

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18th 2006 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Mora Abell, Steve Cook, Paul Court, Cllr Susan Findlay, Sheila Glass (Chairman), George Hawes, Fiona Kimber, Debbie Marshall, Chris Morgan, Geoffrey Rissone, Geoffrey Treherne, Cllr Brian Twigger, Cllr Chris Humphries, Sue Arnold (Clerk) and four members of the public.

- 1 **Apologies for absence for approval:** Anne Dixon, Graeme Fearon **Approved**. Apologies were also received from Tim McQue and Adrian Compton.
- 2 **Disclosure of interest:** George Hawes item 6 no 2103
- 3 **Presentation on Litter by Kennet Environment Dept Officer.** The KDC officer was unable to attend.
- 4 **The minutes of the meeting held on August 21st** were approved.
- 5 **Matters arising:**
 - a. **Swans Bottom.** KDC have informed the Parish Council of its intention to ask the residents of Swans Bottom for their views on KDC's suggestion that *Swans Bottom* should be renamed *Swans Bottom Lane*. The Parish Council agreed unanimously that the original historic name, *Swans Bottom*, should be retained. **Actions: Clerk to contact KDC officer informing him of the Parish Council's view, and bringing to his attention further address anomalies in the area which affect Mulberry House and Oakleigh House. Clerk to write to residents of Swans Bottom explaining Parish Council's view.**
 - b. **Speed Limits.** WCC will present a report in October on roads it is recommending for a speed limit change.

6 NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:

2008	28/07/06	KDC	Corporate Strategy Review Questionnaire. Completed and returned.
2049	20/08/06	Dept of Transport	New Guidance on setting local speed limits. Given to S. Glass.
2058	28/08/06	Marlborough Community Area Strategic Partnership	MCASP strategic planning – Services and Facilities for Young People. Questionnaire. Completed and returned.
2062	10/09/06	Sharon Deasy	Copy of letter to WCC requesting duck warning triangles and requesting PC's support. The Parish Council is unable to take action on this. Action: Clerk to write to Ms Deasy.
2067	10/09/06	Anthony Setter	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pavement Parking in Ashley Piece. Action: PC to write to Ashley Piece residents requesting that cars are not parked in such a way as to obstruct the pavement.2. Obstruction caused by bins when KDC have emptied them. Passed on to Cllr Twigger3. Skips at Surgery – not long enough time slot. Passed on to Cllr Twigger4. Requesting ramp to Recreation ground from Ashley Piece. After further discussion the PC decided to take no action, as the previous ramp in that position had caused a nuisance by being used by bikes and skateboards.5. Path to Surgery from Ashley Piece – final section not surfaced. Awaiting quote from KDC. Action: Clerk to request further quote.6. Request for hard surface at bus stop near surgery on south side of Whittonditch. Awaiting response from WCC.7. Overhanging shrubs and trees in Ashley Piece are hazardous to pedestrians. Awaiting response from WCC.

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2068	10/09/06	Jane Handford	Weeds in gutters and blocked drains. After reporting this to WCC drains throughout the village were unblocked, other than where parked cars were obstructing access.
2066	10/09/06	Alison Smith	Work for Parish Stewards - cutting back bank by footpath in Scholars Lane to enlarge path. Action: Clerk to respond saying bank cannot be cut back as it is private property.
2096	18/09/06	Alison Smith	Dirty road sign at junction of Scholars Lane and The Froxfield Road. Action: Clerk to add to Parish Steward's list.
2101	18/09/06	S. Davies KDC	Requesting permission to enter PC leased land adjacent to surgery to remove abandoned car. Granted
2101	18/09/06	R. Knowles	Weeds in brick path in Isles Road beyond Isles Court. Action: Clerk to add to Parish Steward's list.
2103	18/09/06	J. Handford, Churchwarden, Holy Cross	Requesting financial assistance towards £1492 cost of tree works on dangerous beech tree at Holy Cross. A suggested donation of £500 was put to a vote and agreed. Action: Clerk to put payment on October agenda.

