

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15th April 2019 at 7.45pm in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

Present -- – S Glass (SG) Chair, D Barnett (DB), D Edwards (DE), C Payne (CP), R Greasley (RG), G Hawes (GH), G Fearon (GF), R Young (RY), E Hodgson (EH), C Standage (CS) Clerk, M. Holdsworth (MH) Minutes Secretary. No members of the public were present.

- 1 APOLOGIES K Abbot, S Smith, C Morgan, H Lloyd - approved
- 2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST-Councillors to sign book as appropriate - None
- 3 MINUTES of the meeting held March 18th 2019 were approved and signed. **Pro DE, sec. RG. All agreed**
- 4 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes not itemised separately.
CP asked about the “no vehicles” sign for Mill Lane.SG to get and fit the sign before the May meeting.
- 5 NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:

PC 15/04/ 2019				
		April 2019	Highlighted entries FOR DISCUSSION	Actions
A3302	19/03/19	Mary Cook	RE: Alice Charlwood New Library co-ordinator. Sheila Glass	
A3303	19/03/19	Sophie Pollock	RE: BASIC group on CSW Online. Wiltshire Police working towards a national Speedwatch organisation. Update Sheila Glass	SG spoke to Inspector Foster at MAB and identified that CSW online is not involved with Wilts police. Ins. Foster will ask their speedwatch co-ordinator to contact Sophie. Update: He has done so
A3310	21/03/19	Adrian Hampton	RE: Support For Community Group Litter Picks. Sheila Glass	SG collected liytter picking equipment from devizes.Scouts used high viz and pickers to clear litter at the Rec Centre on 2.4.19 and had taken photos
A3314	25/03/19	Graeme Fearon	RE: Swans Bottom Byway Sign. – Missing sign found. S Glass	Action:SG to ask Rights of Ways warden about sourcing new Byways signs

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A3317	26/03/19	Penny Setter	RE: River Kennet Obstruction – Obstruction of the Waterway. Sheila Glass	SG had contacted Eddie Starr. He had put branches across the river , looked better than barbed wire and would come into leaf. SG has contacted P Setter.
A3321	26/03/19	Area Boards - Wilts	RE: Your Community Issue 7111 Has Been updated: Request for new crossing at School in Ramsbury. Sheila Glass	SG had put in a request for this with the Area Board
A3324	28/03/19	Kieron Tither	RE: Crowood Lane Ramsbury – Works booked for Monday 8 th April Letter Sent to Residents Sheila Glass	The repairs to the pavement had been completed, done quickly and done well by Rockstone. SG suggested looking at other pavements that need to be resurfaced with a view to getting quotes
A3326	28/03/19	Karen Rees	RE: Litter Picking – Scouts Sign in the Square – Thanks. And update Sheila Glass	K Rees has done stalwart work tidying round the village. She has asked the school children (with parents) to pick up litter, photograph it and weigh it. There would be a prize of chocolates and honey in every year group. WI has asked members to put pots of flowers outside their homes(if appropriate) and to pull up the weeds.
A3328	29/03/19	Georgina Clampitt - dix	RE: Wiltshire Council Daily email digest. Sheila Glass	Area for Development. PC had objected. There is a meeting in early May and PC's objections have been taken on board.
A3335	02/04/19	Democratic and Member Service - Wilts	RE: Briefing 19-010 – Freight Management Update – April 2019-04-08 F/w to Councillors	Article about heavy lorries on the roads
A3336	03/04/19	Karen Rees	RE: Ramsbury School helping with Litter – Charge to PC for Chocolates	See A3326
A3339	03/04/19	Suzanne Hiscock	RE: Temporary Closure of Spring Hill (Part) Ramsbury 21/05/19 to 25/05/19 Sheila Glass	SG has passed this onto A Ewing. It will be open to residents.Action: put notice on noticeboard and website
A3340	04/04/19	Karen Rees	RE: Thank you for help with Village Spring Clean Sheila Glass	

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A3341	04/04/19	Suzanne Hiscock	RE: Proposed Temporary Closure of High Street Ramsbury 15/06/19 (Street Fair) Sheila Glass	PC has no objection
A3344	04/04/19	Nigel Parke	RE: SIDS In Ramsbury – Fault East end of Axford. Sheila Glass	The Axford SID has been repaired and all of them in Ramsbury & Axford have been serviced.

