

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON **MONDAY DECEMBER 11th 2006 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall**

PRESENT: Sheila Glass (Chairman), Mora Abell, Steve Cook, Paul Court, Cllr. Susan Findlay, George Hawes, Debbie Marshall, Chris Morgan, Geoffrey Rissone, Geoffrey Treherne, Sue Arnold (Parish Clerk), Tim McQue (School governor) and 1 member of the public.

- 1 Apologies for absence for approval:** Anne Dixon, Diann Barnett and Graeme Fearon - **Approved**. Fiona Kimber (belated). Cllr. Chris Humphries also sent apologies.
- 2 Disclosure of interest:** Item 17 - P. Court
- 3 The minutes of the meeting held on November 20th** were approved with the following change: Page 424 - Change *Axford Village Hall* in heading to *Ramsbury Memorial Hall*.
- 4 Matters arising:**
 - a. Swans Bottom.** Following consultation with residents, Swans Bottom will retain its current name.
 - b. Ashley Piece to Whitehill Close footpath.** Arrangements are in hand to cut back a tree in a private garden to allow access to the light that needs its bulb replacing.

5 NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:

2197	23/11/06	Allan Davison	Tree felling on Ashley Piece playing field. Chairman has responded giving reasons for felling and explaining that more suitable trees are to be planted.
2202	04/12/06	D E Jenkins	Copy of comments on Planning application K/55432/F – 14 Burdett Street, Ramsbury.
2203	04/12/06	M Blanchard	Copy of comments on planning application K/55425/F – Change of use of Red Cross building.
2204	04/12/06	Mrs E Wordsworth	High Street parking
2205	04/12/06	Ramsbury Toddler Group	Application for grant – given to S. Glass
2209	04/12/06	D & M Fremlin	Comments on removal of trees in Ashley Piece Playground. Chairman has responded giving reasons for felling and explaining that more suitable trees are to be planted.
2210	04/12/06	Ramsbury Parish Charities	Approval of grant to Parish Council of up to £500 for purchase and installation of replacement seat in memory of late Mr Chamberlain. Dr Handford to organise.
2229	11/12/06	Ms A Foale	Copy of letter to Traffic Services WCC re danger to children going to school from traffic in Back Lane. School Head is to write to parents (who account for most of the traffic in Back Lane at start and end of school day times) asking them to exercise care when driving.
2237	11/12/06	British Gas Business	Via phone. To arrange contract backdated to 1 st July to take over payments for Electricity supply to Public Conveniences. Standing charge is 19.72 pence per day. Price per kWh – 11.56p. Action: Clerk to accept 1 year British Gas contract and investigate if other suppliers may be cheaper.
2238	11/12/06	S. Ibbetson, KDC	Via phone. Arrangements for sandbags: 100 more to be delivered to Ramsbury. Residents in URGENT need of sandbags should call 07786 443058 (Chris Martin) to arrange collection.

6 COMMITTEE REPORTS:**A Planning****Planning Applications Processed since November Report****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
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Awaited
K/55392/TR2	The felling of a flowering cherry tree to the side of the property 55A High Street, Ramsbury. Mrs. E. J. Eyles
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Granted
K/55552/F	Single storey rear extension
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Awaited
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 Granted
K/55515/TR2	The felling of a large red cedar tree at the front of the property Knapp House, Scholards Lane, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs M Patterson
PC Comment KDC Decision	See previous application no.K/54295/TR2 The Parish Council objected as follows; This tree [NOT a Red Cedar] has a significant presence in the landscape. We continue to object. Awaited
K/55617/F	Single storey rear extension 45 Ashley Piece, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs Smith
PC Comment KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited
K/55595/F	Proposed single storey extensions to both elevations Orchard Cottage, Chapel Lane, Ramsbury. Mr and Mrs G Davies
PC Comment KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited
K/55329/LBC	Works to roof structure 79 High Street, Ramsbury. Mr. and Mrs. H. Stover
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection Granted
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 Granted
K/55483/LBC	Internal alterations, refurbishment and reservicing. Window enlargement to rear. 81 High Street, Ramsbury. H. J. Hyams

K/55456/F	New stable block Old Smithey Cottage, Whittonditch Road, Ramsbury. Mr. T. Derrick
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection 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 that funding for the Ramsbury Roxy is no longer required and has been removed. The budget for grants has been increased. The Budget was proposed by G. Hawes and seconded by C. Morgan. Unanimously agreed. **Actions: 1. Clerk to submit precept form by deadline. 2. Clerk to write in January to village organisations that may wish to apply for a grant.**

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

- a. **Path from the Ashley Piece play area to the surgery.** One quote for clearing the path has been received.
b. **Beating of the Bounds 2007. Action. G. Treherne to get process started by looking out the action list.** Ronny Price has offered to provide written information on each of the places visited on the walk.
c. **Footpath No 2.** Work is needed as the gravel has been eroded. **Action: Put on Lengthsmen's list**

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

- a. **Single point swing at Knowledge Crescent.** The necessary work has now been done.
Seat on Froxfield Road. The Ramsbury Parish Charity Trustees have funded a replacement seat in memory of Sidney Chamberlain and Michael Handford has installed it.

