

# RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Diann Barnett, Steve Cook (chaired meeting), Cllr. Susan Findlay, George Hawes, Debbie Marshall, Chris Morgan, Geoffrey Rissone, Geoffrey Treherne, Sue Arnold (Parish Clerk), Cllr. Brian Twigger, Cllr. Chris Humphries and 4 members of the public.

- 1 **Apologies for absence for approval:** Mora Abell, Paul Court, Sheila Glass (Chairman), Fiona Kimber - **Approved.** Graeme Fearon (belated). Tim McQue (School governor) also sent apologies.
- 2 **Disclosure of interest:** None
- 3 **The minutes of the meeting held on December 11<sup>th</sup>** were approved.
- 4 **Matters arising:**
  - a. At the end of the meeting it was noted that survey work had started on Lamplands and Cedar Bridges.  
**Action: Clerk to put on agenda of February meeting.**

### 5 NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:

2261	29/12/06	WCC	White paper 'Strong and Prosperous Communities'. Via e-mail – forwarded to S. Glass. Circulated to Councillors. See agenda item 11.
2271	05/01/07	Community First	Offer of help to provide Parish Plan. Given to S. Glass. See agenda item 12.
2270	05/01/07	Alliance & Leicester	Copy of cheque paid to CPRE - 80p too much debited from PC's current account. Alliance and Leicester will credit account with 80p.
2275	05/01/07	WCC	List of requests made in last 3 years for small-scale transport, footpath & traffic calming schemes in the Parish. Given to S. Glass. <b>Action: Clerk has responded.</b>
2285	15/01/07	Splash	Annual fund raising appeal. A donation of £50 was agreed. <b>Action: Clerk to put payment on February's agenda.</b>
2286	15/01/07	Alistair Ewing Ramsbury Estate	Reporting 5 attacks on sheep by dogs in 2006, mainly at Axford end of the estate. 5 sheep were killed, 6 badly injured. No attacks in previous 24 years. The Parish Council condemns irresponsible dog owners whose animals cause suffering and financial loss. <b>Actions. 1. Clerk to send item to Parish mag, diary and include in newsletters publicising the problem and asking dog owners to act responsibly. 2 Clerk to produce notices for notice boards to same effect. 3 G. Treherne to leaflet houses in Axford. 4. Clerk to obtain Code of Practice for dog owners in rural areas and make them available.</b>
2287	15/01/07	Meals on Wheels	Responding to grants letter. Request for grant to cover insurance. To be considered with responses from other organisations.
2289	15/01/07	Jim Waite, KDC Electoral services	Phone call. Confirmation that the PC can co-opt a new Parish Councillor as there was no response to the notices displayed for the statutory period. <b>Actions: Clerk to display notice calling for volunteer for co-option. Clerk to write to those who responded too late on last occasion councillors were co-opted.</b>

### 6 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### A Planning

Chairman: G. Hawes

#### Planning Applications Processed since December Report

K/55406	Demolition of dwelling and construction of new 3 bed dwelling Harefield House, Crowood Lane, Ramsbury Mr. And Mrs. J. Gunton
PC Comment	No objection
KDC Decision	Granted

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K/55425/F	Change of use from former Red Cross building to single dwelling house including extensions and alterations. Dyers Yard, High Street, Ramsbury. Sir N. Barrett-Morton
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection. Existing boundary planting to be retained Granted
K/55552/F	Single storey rear extension Bredon Cottage, Tankard Lane. Mr. P. Quinlan
PC Comment KDC Decision	No objection 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/55432/F	Demolition of existing building and replacement with two new three bedroom semi-detached houses. 14 Burdett Street, Ramsbury. Mr. H. J. Hyams
PC Comment KDC Decision	Strongly object. This will only cause the existing traffic, access and parking problems in this tiny street to increase. We believe this is over-development of the site Refused
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. Granted [ Likely to cause structural damage] Specimen is a Lawson Cypress
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/55792/F	Single storey side and rear extensions, demolition of existing garage and loft conversion. Hilldrop Cottage, Hilldrop Lane, Ramsbury Mr. And Mrs. S. Scupham
PC Comment KDC Decision	In circulation 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 Granted
K/55808/F	Extension to form utility room and WC Autumn mist House, Whittonditch Road, Ramsbury. Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Milne
PC Comment KDC Decision	In circulation Awaited
K/55783/F	Change of use of buildings to single dwelling and office. Demolition of existing rear addition and erection of two storey rear extension and detached garage building. Changes to fenestration 1, The Square, Ramsbury. Mr. A. Fitton