6 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Helen Lloyd

PLANNING REPORT RAMSBURY AND AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL – April 2019

Planning Applications Processed since March 2019 Report

NEW ITEMS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Comments REQ. date
22/3/19	19/01787/LB C	Ramsbury Manor Whites Hill to High Street Ramsbury Marlborough Wiltshire SN8 2RG	Reroofing and alterations to internal arrangements to existing Courtyard Buildings adjacent to Ramsbury Manor, including insertion of new external door, new archive room and new staircase.	25/04/2019

*None w/e 29/3; 5/4

STILL AWAITED:

11/1	18/11798/FUL	10A Ashley Piece Ramsbury SN8 2QE	Side extension. Reverse house with internal alterations. Front extension. Detached garage. Access from Crowood Lane. PC had no objections to the house alterations but commented on the access to Crowood Lane	4/2 Decision expected 24 March
15/2	19/01368/FUL	2 Whittonditch Road Ramsbury SN8 2PY	Proposed two storey rear extension PC have no objections but has commented on the windows on the first floor. Revision to drawings received new date 10/4 for comments	13/3 10/4
1/3	19/01793/LBC	The Manse 27 High Street Ramsbury Marlborough Wiltshire SN8 2QN	Proposal to repoint front elevation with Lime Mortar	4/4

DECISIONS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Decision and date
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25/1	19/00649/LBC	Ramsbury Manor Whites Hill To High Street Ramsbury SN8 2RG	Reroofing of existing Manor roof; including installation of fire barriers and insulation to existing roof space. Replacement of existing lead flat roofed areas and roof ridges with new lead coverings. PC had no objections	18/3 Approved with conditions
8/2	19/00915/LBC	Syon House 3 High Street Ramsbury Marlborough Wiltshire SN8 2PA	Replacement of two first floor rear windows. PC have no objections	2/4 Approved with conditions
	19/01851/TCA	35 Oxford Street Ramsbury SN8 2PS	Willow Tree - crown reduction to a height of 6 metres and width of 4 metres. PC had no objections	3/4 No objections

*None w/e – 29/3

CP drew to the attention of the PC that 19/01475/DDD - Cedar trees at the Cedars, Scholards Lane to be felled, had been approved on 12th Feb and the cedar trees had been felled in March. The PC had not been informed of (a) the application and (b) the felling. **It was agreed that ideally WC Planning would notify the PC of such decisions.**

B Finance

Erica Hodgson

Finance Report

Q4 Reports -Through FY 18/19 we received income of £67,968.48 and expense was £37,877.29.

- Income was higher than expected driven by a donation from the British Legion (to fund appropriate projects within the Parish) and payments associated with new housing development within the Parish.
- Expense was lower than expected driven by weather delay to our pavement repairs project and SIDS servicing which has just completed and forms expense for FY19/20.

following meetings, in preparation for the July 1st 2019 submission date.

VAT Return - The RFO has completed and submitted the VAT return for FY18/19. This will form part of the 19/20 income.

Internal Auditor: We are still looking for an internal auditor. SG will follow up with some contacts to establish whether they would be willing to take on the role this year.

C Rights of Way

Graeme Fearon

GF and M Hodgson had walked the Boundary walk paths and everything was OK.

D Play Areas & Seats

Simon Smith

- DB reported Axford play area – the posts are going in during Easter weekend.
- Whittonditch play area – R Copp has cleared the brambles and undergrowth from the Ashley Piece end of the Play area and under the hedge
- Ash Tree – A Ewing had asked his tree surgeon to quote for its removal. **Action: SG to contact C Martin and M Handford for names of other tree surgeons**

E Emergency

Diann Barnett

Nothing to report

F Recreation Centre

George Hawes

Nothing to report

G Policy Committee

Sheila Glass

Nothing to report

PUBLIC FORUM- Parish Council Standing Orders temporarily suspended for this item

No members of the public were present.