7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Chairman: G. Hawes

Planning Applications Processed since August Report

K/55002/F	Two storey side extension 41 Ashley Piece, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs Davison
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Awaited
K/54834/F	Construction of a replacement shed Moons Mill, Mill Lane, Ramsbury. Mr. and Mrs McMahan
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. Granted
K/55141/F	Conversion of garage to kitchen and single storey extension 55A High Street, Ramsbury. Mr. and Mrs Eyles
PC Comment KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited
K/54295/TR2	The removal of a large red cedar tree adjacent to the front gateway of the property Knapp House, Scholars 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/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, Scholars Lane, Ramsbury. Mr. D Arnold
PC Comment KDC Decision	No Objection Granted
K/54910/F	Proposed single dwelling Land adjoining 1 Ashley Piece, Ramsbury. Mr. and Mrs. Hicklin
PC Comment KDC Decision	The Parish Council has no objection to the proposed single dwelling but has received strong local objection to the new access which it is felt would spoil the approach to the 61 houses forming Ashley Piece. We recommend a shared access with number 1 Ashley Piece Awaited. Referred to committee with approval recommended.
K/55106/LBC and K/551223/F	Porch over doorway to garden 12 Burdett Street, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs Bell
PC Comment KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited

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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 thru 17 Saxon Forge, High Street Ramsbury. Sarcen Housing Association
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Awaited
K/55118/TR2	The felling of two field maple trees adjacent to the front drive of the property. 20 Isles Road, Ramsbury. Mr R Knowles
PC Comment KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited
K/55104/TR2	The felling of a pine tree in the front garden of the property 1 Maslins Close, Ramsbury. Mrs M Wakely.
PC Comment KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited
K/55039/F	Erection of combined field shelter and tack room/store Paddock adjacent to Southside Cottage, Stone Lane, Axford. P. E. Lindsell
PC Comments KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited
K/55079/TR2	The felling of three silver birch trees along the side of the drive at the rear of the property. Replacement planting is proposed. 103 High Street, Ramsbury Mr S Smith.
PC Comments KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited
K/54531/LBC	Replacement of conservatory to rear of house The Redhouse, Back Lane, Ramsbury. Mrs S Kendall
PC Comment KDC Decision	No Objection Awaited

NB. Planning Committee members were requested to circulate plans quickly to ensure adequate time for written feedback.

B Finance

Chairman: Steve Cook

- a. **Parish 2005-6 Accounts.** The accounts were returned by the auditors who had found 2 small errors. These did not effect the overall figures. The corrected accounts have now been re-submitted.
- b. **Parish Council Precept 2007/8. Action: Committee Chairmen who feel they need provision in the budget for 2006–7 should let the clerk have details.**

C Rights of way. Nothing to report.

Chairman: Geoffrey Treherne

D Play Areas and Seats.

Chairman: Fiona Kimber

- a. The latest RoSPA report mentions a need for painting and some minor repairs. Quotes from 2 local painters are awaited. **Action: Committee to visit site to assess work needed.**
- b. A quote has been received from Playground Services to tighten the shackle on a single point swing. **Action: P. Court to accompany committee site visit to see if the work can be undertaken by the PC.**
- c. Two similar quotations have been received from D Pittams and G Kelleher to fell trees in the Ashley Piece Playground .Kelleher was marginally cheaper so it was unanimously agreed to ask him to carry out the work. **Action: Clerk to contact Mr Kelleher**

E Emergency Committee

Chairman: Chris Morgan

- a. **Emergency Planning Exercise.** This will take place on 9th November.
- b. **Voluntary Training.** The dates offered this time were not convenient. Awaiting response on further dates.
- c. **Street Wardens.** There has been a good response from street wardens. Most are willing to continue and where not, replacements are being found.

F School Governor

Chairman: Paul Court

Nothing to report.

G Recreation Centre**Chairman: Alan Plenderleith**

No report. **Action: F. Kimber to ask A. Plenderleith to inform the PC of his intentions regarding the Parish Council. G. Hawes volunteered to take on the role of Recreation Centre representative if necessary.**

H Policy Committee**Chairman: S Glass**

Nothing to report

8 Public Forum - Standing orders suspended for this item

- a.** Ben Tottenham informed the PC of damage by a large vehicle to timber revetments. This was caused by illegal parking opposite the Loves lane junction making the bend difficult to negotiate. The parking problem occurs when parents are taking and collecting their children from Ramsbury School. This is currently exacerbated by the school's rear car park being closed. **Actions: D. Marshall to ask the School Head to ask parents to observe the law, and raise the issue of the closed car park with him. Clerk to request white lines opposite the junction.**
- b.** Ben Tottenham reported that a drain in Loves Lane becomes blocked by apples falling from an overhanging apple tree.
- c.** Mr Hicklin explained that he had consulted with Wiltshire Highways regarding access to the proposed single dwelling on land adjoining 1 Ashley Piece (K/54910/F) and that the plan submitted reflected their views.

9 Axford.

- a. Speed checks.** Awaiting speed check to be carried out by PC Mark Kuklinski. In the meantime an officer with a fixed camera on a motorbike will carry out some checks.
- b.** A resident requested white lines at the top of Quality Court, as an ambulance was unable to park outside.
- c.** No landfill tax grant is available for resurfacing the Hooper's Lane footpath because it is not close enough to a landfill site.

10 Nature Reserve.

- a.** Seat in memory of Roy Alexander. **Actions carried forward from last meeting: 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.**

11 School Governor. Tim McQue was appointed as the Parish Council nominated School Governor. **Action: Clerk to officially notify the school.**

12 Square refurbishment. Geoff Rissone has had a meeting with Wiltshire Highways. The plans have been modified and an invitation to tenders sent to 3 contractors.

13 Parish Stewards. Items for October visit.

- a.** A large hole on Back Lane on the Square sided of the junction with the School. **Action: Clerk to notify CLARENCE.** (Done ref. no 212413.)
- b.** Footpath no 2 is blocked by overhanging greenery when wet.
- c.** Clerk to contact Chrissy Powell at WCC re broken handrail and mossy, slippery path outside 30 Hilldrop Close.

14 Police Information Box. Awaiting fixing in the Post office.

15 Vandalism

- a. Incidents.** The number of incidents reported to the Parish Council has declined this month. **Action: Clerk to add graffiti on nature reserve seat to log.**

16 Police Surgery. No-one attended the surgery prior to the meeting. Next Surgery will be on November 20th at 6.30 in the Parish Council Office, Memorial Hall. **Action: Clerk to publicise in diary & parish mag.**

17 Litter. **Action: Clerk to contact Cllr Twigger to arrange a presentation for the next Parish Council meeting.**

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18 Youth Club. 84 children and teenagers attended a disco to launch the youth Club on 14th September. 50 of those are in the age range that the Youth Club is targeting. The first Youth Club meeting took place on Monday 18th at The Church Room, Back Lane.

19 The Ramsbury Roxy. The Autumn season started on Friday September 15th with Captain Corelli's Mandolin. About 40 people attended. The next film is The Third Man to be shown on Friday 27th October with fish and chip supper.

20 Oral History. Compiling the CD of highlights is well under way and work has started on preparing the scripts for printing and binding.

21 Accounts for Payment

I885	Wood Awdry & Ford – Legal Bill & Land Registry fee.	1,103.03		158.03	No
I886	M. Manning – Cleaning Office May – Aug	7.50		0	No
I887	S. Arnold. Underpayment of £1.88 on invoice I835 (Norton Systems Works) paid in April (subtotal excl. vat paid in error).	1.88		0	No
I888	S. Arnold - File Dividers	2.38		0.36	No
I889	Rosemary Court – Advertising Youth Club in Post Office	4.00		0	No
I890	Rosemary Court – Hire of Church Room for Youth Club meeting	10.00		0	No
I891	Rates for Public Conveniences – due 1/10/06 by direct debit.	69.00		0	No
I892	PlaysafeLtd (RoSPA) – September playground inspection	229.13		34.13	No
I893	Wood Awdry & Ford – Stamp duty on Glebe Land lease.	40.00		0	No
I894	Midway Stores – Newspapers for library w/e 26 th Aug – w/e 16 th Sept.	4.60		0	No

Total Payment for September £1,471.52. Proposed – S. Cook, Seconded – G. Hawes. Unanimously approved.

