

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 20th 2006 in Axford Village Hall

PRESENT: Sheila Glass (Chairman), Diann Barnett Steve Cook, Graeme Fearon, Cllr. Susan Findlay, George Hawes, Fiona Kimber, Debbie Marshall, Chris Morgan, Geoffrey Rissone, Geoffrey Treherne, Cllr. Chris Humphries, Cllr Twigger, Hilary Farnsworth (Temporary Parish Clerk), and 3 members of the public.

- 1 **Apologies for absence for approval:** Paul Court, Anne Dixon and Mora Abell. **Approved.** Tim McQue also apologised.
- 2 **Disclosure of interest:** None
- 3 **The minutes of the meeting held on October 16th** were approved with the following change: Page 417 - Add *Diann Barnett* to list of Councillors present.
- 4 **Matters arising:**
 - a. Swans Bottom residents have had a letter telling them that the road will continue to be called Swans Bottom.
 - b. A letter has been distributed to residents of the High Street regarding the need to park allowing room for the Fire Engine to get through.
 - c. Lights in Mill Lane-Vince Kimber is dealing
 - d. Flooding onto High street pavements-KDC have been informed that reinstatement of gullies has not been carried out so silt is deposited making pavements slippery.

5 **NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:**

2171	2/11/06	WCC Highways	Lining issues Millstream, 11 High St., Loves La. Some white lining has been completed, others outstanding.
2172	2/11/06	Arab Horse Soc	Confirm putting Square improvement money request to Chairman.
2179	09/11/06	WCC Traffic Group	Parking Controls – Ramsbury.
2180	09/11/06	WCC Highways	The Cedars Bridge – strengthening. Action: Parish Council to request weight limit on this road in place of bridge strengthening.
2181	09/11/06	WCC Highways	Lamplands Bridge – strengthening, Action: Chairman to request weight limit on this road in place of bridge strengthening.
2183	09/11/06	WCC Highways	Feasibility study to be done re. Cedars Bridge
2184	09/11/06	WCC Highways	Feasibility study to be done re. Lamplands Bridge
2185	09/11/06	WCC Traffic	Costs and plans for extending speed limits on C6 and Froxfield Road.
2188	13/11/06	Countryside Alliance	Post Offices – saving them. Action: Leaflets explaining importance of Post Office to be distributed in shops and Post Office
2189	16/11/06	KDC	Planning appeal Riverside House Axford Removal of condition no 1 K/54618/F Passed to G. Hawes
2190	16/11/06	KDC	Planning appeal Riverside House Axford. Fixing of plant supports to garden wall. K/54617/F Passed to G.Hawes
2191	16/11/06	Allan Davison	Re felling of trees at Whittonditch playing field. Responded - replacement trees are to be planted - advice to be taken on suitable species.

6 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A Planning

Planning Applications Processed since October

Chairman: G. Hawes

K/55406	Demolition of dwelling and construction of new 3 bed dwelling Harefield House, Crowood Lane, Ramsbury Mr. and Mrs. J. Gunton
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PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Awaited
K/55204/TR2	Works to trees in the garden of the property to consist of: the lifting of the low branches on a cherry tree plus shortening back away from the road and drive, and light thinning of the centre plus removal of dead material, the thinning of the previous pruning points on a lime tree by at least 30%, removal of upright stems to open up the canopy, thinning the remainder and lifting of low branches, and the cutting back of crab apple trees to clear the side of the house. N.B. Works to fell dead trees and also works to a cotoneaster tree as specified in the applicant's proposal are considered exempt. Springs House, Union Street, Ramsbury. Mr. V. D. Jones
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection 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	No objection, but concern over loss of off street parking. Now revised. Granted
K/55312/TR2	Works to trees in the rear garden of the property to consist of; the felling of one willow tree, the removal of one stem, [of 2], crown thinning by approx. 30% and dead wooding of another willow tree, the crown thinning by 30% and dead wooding of a third willow tree and the crown raising by 8ft. to good growth points of a yew tree. 69 High Street, Ramsbury, Mrs Fox.
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Awaited
K/55208/F	Weatherboard outside of building Bridge farm bungalow, Elmdown, Ramsbury Mr. C. S. E. Persson
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Awaited
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 Granted.
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 Withdrawn
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 Granted
K/55329/LBC	Works to roof structure 79 High Street, Ramsbury. Mr. and Mrs. H. Stover
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Awaited
K/55395/F	First floor extension over kitchen to provide additional bedroom Rachael's Cottage, Harbrook, Ramsbury. Mr. and Mrs M. Evans
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Awaited
K/55206/F	Alterations and extension to house. Construction of replacement garage. 103 High Street, Ramsbury Mr. & Mrs. McMahon
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Awaited

PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Granted
K/55217/F	Alterations and extensions to existing house consisting of 2-storey side extension plus a dormer window and underground garage. Sunnybank, 13 Union Street, Ramsbury. Mr. D. Kerwood
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Awaited
K/55491/TR2	The felling of one eucalyptus tree in the rear garden of the property 3 Orchard Close, Ramsbury. Mrs. Storm
PC Comment KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited
K/55503/TR2	The 40% reduction of a willow tree in the garden of the property 89 High Street, Ramsbury. Mr. and Mrs. T. Haigh
PC Comment KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited
K/55477/F And K/55478/LBC	Demolition and replacement of lean-to conservatory The Redhouse, Back Lane, Ramsbury Mrs. S. Kendall
PC Comment KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited
K/55456/F	New stable block Old Smithy Cottage, Whittonditch Road, Ramsbury. Mr. T. Derrick
PC Comment KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited
K/55425/F	Change of use from former Red Cross building to single dwelling house including extension and alterations. Dyers Yard, High Street, Ramsbury. Sir N Barrett-Norton
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection. Concern that existing hedges and trees be retained. Awaited
K/55432/F	Demolition of existing building and replacement with two new 3 bedroom semi-detached houses. 14 Burdett Street, Ramsbury. Mr.H.J.Hyams
PC Comment KDC Decision	Objection. Over-development of the site likely to cause existing problems with traffic access and parking in this very narrow street to become even worse. Awaited

B Finance**Chairman: Steve Cook**

- a.** Steve Cook presented an updated Draft 2007-8 Budget. The main changes from the previous version are:
 General Administration costs have gone down.
 Section 137 Payments – starting to build a reserve.
 Play area equipment – looking to replace equipment in Knowledge Cres. Play area-begin to build fund
 Discussion: Raising money for play equipment. It was suggested that some mothers are willing to raise money for this.
 Public Conveniences – Estimate revised to £6,400 for maintenance p.a.
 Rights of Way costs – budget is £1600 now for path maintenance
 Play area budget reduced as the tree work has been carried out in the current financial year. .
 Budget for grass cutting, including footpath No.2, increased.
 Ramsbury Roxy – May need financial support this year.
 Maps and Videos – Sales are slowing down.
 Expenses for the May 2007 Election have now been included - these cover hire of hall, staff etc.
 Last year village organisations which had grants were asked to contribute a page to the web site-this will be vigorously enforced next year-no contribution no cheque.
Action: Councillors to e-mail comments in next 10 days to S. Glass or Clerk for Steve Cook to consider prior to December meeting.
- b.** A letter of thanks for contribution to cost of dealing with the fallen beech tree in the churchyard has been received from Jane Handford.

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

- a. Quotes for clearing the path from the play area to the surgery are still awaited.
- b. Light on Whitehill Close/Ashley piece path – bulb to be replaced after tree has been trimmed to allow erection of scaffolding.

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

- a. **Action: S. Glass to email Paul Court regarding work on single point swing at Knowledge Crescent.**
- b. Trees felling at Ashley Piece Play area has now been carried out.
- c. Chippings have been laid under the swings at the Axford Play area - spare chippings are to be removed shortly. Diann Barnett and her son were thanked for their help.
- d. The seat in memory of Sidney Chamberlain by the river on Froxfield Road has collapsed. S. Glass has written a letter to Parish Charity Trustees who have agreed to fund a new seat, but not to organise the purchase, siting or maintenance. **Action: S. Glass to get in touch with Michael Handford to ask if they could arrange supply and fixing, and Parish Council will maintain thereafter.**
- e. It was noted that any trees planted on Whittonditch Play Area will need watering next summer.

E Emergency Committee**Chairman: Chris Morgan**

- a. **Emergency Planning Exercise.** The exercise took place on 9th November and the subject was “Wild weather, tree fell on school.” It was stated that the exercise had been well worth doing.
- b. C. Morgan also reported that information has not yet arrived for Parish Council to deal with severe weather. C. Humphries reported that letters still go direct to participating farmers re road clearing after snowfall or trees on roads.
- c. **Fuel Funnels – Still outstanding.**

F School Governor**PC Nominated Governor: Tim McQue**

- a. No meeting has taken place since the last PC meeting.
- b. The governors are actively seeking a Community Governor and will advertise in the village in the coming weeks. Anyone interested should contact the Chairman, Susan Suchopar through the school.

G Recreation Centre.**Chairman: George Hawes**

Nothing to report.

H Policy Committee**Chairman: S Glass**

Nothing to report.

7 Public Forum - Standing orders suspended for this item

- a. Ben Tottenham stated that Page 419 in the October minutes should say the diary not Parish Council publicises the village walks.
- b. Cllr Twigger reported on recycling arrangements. Recycling collections over Christmas and New Year will be one day late in each case.
Recycling of Christmas Trees and Christmas cards will be organised from 12th night. Christmas card recycling to be via a sack at the Post Office and in Hills and Midway Stores. Christmas trees will be able to be recycled on 8th January via a skip at the Surgery. **Action: Parish Council to contact Adrian Hampton for a skip.**
On Wednesday 27th December there will be a skip for Plastics and Cardboard at the Surgery. Plastics skips at Waitrose in Marlborough are now being replaced before taking the full ones away. Peter at Midway Stores now has further black recycling boxes.
- c. S. Glass reported that ARK was awarded a grant of £50,000 for the Riverside Project, following a TV programme vote.
- d. The Ravensbury Players were congratulated on their recent excellent production.

8 Axford.

- a. **Play areas.** Noted above that chippings have been put down at the play area.
- b. **Speed Checks.** Checks have been done and 8 drivers dealt with. PC Kuklinski stated that checks will be more frequent in future.

9 Nature Reserve.

- a. C. Morgan stated that the seat in memory of Roy Alexander will be organised before Christmas.
- b. Clive Glass has agreed to manufacture the Finger Post for the Nature Reserve with design input from Robert Osmond.
- c. The last cut of the Nature reserve has been done for this year.

10 Square refurbishment.

- a. Installing setts in the square to delineate parking spaces will cost £5000 in total for the area near the Arab Horse Society premises.
- b.
- c. With regard to the lantern on the Post Office the weight issue is a concern. **Action: S. Glass to discuss with the owner of the building to pursue a replacement.**
- d. Christmas Lights for the tree – SEC to put lights on tree in first week in December. **Action: S. Glass is organising more bulbs.**

11 Public conveniences.

KDC sent draft contract but this states that PC provides disposables, contrary to earlier correspondence that indicated KDC would provide disposables. S Glass has returned the draft for clarification. KDC cleaners reported that the extractor fan has been vandalised - they have made the fan safe.

12 Parish Stewards.

- a. **November visit is now November 29th**
- b. **Items for November Visit:**
 - Leaves in Back Lane
 - Trees on the Manor footpath at the Recreation Centre
 - Road gullies in Axford
 - Weeds in gutters in Isles Road and The Paddocks
 - Isles Road top end right hand side has a slippery pavement

- 13 **Police Information Box.** The box has now been installed in the Post Office just inside the door. **Action: Clerk to arrange for it to be emptied by the police.**

- 14 **Vandalism.** There has again been vandalism in the toilets.

- 15 **Police Surgery.** No one attended. Report made of new initiative of neighbourhood police team. Marlborough Police Station will form the base. The new Police team is due to start on 1st Jan. 2007 and it is believed to consist of 4 officers to cover 8 or 9 parishes. More information should be available soon.

- 16 **Newsletter. Action outstanding (S. Glass & S. Arnold).**

17 The Youth Club

Transfer of Parish Council held funds. The Youth Club has requested funds held by the PC. They are requesting approximately £1000. The Parish Council agreed that they want to know what the money is actually for. **Actions: Clerk to be put on Agenda for December and Chairman to e-mail P. Court of the Youth Club requesting a plan for the funds before releasing money.**

18 The Ramsbury Roxy.

- a. The next film is Ladies in Lavender to be shown on Friday 24th November. 2 weeks later is the film “Strictly Ballroom”.
- b. Approximate average attendance is 80 people. 96 people watched the film “March of the Penguins”.

- 19 **Oral History. No report was given on the day of the meeting, but a report was sent for the minutes:** Art work for the printed archive and CD covers is being finalised. Work is continuing on the highlights CD. Arrangements have been made for the outstanding interviews to be completed.

20 Accounts for Payment.

NB. I911 should say £28.20 not £28.40 as stated on the November agenda. This has been corrected in the list below.

I907	Public Works Loan Board – 6-monthly Loan repayment (by direct transfer)	1,870.31		0	No
I908	Humberts – Rent on Glebe land	150.00		0	No
I909	Rates for Public Conveniences – due 1/12/06 by direct debit.	69.00		0	No
I910	KDC – Cleaning Public Conveniences, July – September	1,236.96		184.22	No
I911	WALC – 3 copies of Councillor’s Pack	28.20		4.20	No
I912	Sue Arnold stamps for Office	6.60			
I913	Rent and Electricity payment for Ramsbury Memorial Hall Nov 06 – Apr 07	611.25			
I914	BT Telephone Bill Due by Nov 19 th	68.56			
I915	Expenses S. Glass - paper for parking flyer £4.99. Plants and Bulbs for tubs in village £25.96	30.45			
I916	Payment to Ramsbury British Legion for wreaths for Remembrance Day	16.50			
I917	Kelleher Tree Services Payment for tree felling	1200.00		210.00	

TOTAL FOR PAYMENT for November - £ 5287.83. Proposed - S. Cook, Seconded - C. Morgan
Unanimously approved.