E Emergency Committee**Chairman: Chris Morgan**

- a. **Emergency Planning Exercise.** No feedback from exercise on November 9th received as yet.
b. **Fuel Funnels – Still outstanding.**

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

- a. **Governing Body.** A new parent governor has been elected. There are vacancies for an LEA governor and a community governor. Adverts for the latter are currently in the Post Office and the Parish magazine.
b. **School Mid-day Supervisory assistants.** The school is in urgent need of Mid-Day Supervisory Assistants for one hour per day between 12 noon to 1pm. Application to be made directly to the school.
c. **Head.** Richard Colley has been selected and appointed one of only seven School Improvement Professionals in WCC's pilot of a scheme due to be implemented nationally in all schools in 2008. The SIP role involves head teachers helping to improve other schools.
d. **Healthy Schools Scheme.** The school continues to work towards accreditation in 2007.
e. **The Ramsbury School Development Trust (RSDT)** has launched a publicity and fundraising initiative focused on augmenting school funds for specific projects, with encouraging results.

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.** No items raised.
- 8 **Axford.**
- a. **Speed Checks.** G. Treherne requested that future speed checks be carried out during the times of day when the problem occurs most.
- 9 **Nature Reserve.**
- a. **Boardwalk.** Work on the extension to the boardwalk over the pond has started.
- b. **The Finger Post** for the Nature Reserve has been ordered.
- 10 **Square refurbishment.**
- a. **Quotes for the work** are awaited.
- b. **Lights on the Christmas tree.** **Action: Clerk to write to SEC congratulating them on the lights which have been put up very attractively.**
- c. **Lantern on the Post Office.** As the Post office wall is of single brick construction it is hoped that a two-thirds size lantern with a white light is to be installed. Graham Read of SEC is liaising with the owners of the building.
- 11 **Public conveniences.**
- a. **Cleaning Contract from KDC** has not yet been received.
- b. **Electricity Supply contract.** See item 5 no. 2237.
- c. **Vandalism.** The air freshener in the gents' toilet has been vandalised. **Action: S. Glass to find out from Adrian Hampton at KDC where a replacement can be obtained.**
- 12 **Parish Stewards.**
- a. **Items for December Visit:**
Clear gullies on Hilldrop Lane, particularly at the top by the barn.
Clear gullies on Crowood Lane beyond Hope Cottage – 3 on the right, 1 on the left.
Clean sign at Knighton cross roads.
Address footpath no 2 erosion.
- 13 **Police Information Box.** **Action: Clerk to get keys and arrange for it to be emptied by the police.**
- 14 **Vandalism.**
3 Girls seen in the village late on the evening of 2nd December were seen emerging from the public conveniences with bedding on the morning of 3rd December. **Action: S. Glass to pass on information to PC Batchelor.**
- 15 **Police Surgery.**
- a. **Surgery.** None this month. **Action: Clerk to organise a surgery for January.**
- b. **The new Neighbourhood Policing Scheme** is due to start on 1st Jan. 2007.
- 16 **Newsletter.** Work is on-going. **Action: S. Glass & S. Arnold.**
- 17 **The Youth Club**
Transfer of Parish Council held funds. The Youth Club has requested transfer of funds held by the PC to be spent on rent, insurance, training and CRB checks. An immediate transfer of £500 of the funds held for the Youth Club was proposed by S. Glass and seconded by M. Abell. Unanimously agreed. The Parish Council agreed to pay rent for the first 6 months while the Youth Club becomes established. **Actions: 1. Clerk to organise transfer of funds. 2. Youth Club to be asked to provide a shopping list of equipment they need for presentation at the January or February PC meeting.**
- 18 **The Ramsbury Roxy. NB THERE IS A PRESS EMBARGO ON THIS ITEM UNTIL 19/12/06**
- a. **Lottery Grant.** The Roxy has been awarded a lottery grant of £5,000 towards a high quality projector and screen. The total cost of the equipment is approx. £6,500, the remainder being covered by funds raised through Roxy ticket and bar sales. As a subgroup of the Parish Council, the Roxy has transferred the £5,000 to Parish Council accounts. The new equipment will be owned by the Parish Council and added to the PC

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insurance. Any additional insurance costs resulting from this will be covered by Roxy funds. To enable the equipment to be ordered as soon as possible, S. Glass asked permission to write a cheque before the next meeting of up to £7000. Proposed - P. Court, Seconded G. Treherne. Unanimously agreed.

- b. It was suggested that a loop be installed in the Memorial Hall for those with hearing aids. **Action: S. Glass to investigate.**
- c. The attendance at the screening of *Strictly Ballroom* on Friday 8th December was approx. 47.

19 Oral History.

- a. Interviews have been completed and work on putting together the archives is continuing.