22 Payments Received - £0

23 Bank Balance on 01/09/06 CURRENT ACCOUNT - £3,488.53
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT - £28,100.94

24 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE - as listed below:

2051	28/08/06	Aster Group	Copy of Zurich Insurance Engineer's report on Knowledge Crescent Playground. Given to S. Glass
2052	28/08/06	WCC	Wilts & Swindon Record Office move
2053	28/08/06	Chancellor co	Newsletter – Health & Safety for employees
2054	28/08/06	KDC	Town Centre Uses Survey
2055	28/08/06	Wood Awdry & Ford	Lease and associated documentation for Glebe land. Filed and acknowledgement sent.
2056	28/08/06	Wood Awdry & Ford	Stamp Duty Land Tax Return form. Action: To be completed and returned - Done.
2057	28/08/06	WCC	Wilts Local Transport plan – 2001/2 – 2005/6 – Delivery report. See www.wiltshire.gov.uk/transport/transport-policy-service/transport-publications.htm
2059	28/08/06	Mazars	Return of accounts for correction to payments total. Action: Clerk & S. Glass to initial correction and return. Done
2060	10/09/06	BT	Payment reminder – already paid

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2061	10/09/06	Community First	Does Parish Council prefer to receive First News electronically? Responded – yes.
2063	10/09/06	John Bailey	Thanks for help in organising repair of hole in Hilldrop Lane
2064	10/09/06	CPRE Supporter	Request for sponsorship for cycle ride
2065	10/09/06	Anthony Setter	Copy of letter of objection to planning application for land adjoining 1 Ashley Piece
2069	10/09/06	F. Harding, Axford	Copy of letter to Traffic & Safety Manager, WCC requesting information on updated guidance on road safety in rural areas.
2070	10/09/06	J & E McEndroe	Copy of letter of objection to planning application for replacement shed at Moon's Mill
2071	10/09/06	Kelleher's Tree Services	Quote for removing 22 conifers at Ashley Piece play area
2072	10/09/06	D R & R A Pittams	Quote for removing 22 conifers at Ashley Piece play area
2073	10/09/06	Wood, Awdry & Ford	Title Information Document, Transfer to PC document and Deeds to Public Conveniences. Filed and acknowledgement sent.
2074	10/09/06	KDC	Participatory Arts Workshop Scheme.
2075	10/09/06	Safeguard	Fire safety equipment catalogue
2076	10/09/06	Wilts CC	List of documents filed in County Record Office
2077	10/09/06	Mouchel Parkman	Requesting permission to send consultation documents regarding bridge works in Ramsbury to PC.
2078	10/09/06	PC Kuklinski	Will carry out speed checks in Axford in September
2079	10/09/06	WCC	Emergency Planning exercise invitation. Given to C. Morgan. Response sent requesting 9 th Nov for exercise
2080	10/09/06	WCC	Offer of Community Emergency Volunteer training for C. Morgan.
2081	10/09/06	Playground Services	Quote to tighten shackle on the seat of the single point swing
2082	10/09/06	Cllr B. Twigger	Response and copy of press release regarding chairman's queries about chips in wheelie bins
2083	10/09/06	Baydon PC	KDC removal of litter bins
2084	10/09/06	PC Emma Brown	Arrangements for police information box
2085	10/09/06	Nic Coome	Chips in Wheelie bins
2086	10/09/06	CPRE	Fieldwork magazine. Given to S. Glass
2087	10/09/06	MADT	Newsletter. Given to S. Glass
2088	10/09/06	Alliance Leicester	Current account statement as of 1/09/06 - £3,488.53
2089	10/09/06	Alliance Leicester	Deposit account statement as of 1/09/06 - £28,100.94
2090	10/09/06	Glasdon	Street furniture catalogue
2091	10/09/06	KDC	Kennet Times
2092	10/09/06	Clerks & Councils Direct	Newsletter
2093	10/09/06	KDC	Parish Council Precept 2007/8. Given to S. Glass
2094	10/09/06	WALC	September newsletter. Given to S. Glass
2095	18/09/06	PC Kuklinski	Additional speed checks for Axford to be carried out by Swindon traffic police using motorcycle with fixed camera
2097	18/09/06	RoSPA	Play area safety inspection report. Given to S. Glass
2098	18/09/06	Community First	Annual Report and forms for election of trustees. Given to S. Glass
2099	18/09/06	Emergency planning, WCC	Contact Details form for Emergency Exercise
2100	18/09/06	S. Hatton-Peklington. KDC	Notice that KDC will consult residents of Swans Bottom on suggestion it is renamed Swans Bottom Lane

DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY OCTOBER 16th 2006
7.45pm
IN AXFORD VILLAGE HALL

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