21 Payments Received

TOTAL PAYMENTS RECEIVED = £0

22 Bank Balance on 01/11/06 CURRENT ACCOUNT - £9397.91
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT - £28,100.94

23 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE - as listed below:

2140	22/10/06	Eden Speller KDC	Arranging for Vince Kimber to visit path from Ashley Piece to surgery to quote for tarmac final 3 metres. Also states the path will not be maintained next year as it belongs to PC
2141	22/10/06	Eden Speller KDC	Response to PC’s mail that documents show path from Ashley Piece to surgery as maintained by WCC on KDC documentation
2142	22/10/06	Splash	Newsletter
2143	22/10/06	The Rural Housing Trust	Invitation to Affordable Village Housing Seminar Mon 4 th December, 9.30, Dinton Village Hall nr. Salisbury. Given to S. Glass
2144	22/10/06	Wilts Highways	WCC Members Protocol July 2006 – who does what. Given to S. Glass
2145	22/10/06	S. Hobbs	Response to letter to residents of Ashley Piece re parking. Given to S. Glass
2146	22/10/06	KDC	Re planning appeal, Soley Farm Stud, Chilton Foliat. Out of area
2147	22/10/06	KDC	Confirmation that KDC is checking compliance with planning condition at Smithy Cottage, Union Street.
2148	25/10/06	KDC	Kennet Local Development Framework: Potential Development Sites Consultation – Given to S. Glass
2159	25/10/06	Mouchel Parkman	Permission to erect Christmas lights. Given to S. Glass
2160	25/10/06	WCC	Attachments to Street Lighting columns – approval and form for return. Given to S. Glass
2161	31/10/06	Mark Kulinski	Speed check update – waiting reply from officer
2162	31/10/06	Steve Jenkins Enforcement Off.	Smithy Cottage, 22 Union St. Response re use of garage labelled Garden Flat.
2163	31/10/06	Eden.Speller KDC	Hopper’s Lane footpath. Response re a quote.
2164	31/10/06	Chris Humphries	Joint communication from Chief Constable and Chairman
2165	31/10/06	Chris Humphries	Move of Heritage Services to Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, Chippenham
2166	31/10/06	Chris Humphries	WCC news Internet Radio station for young people launched

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2167	31/10/06	S & J Blunt	Suggestion for Parish news letter
2168	31/10/06	Chris Humphries	WCC news New children's centres get seal of approval
2169	31/10/06	Highways Agency	Works M4 J14-15 Oct until 22 nd Dec 2006
2170	31/10/06	WCC highways	Adverse weather leaflets
2173	2/11/06	Marl.Com. Area. Forum	Planning Seminar 30 th Nov. Town Hall. Marlborough. 7.15p.m. Passed to S. Glass.
2174	05/11/06	P.Bollen Highways	Reply to Speed limits letter 23/10/06 extension to limits re Ramsbury and Axford. Have forwarded the letter to Traffic Services County Hall.
2175	05/11/06	Alliance and Leicester	Deposit Account Statement. Balance £28,100.94
2176	05/11/06	Alliance and Leicester	Current Account Statement. Balance £9397.91
2177	09/11/06	Traffic & Rd. Safety Group Mgr. A.Wyatt	Speed limits on Group 1 roads including the C6 by 2011
2177	09/11/06	Frank Harding	Speed limits on Group 1 roads including the C6 by 2011
2178	09/11/06	NHS	Mainstreaming Mental Health update
2182	09/11/06	KDC	Refuse and Recycling collections Christmas arrangements. On Notice Board in PC Office.
2186	12/11/06	WCC	Wilts Assoc. of Local councils. Nov 2006 Newsletter.
2187	12/11/06	WCC	Local Gov't White Paper. What it means to P.Cs
2188	12/11/06	N. J. Barrett- Morton	Letter regarding planning application he has made. Passed to G. Hawes
2192	16/11/06	Sheila Glass	To Allan Davison re felling of trees at Whittonditch playing field and entries in minutes of P.C. of September 2005
2193	16/11/06	Mark Kuklinski	Police surgery this month. Chasing up speed checks – unable due to requiring new certification to do this himself.

DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY DECEMBER 11th 2006 7.45pm

IN RAMSBURY MEMORIAL HALL

WINE AND MINCE PIES WILL BE SERVED

Please note: Second Monday of December

ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME - PLEASE COME