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PC Comments	Requires a meeting of the planning committee of the PC. To be held in the meeting room at the memorial hall WEDNESDAY 24.JAN. AT 19.00 HRS.
KDC Decision	Awaited
K/55483/LBC	Internal alterations, refurbishment and re-servicing. Window enlargement to rear. 81 High Street, Ramsbury. H. J. Hyams
PC Comments	No objection
KDC Decision	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	No objection
KDC Decision	Granted
K/55456/F	New stable block Old Smithey Cottage, Whittonditch Road, Ramsbury. Mr. T. Derrick
PC Comment	No objection
KDC Decision	Granted

### Notes to report.

[ 1 ] See K/55783/F re No.1 The Square. This application will be reviewed by the Planning Committee on WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JAN AT 19.00hrs IN THE MEETING ROOM, MEMORIAL HALL. PUBLIC WELCOME, there will be an opportunity to speak.

[ 2 ]KDC have advised us of two appeals pending re Riverside House, Axford. The PC has nothing further to add to its original comments re K/ENF/2006/268 and K/ENF/2006/80

### **B Finance**

**Chairman: Steve Cook**

- a.** Letters have been sent to village organisations inviting them to apply for small grants.

### **C Rights of way**

**Chairman: Geoffrey Treherne**

- a. Beating of the Bounds 2007. Actions: 1. G. Treherne to get landowner's permission to site a portable loo at the tea stop. 2. G. Treherne to write asking landowners' permission to cross their land, emphasising that no dogs are allowed on the walk. 3. G. Treherne to organise a meeting with I. Ritchie.**
- b. Litter on Footpaths.** G. Treherne has written to the Mildenhall Newsletter regarding litter on footpaths.  
**Action: G. Treherne to submit same to the Ramsbury Parish Magazine.**

### **D Play Areas and Seats.** No report

**Chairman: Fiona Kimber**

### **E Emergency Committee**

**Chairman: Chris Morgan**

- a. Fuel Funnels** – Still outstanding.
- b. High winds** are expected on wed 17<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

### **F School Governor**

**PC Nominated Governor: Tim McQue**

- a. School Governors.** Susan Findlay has been appointed as the Community Governor and Hilary Farnsworth as the LEA Governor.
- b. The MDSA (lunchtime supervisor) crisis** has abated following the restructuring of cover and the pay increase, which attracted applicants - now appointed;
- c. Maternity Leave.** Mrs Susan Buxton has been appointed to take over from Miss Tann's Class 4 whilst she is on maternity leave from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.
- d. Hot school meals.** The school is proceeding with plans to introduce a hot school meal, provided by Sue Brady of Ramsbury. The proposed date for this is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

### **G Recreation Centre.**

**Chairman: George Hawes**

Nothing to report.

**H Policy Committee**  
Nothing to report.

**Chairman: S Glass**

**7 Public Forum - Standing orders suspended for this item.**

Adrian Compton brought the Parish Council's attention to the Isles Road sign (on left as approaching back lane). Its position relating to the path is such that children running onwards after school tend to collide with it, and it is not visible when approaching from Back Lane, until it is actually reached. Mr. Compton suggested that it should be relocated. **Actions: Parish Councillors to check location, then Clerk to contact Vince Kimber at KDC.**

**8 Axford.**

**a. Speeding traffic.** G. Treherne referred to the ongoing problem of traffic speeding through Axford, but accepted that there is little money available to address the problem.

**9 Nature Reserve.**

**a. Boardwalk.** Work to extend the boardwalk over the pond has been completed.

**b. The Finger Post** for the Nature Reserve has been ordered and the location and fixing method has been agreed with the Fire Brigade on whose land it will be sited.

**10 Square refurbishment.**

**a. Quotes for the work** are awaited.

**11 Government White Paper on Strong and Prosperous Local Communities.**

The white paper invites County & District Councils to go forward for Unitary Status. In Wiltshire this would create a new authority in place of WCC and the four district councils, which include KDC. It would exclude Swindon which is already a unitary authority.

Cllr. Findlay reported back from the meeting for Parish Councillors in the KDC district. She explained that the new authority would have beneath it area forums or boards to which Parish Councils would relate. The objective of the proposal was to strengthen links and save money. The re-organisation must be self-funding and the County Council must show that it has strong support to go forward with the proposal.

At the meeting for Parish Councillors a vote was taken to gauge support – 10 councillors were for the proposal, 36 against and there were many abstentions. It was noted that those people who were both County and Parish Councillors voted with the Parish Councils and that the other 3 districts had voted against the proposal.

Cllr Humphries pointed out that the vote at WCC will be a free vote.

**12 Parish Plan - Do we want to do one?**

A Parish plan is similar to a 5 – 10 year business plan for the parish. Money is available to support Parish Councils producing a plan. **Action: Clerk to invite Community First to give a presentation to the Parish Council on the purpose and benefits of a Parish Plan.**

**13 Parish Stewards Visit – 24<sup>th</sup> January.**

The following work will be requested:

Cut back branches overhanging footpath no 2 below the tennis courts at the Recreation Centre.

Clear moss from footpath between Froxfield Road and The Boot.

Clear Froxfield road of leaves and debris that are encroaching on the road.

Clear grass that has grown over the footpath from Ashley Piece to the Surgery.

Clear link footpath between 2 halves of the Paddocks. (KDC's green machine used to do this).

Clear leaves from Crowood Lane.

Clear Leaves on Back Lane between the Vicarage and the Gallery.

Check if drains need clearing at Back Lane, Axford – extreme western end of village near Crown Property cottages.

**14 Police Information Box. Action: Clerk to get keys and arrange for it to be emptied by the police.**

**15 Vandalism.**

Windows were broken in the high Street at New Year. **Action: Clerk to put on vandalism log and pass on to PC Batchelor.**

**16 Police Surgery.**

The surgery scheduled for immediately prior to the Parish Council meeting had to be cancelled at the last minute due to urgent police business. **Action: Clerk to organise a surgery for February.**

**17 Newsletter.** Work is on-going. **Action: S. Glass & S. Arnold.****18 The Youth Club**

**Transfer of Parish Council held funds.** A cheque has been prepared and will be issued when the 'shopping list' of expenditure is presented to the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk to e-mail a reminder to the Youth Club.**

**19 The Ramsbury Roxy**

- a. Equipment.** The new projector and screen have been ordered.
- b. Programme.** The film scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> January is *The Thirty-Nine Steps* (1954 version)
- c.** About 40 people attended the screening of *Kinky Boots* on 5<sup>th</sup> January.

**20 Oral History.**

- a.** Interviews have been completed, though one will need re-recording. Work on putting together the archives is continuing.

**21 Accounts for Payment.**

I925	Sue Arnold – refreshments for December meeting	28.68		0	No
I926*	Ivojo Multimedia Ltd – projector, spare bulb and screen	6,495.40		967.40	No
I927	Youth Club– Grant to cover Rent of Church Rooms 18/9,25/10, 2/10, 9/10, 16/10.	53.00		0	Yes
I928	Rates for Public Conveniences – due 1/02/07 by direct debit.	69.00		0	No
I929	S. Arnold – Salary for October & December	400.00		0	No
I930	S. Arnold – Stationery for office (paper, pens, staples)	21.58		3.22	No
I931	M. Manning – Cleaning office, Sept – Dec	7.50		0	No
I932	Midway Stores – Newspapers w/e 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct – w/e 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	14.35		0	No
I933	BTCV – Ramsbury Nature Reserve Boardwalk Extension	1,352.13		201.38	No
I934	Ramsbury Youth Club & paid in to PC from account of defunct Youth club administered by Parish Council. See R37 (below)	500.00		0	No

**TOTAL FOR PAYMENT for January = £8,941.64** Proposed – C Morgan, Seconded – D. Barnett.

Unanimously approved, with the proviso that payment I934 should be retained until the list of proposed expenditure has been received from the Youth Club.

\*Spending of up to £7,000 on this item was authorised at December meeting – minutes item 18a, and the equipment has now been ordered and paid for.

**22 Payments Received**

R36	Transfer by cheque of £2000 from Ramsbury Roxy account, towards new equipment	2,000.00	05/01/07	Cheque	
R37	Transfer of funds from defunct Youth Club (administered on their behalf by Parish Council) to New Ramsbury Youth Club. (See I 934 for onward payment)	500.00	15/01/07	Cheque	

**TOTAL RECEIVED - £2,500.00**

**23 Bank Balance on 01/01/07** CURRENT ACCOUNT - - £5,169.86  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT - £23,590.41

ROXY FUNDS on 08/01/07 = £722.09

**24 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE** - as listed below:

2239	18/12/06	British Gas	Electricity Contract. Given to S. Glass
2240	18/12/06	KDC, Returning Officer	Notification of Vacancy for Parish Councillor. <b>Action: Clerk to process.</b>
2241	18/12/06	KDC	Notification of planning appeal re enforcement notice relating to K/54617 and planning refusal K/54717/F and K54618/F relating to rendering of boundary wall at Riverside House, Axford. <b>Given to G. Hawes</b>
2242	18/12/06	KDC	Notification of planning appeal re enforcement notice relating to K/52270/F and planning refusal K/54717/F and K54618/F relating fixing of plant supports to garden wall at Riverside House, Axford. <b>Given to G. Hawes</b>
2243	18/12/06	WCC	Minerals And Waste Planning Newsletter.
2244	18/12/06	DR & RA Pittams	Quote for cutting Play area at Ashley Piece. Given to S. Glass
2245	18/12/06	DR & RA Pittams	Quote for cutting path from Play area at Ashley Piece to Whittonditch Road. Given to S. Glass
2246	18/12/06	WALC	Newsletter and enclosures including info on village halls association briefing days. Given to S. Glass
2247	18/12/06	Glasdon	Brochure – Products for Local authorities
2248	29/12/06	KDC	Notification of approval for removal of tree at Knapp House
2249	29/12/06	MADT	Newsletter. Given to S. Glass
2250	29/12/06	KDC	Notification that statutory 14 days for display of Councillor Vacancy notice expires in 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan
2251	29/12/06	WCC	Copy of response sent to G. Treherne re proposed work on Cedars & Lamplands bridges. Given to S. Glass
2252	29/12/06	KDC	Reminder re invoice for cleaning public conveniences. Already paid.
2253	29/12/06	CPRE – Wilts Branch	December Newsletter. Given to S. Glass
2254	29/12/06	Kennet Leisure	Winter Newsletter. 1 copy given to S. Glass, 1 filed, copies available at PC meeting
2255	29/12/06	Cllr Humphries	Improvement in Wiltshire Primary Schools' SAT results
2256	29/12/06	Cllr Humphries	Recycling of mobile phones for charity
2257	29/12/06	External Funding Network	Patchwork of opportunity - well being bid unsuccessful
2258	29/12/06	Eden Speller, KDC	Acknowledgement of request for grass cutting quote.
2259	29/12/06	Cllr Humphries	Plans for new rural academy at Castledown School, Tidworth
2260	29/12/06	PC Bachelor	Request for information on reports in minutes of girls leaving Public conveniences early in the morning carrying sleeping bags. Passed to S. Glass
2262	29/12/06	Cllr Humphries	Consultation on future of Wilts Registration Services. Given to S. Glass
2263	29/12/06	Cllr Humphries	Christmas Toy Safety Warning
2264	29/12/06	Cllr Humphries	WCC agenda for fairness in the community
2265	29/12/06	Cllr Humphries	WCC focuses on unitary debate
2266	29/12/06	Cllr Humphries	WCC improves transport performance
2267	29/12/06	Eden Speller, KDC	Grass-cutting quote
2268	29/12/06	Cllr Humphries	Disabled drama group to put on performance at Salisbury Playhouse
2269	29/12/06	Cllr Humphries	WCC on target for balancing budget
2272	05/01/07	ADAS	Invitation to AONB Workshop on Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan, 1400 – 1600 in Lambourn on 'How can we make the North Wessex Downs AONB Management Plan work for you?' Given to S. Glass
2273	05/01/07	Alliance and Leicester	Deposit Account Statement. Balance £23,590.41
2274	05/01/07	Alliance and Leicester	Current Account Statement. Balance £5,169.86

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2276	08/01/07	WCC	Government White Paper on Strong & Prosperous Communities and invitation to meeting. Paper distributed to all councillors.
2277	08/01/07	WCC	Response to query concerning press releases sent to PC
2278	08/01/07	Adrian Hampton KDC	Response to query regarding where a deodoriser to replace the one vandalised in the gents' public loos could be obtained. Response suggests it is not necessary.
2279	08/01/07	Adrian Hampton KDC	Confirmation that there will be no charge for removal of deodoriser from Gents' public loos
2280	08/01/07	Adrian Hampton KDC	Copy of request for work to remove deodoriser
2281	08/01/07	Ringway	Quote for works to Square. Given to G. Rissone
2282	15/01/07	British Gas	Contract to provide electricity to Public Conveniences. Filed in Public Convenience file
2283	15/01/07	Glasdon	Street Furniture Brochure
2284	15/01/07	Royal Berks Fire & Rescue Service	Fire safety training courses 2007
2288	15/01/07	R. Copp	Grass-cutting quotation
2290	15/01/07	Cllr Humphries	Informing of death of Jack Ainslie OBE, former County Councillor representing Ramsbury & Axford
2291	15/01/07	Cllr Humphries	County Council Executive Summary of proposals in White Paper on Strong and Prosperous Communities.

**DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>  
2007 7.45pm  
IN RAMSBURY MEMORIAL HALL**

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