Stewards Scheme. Programme incorrect – replacement awaited.
2031	07/08/06	Society of Local Council Clerks	Invitation to join plus enclosures.
2032	07/08/06	KDC	Revised Local Development Schedule. Given to S. Glass
2033	07/08/06	KDC	Result of Planning Application K/54530/F. See planning report. Given to G. Hawes
2034	07/08/06	Alliance Leicester	Deposit account statement as of 1/08/06 - £28,100.94
2035	07/08/06	Alliance Leicester	Current account statement as of 1/08/06 - £3,815.62.
2036	14/08/06	KDC	Annual voter registration campaign. Poster on board. Text given to M. Cook for Parish Mag and B. Tottenham for diary.
2037	14/08/06	St. John Ambulance	Training courses. Poster for board
2038	14/08/06	WCC	Notes from 'Meet & Greet' evening s held on 24 th & 25 th July. Given to S. Glass
2039	14/08/06	WCC	Introducing Wiltshire Young People's Opportunity Fund. Poster on board. Details with S. Glass
2040	14/08/06	Community First	Wiltshire Wheels to Work. Poster for Board.
2041	14/08/06	KDC	Year Book 2006-7. 1 copy to S. Glass, 1 copy in office.
2043	14/08/06	Wiltshire Fire Brigade	Consultation on Wilts Fire & Rescue Service Business Plan 2006 – 2010. See www.wiltshirefire.gov.uk for details. Comments by 31 st Oct 2006. Given to S. Glass
2044	14/08/06	Playforce	Quotation for baby swings and other play equipment. (Info presented to Parish Council at June meeting)

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2045	14/08/06	ENCAMS (Environmental Campaigns)	A town and parish council guide. Given to S. Glass
2046	14/08/07	Cancer Research UK	Walk publicity. Poster given to Post Office.

**DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18th 2006 7.45pm**

Ramsbury Memorial Hall

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