20 Accounts for Payment.

I918	Cleaning of Public Cons. October 2006	412.31		61.40	No
I919	Rates for Public Conveniences – due 1/01/07 by direct debit.	69.00		0	No
I920	H. Farnsworth - Honorarium for 1 month's work as temporary clerk	200.00		0	No
I921	Dharma Gardening Services – plants supplied	63.40		0	No
I922	S. Glass - Keys for office	11.85		1.71	No
I923	R.A Copp – Grass cutting for year	1,498.00		0	No
I924	S. Glass – Gift (port) for D. Arnold in recognition for setting up for PC meetings and work on PC computer	10.99		0	

TOTAL FOR PAYMENT for December = £2,715.55. Proposed - S. Cook, Seconded – D. Marshall Unanimously approved.

21 Payments Received

R34	Alliance & Leicester. Interest on Deposit account	489.47	1/12/06	Direct Transfer	
R35	Ramsbury Roxy PC subgroup – Lottery grant towards purchase of projector and screen	5,000	11/12/06	Cheque	

TOTAL PAYMENTS RECEIVED = £5,489.47

22 Bank Balance on 01/12/06 CURRENT ACCOUNT - £3,931.07
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT - £28,590.41

23 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE - as listed below:

2194	23/11/06	Geoff Winslow WCC Minerals and Waste	Outcomes of report for joint meeting of Minerals and Waste Development Forum
2195	23/11/06	Andrew Guest	KDC Student doing research questionnaire – Development Control Passed to G. Hawes
2198	23/11/06	WCC A. Conn	Hills Waste – Annual Service Review. 2005/6 Report
2199	27/11/07	Electoral Registration Officer	Request form for Parish Council to request Register of Electors 2007. Action: Clerk to respond. Done
2200	04/12/06	Wilts Police	Invitation to presentation on Neighbourhood Policing, 1830 6 th Dec. Police HQ Devizes. Given to S. Glass
2201	04/12/06	WCC	Parish Steward – Winter program dates. Given to S. Glass
2206	04/12/06	J Handford	Thanks for donation towards cost of work on tree in churchyard
2207	04/12/06	Ramsbury pre-school	Copy of letter to Kennet Planning Services re possible site of Pre-School. Given to S. Glass
2208	04/12/06	F. Harding Mildenhall	Copy of letter to WCC Traffic & Road Safety Group Manager commenting on WCC Local Speed Limits Briefing Note
2211	04/12/06	Rospa Play safety	Change of Address
2212	04/12/06	Community First	Newsletter and Annual Review. Given to S. Glass

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2213	04/12/06	Mursell & Co Ltd	Copy of plans re Red Cross Premises, Dyers Yard. In Office
2214	04/12/06	Cllr C. Humphries	New Director of Resources, WCC
2215	04/12/06	Cllr C. Humphries	Cabinet decision regarding J16 M4
2216	04/12/06	Cllr C. Humphries	Wilts teachers' visits to Norway & Canada
2217	04/12/06	Cllr C. Humphries	Two start rating for WCC Social Services
2218	04/12/06	D. Fremlin	E-mail follow-up to letter regarding removal of trees in Ashley Piece playground
2219	04/12/06	KDC	Christmas refuse and recycling services – posters with dates and arrangements. Clerk to put ion notice boards
2220	04/12/06	CPRE	Fieldwork Newsletter.
2221	04/12/06	WCC	Transport Times and Telegraph Newsletter. Copies for S. Glass & F. Kimber – further copies available at meeting.
2222	04/12/06	D. Rowan	Request for Sandbags for Old Forge Cottage following heavy rain.
2223	11/12/06	KDC	Planning Appeal Hearing – Soley Farm Stud. Given to G. Hawes
2224	11/12/06	KDC	Community Arts Training for Non- Arts Group. Details available in PC office
2225	11/12/06	WCC	Emergency Planning Handbook – 1 copy to C. Morgan, 1 copy to S. Glass - to be returned to PC Office.
2226	11/12/06	Alliance and Leicester	Deposit Account Statement. Balance £28,590.41
2227	11/12/06	Alliance and Leicester	Current Account Statement. Balance £3931.07
2228	11/12/06	Mrs J Handford	Thanks for PC's support for Ramsbury Meals on Wheels during 2006
2230	11/12/06	WCC	Wiltshire News – newsletter for Parish Councils
2231	11/12/06	PC Kuklinski	Introducing Jeremy Batch as Community Officer for Ramsbury following restructuring of Neighbourhood Policing Schemes.
2232	11/12/06	Cllr C. Humphries	Movie rental at WCC libraries
2233	11/12/06	Cllr C. Humphries	Draft Strategy to help organisation in Wiltshire work better together submitted to government
2234	11/12/06	V. Kimber	Acknowledgement of request for additional sandbags
2235	11/12/06	Cllr C. Humphries	100 same-sex civil partnership ceremonies have now been performed in Wilts
2236	11/12/06	Cllr B. Twigger	Waste collection arrangements for 2007. Action: Clerk to put on notice boards

**DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY JANUARY 15th 2007
7.45pm
IN RAMSBURY MEMORIAL HALL**

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