- 7 AXFORD *Diann Barnett*
 Nothing new to report. A fence had fallen over onto a footpath. DB to contact A Ewing, Ramsbury Estates as it is on their land.
Action: DB to contact A Ewing
- 8 COMMUNITY ASSETS Crown & Anchor. There was discussion about various assets
Action: SG to talk to M Barrett before she makes the C& A application.
- 9 MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD *Sheila Glass*
 SG had attended the meeting. There was nothing to report about Ramsbury. Ramsbury Scouts had applied for a grant of £3850 for their summer camp and had been granted £3500.
Armed Veterans Day 28th – 30th June. There is a coach going from Marlborough to Salisbury Cathedral for a service. Veterans can apply for a free seat.
- 10 CATG MEETING
 Next meeting 17/6/19 *Sheila Glass*
- 11 BINS IN STREET *Christopher Payne*
 CP had prepared a report for the meeting. He reported that waste bins at the Bell were being left out for collection for much longer than necessary. This is not the first time the bins at the Bell have been discussed at a PC Meeting.
CP had drafted a letter to be sent to the Bell and he formally proposed it should be sent to the manager of the Bell by the Clerk. SG seconded this proposal and all agreed.
 An overflowing red topped bin has been left outside S Watson's office, taking up half the pavement, for over a week, with cardboard placed behind it and red bags alongside it now.
Action: CP to talk to S Watson about this.
 Both the Bell and S Watson's office are at the centre of the village and thus a focal point for villagers and visitors alike.
On Saturday March 30th a service bus was unable to pass the bins and parked cars in Oxford Street. The driver had to get out and move some bins in order to pass. This problem was then shared on Facebook by the driver
- 12 PARISH STEWARD SCHEME
 SG asked for anything to be reported to her for the visit on 25th 26th April. There were small potholes in Union St that could be fixed and potholes on Springs Hill
- 13 PRESCHOOL *Kate Abbot*
 Nothing to report
- 14 BOUNDARY WALK *Sheila Glass*
 Organisation is ongoing. New leaflets are being produced by M Hodgson as the walk is going to be done in reverse this year. Coffee/biscuits at Stitchcombe at 11.30am - DB and MH. Squash/ biscuits - Membury triangle in the afternoon MH,CS.
- 15 STREET FAIR
 SG suggested that the PC have a Parish Council stall to promote the PC and sell WW1books, Walk packs, and gel sacks. All agreed and a rota will be worked out for the Councillors to man the stall.
Action: rota to be organised SG CS
- 16 WEBSITE *Sheila Glass*
 Ongoing
- 17 COMMEMORATION CEREMONY June 9th
 Parish Councillors invitation circulated. Details in May minutes.
- 18 POLICE REPORT – none received
- 19 ELECTORAL REVIEW
 Froxfield to be moved to Pewsey Area Board . Our Electoral area to remain as Aldbourne and Ramsbury and will remain in the Marlborough Area Board.

- 20 LIBRARY See A 3302
The number of people borrowing books is going down. If the Library is not used it will close.
- 21 ALLOTMENTS No problems *Denise Edwards*
- 22 NATURE RESERVE Nothing to report *Chris Morgan*
- 23 MEMORIAL HALL Nothing to report *George Hawes*
- 24 BEST KEPT VILLAGE *Sheila Glass*
Great British Spring Clean March 23rd to April 13th/14th - this has finished now. See A3326. **SG expressed her thanks to Karen and Mark Rees** for her involvement in this and for organising the School competition. **Thanks also to the Scouts for what they had done. SG has sent entry form 15/4/19. Judging begins in the middle of May.**
- 25 VANDALISM - None reported
- 26 MEMORIAL GARDEN
J & M Handford had done some work there. SG had asked R Copp to remove 4 Rosemary bushes as they were getting large and straggly. They will be replaced with new ones. **Action: SG to contact R Copp**
- 27 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES
SG has asked T Pope to check the lighting.
- 28 KENNET TRIANGLE Nothing to report
- 29 PATIENTS REP Nothing to report. *George Hawes*
- 30 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

					PC 15/04/2019	
	Accounts for April 2019	TOTAL	Net	VAT	DD/BACS/CH/DEB BGC/CASH	S137
I3021	British Gas - Electricity for Public Toilets	23.00	21.90	1.10	DD	No
I3022	I&I IONOS Web Hosting 6 Months	86.33	71.94	14.39	DD	No
I3023	PlusNet Broadband Service	14.99	12.49	2.50	DD	No
I3024	I&I IONOS Web Package	8.39	6.99	1.40	DD	No
I3025	Castle Water - Water for Public Loos	11.39	11.39	0.00	DD	No
I3026	Amazon Market Place (Sheila Glass Air Pots for Boundary Walk) Debit Card	87.96	73.28	14.68	DEB (SG)	No
I3027	Carol Standage - Clerk Salary	393.34	393.34	0.00	BACS	No
I3028	Mary Holdsworth - Minute Taking	90.83	90.83	0.00	BACS	No
I3029	Idverde Ltd - Quarterly Cleaning Public Conveniences	844.92	704.10	140.82	BACS	No
I3030	Coral Westall - PC Office Cleaning	52.50	52.50	0.00	BACS	No
I3031	Clive Smith - WW2 Badge Display (Mileage Costs)	31.50	31.50	0.00	BACS	No
I3032	SSE Electricity - Christmas Lighting Supply Charges	24.73	23.56	1.17	BACS	Yes
	Total	1669.88	1493.82	176.06		

Accounts for payment–Proposed EH , sec DE. All agree

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PAYMENTS RECEIVED: None this month

BANK BALANCE on 31st March 2019: **CURRENT ACCOUNT £74723.52**

NB This figure includes ring fenced funds of **£41,635.00** for long term capital projects, **£899.00** for defibrillators plus allocated budget for the year and contingency.

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

MONDAY May 20th

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

at 7.45pm followed by Parish Council meeting in

RAMSBURY MEMORIAL HALL

YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME -PLEASE COME

ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC