

# RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall**

**Present - :** Diann Barnett,(DB), Denise Edwards (DE), Sheila Glass (Chairman) (SG), Erica Hodgson (EH), Christopher Payne (CP), Chris Morgan (CM), Roger Greasley (RG), Ron Young (RY) K Abbot (KA), G Hawes (GH), H Lloyd(HL), C Standage (Clerk), M Holdsworth (Minutes Secretary )

No members of the public were present

- 1 APOLOGIES for absence - S Smith, G Fearon-approved
- 2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST- GH – Item 31 Holy Cross Lighting
- 3 MINUTES of the meeting held July 15<sup>th</sup> for approval  
 CP challenged the wording of the addition agreed in Item 3 (i) in the July Minutes. After discussion SG proposed a vote should be taken as to whether the wording should be changed. 8 councillors voted for the wording to remain the same, 1 councillor voted against, 2 abstentions (not present at July Meeting). The addition remains as written in the July Minutes.  
 SG then proposed the Minutes should be approved sec. EH. 10 for , 1 against.
- 4 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes not itemised separately
  - (i) New litter bins delivered – 3 new litter bins had been delivered for The Post Office, Midway Stores and Back Lane. SG proposed getting 2 more bins, 1 for the Memorial Hall and one for Back lane/ Knowledge Crescent **All agreed**
  - (ii) School buses stopping in Axford –The owner of the house with trees that overhang the bus stop will have the branches cut back before the new term starts. The effect will then be monitored. **All agreed**
- 5 NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:

		<b>AUGUST 2019</b>	<b>Highlighted entries FOR DISCUSSION</b>	<b>Actions</b>
A3497	10/07/19	<b>Martin Cook</b>	<b>RE:</b> Ramsbury Manor – safely crossing the road - clear the vegetation on the bend – update on new Sign for Manor Footpath <b>Sheila Glass</b>	<b>Action: SG will set up site meeting with M Cook.</b> Signage update see Item 6c
A3500	14/07/19	<b>ARK Project</b>	<b>RE:</b> ARK – River restoration in Ramsbury <b>Sheila Glass</b>	Work on the Triangle has been completed. On Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug ARK will work on the leat alongside the Nature Reserve to increase the flow which will scour the bottom to thus enable the trout to spawn. They would welcome the help of volunteers. <b>Action: SG to notify households of the work</b>

A3507	15/07/19	<b>Adrian Hampton - Wilts</b>	<b>RE:</b> July Highways Newsletter. <b>F/w to Councillors</b>	Notification of an abandoned car in Ramsbury – owner prosecuted.  Article about cigarette ends being put down drains, these then pollute the river
A3509	15/07/19	<b>Sue Arnold</b>	<b>RE:</b> Thank you for Garden vouchers following work to help Carol with the QuickBooks system. <b>Sheila Glass</b>	
A3511	17/07/19	<b>Ann Dark - Wilts</b>	<b>RE:</b> School bus stop in Axford – update <b>Sheila Glass</b>	See Item 4
A3512	17/07/19	<b>Diane Ware - Wilts</b>	<b>RE:</b> Roads in Ramsbury – Paddocks Ramsbury. Sides of the road have been torn up in chunks – a survey is needed from Wiltshire Council to do something about the damage <b>Sheila Glass</b>	This had been caused by gutter cleaning. SG had reported this to Highways. <b>Action: SG to send another email</b>
A3515	22/07/19	<b>Nicola Mundy - Wilts</b>	RE: Winter preparations 2019 – 2020 <b>Sheila Glass</b>	SG has checked all salt bins and all need topping up. <b>Action: N Mundy has been notified</b>
A3516	22/07/19	<b>Margaret McKay</b>	<b>RE:</b> Spray can vandalism in Ramsbury – defaced road sign has been cleaned as best as possible. This incident has been reported to the police by CP <b>Sheila Glass</b>	<b>See Item 23</b>
A3518	22/07/19	<b>Kieron Tither</b>	<b>RE;</b> Quote received for pavement works - Back Lane and High street <b>Sheila Glass</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> quote to be sent at end of the week and the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quote has not been forthcoming.
A3520	22/07/19	<b>Karen Rees</b>	<b>RE:</b> Watering Begonias at the War Memorial – request for the Church flower group to water the Begonias at the War memorial. <b>Sheila Glass</b>	The contractor has put a conduit under the new path so that an automatic watering system can be set up for watering the Memorial Garden.
A3522	22/07/19	<b>Team Office – Whitton Team</b>	<b>RE:</b> Invitation to retirement service and refreshments <b>Sheila Glass</b>	SG attended and has sent a card from the Parish Council.
A3530	27/07/19	<b>David Arnold</b>	<b>RE:</b> Defib Battery on the Memorial Hall is giving a low battery warning <b>Sheila Glass</b>	2 new batteries have been purchased. <b>Action; SG has suggested D Arnold apply for a PC grant to top up funds for the Defibs.</b>

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A3531	27/07/19	<b>Wiltshire Council – Bus service</b>	<b>RE:</b> Changes to services 46 and 48 linking Baydon, Aldbourne and Ramsbury with Swindon, Hungerford and Marlborough starting 29/7/19.	Bus service run by Stagecoach. New timetables have been put on the noticeboard, Facebook, and the website. The prices have risen.
A3534	30/07/19	<b>Nicola Mundy</b>	<b>RE:</b> Winter Preparations 2019 20 - update <b>Sheila Glass</b>	<b>See A3515</b>
A3535	01/08/19	<b>Dawn Gill</b>	<b>RE:</b> Drain at lower end of Ashley Piece <b>Sheila Glass</b>	The drain by the Whittonditch play area was blocked and when it rained hard the water overflowed and ran down a resident's drive. The resident had dug out the drain and it was full of willow leaves. <b>Action: SG to contact the gully cleaning service.(see also A3538)</b>
A3537	01/08/19	<b>Nigel Parke(MessageMaker)</b>	<b>RE:</b> SID in Ramsbury – fault with the east end of Whittonditch, does not show readout for the speed. <b>Sheila Glass</b>	This will cost £350 for callout and repair. <b>Action: SG to organise repair</b>
A3538	01/08/19	<b>Karen Rees</b>	<b>RE:</b> Large Tree Branch Down at Ashley Place Playing Area <b>Sheila Glass</b>	3 quotes have been received for tree cutting at the Whittonditch play area. To raise the crown of the Ash tree, cut down the willow tree and to cut down the beech tree which is not safe. <b>Action: SG to send details of quotes to the Finance committee and to organise a meeting to discuss quotes.</b>
A3542	03/08/19	<b>Trevor Osborne</b>	<b>RE:</b> Quotes received for Tree works near Ashley Piece. <b>Sheila Glass</b>	See above
A3545	06/08/19	<b>Karen Rees</b>	<b>RE:</b> Bench at West end of Back Lane – there are weeds around the bench on Back Lane, also bench has been jumped on and one of the wooden panels is now broken. <b>Sheila Glass</b>	See 23 (ii)

A3552	10/08/19	<b>Christopher Payne</b>	<b>RE:</b> Concerns for dangerous roof at the Bell. – On the South West corner the Barge board was split by passing vehicle, slates have been dislodged and could potentially be a hazard to anyone standing below.	CP had noticed loose slates on SW corner of the outbuilding at the Bell, he informed the manager. 5 days later CP informed WC Senior Surveyor and he visited the Bell the following day. The Bell will deal with the matter and inform WC when completed. WC to visit and inspect the finished work.
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## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

## A Planning

Diann Barnett

## PLANNING REPORT RAMSBURY AND AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL – August 2019

Planning Applications Processed since July 2019 Report –

## NEW ITEMS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Comments REQ. date
16/7	19/06797/TCA	Holy Cross Church, Ramsbury	1 - Bird Cherry tree - reduce by 30% & shape crown accordingly 2 & 3 - Damson trees - reduce by 25% & shape crowns accordingly 4 - Beech tree (dead) - reduce height and leave for habitat <b>PC have no objection</b>	7/8
15/7	19/06774/FUL	Red Lion Axford Marlborough Wiltshire SN8 2HA	Change of Use from A4 public house with ancillary residential space to A3 restaurant and a separate C3 dwelling house and the addition of a part glazed hallway in the side courtyard.	19/8
25/7	19/06976/FUL	5 Orchard Close Ramsbury	Single-storey extension to create a family room, add new porch, sub-divide the existing reception room, modify existing dormer windows, add a new side window to the study, replace existing windows, remove metal chimney pipe from eastern gable. <b>PC has no objection</b>	22/8
22/7	19/07012/TCA	2 Carters Court High Street Ramsbury	1 - Scots Pine tree - fell 2 - Ash tree - raise crown to give 3.5 m clearance over driveway 3 - Hawthorn tree - raise crown to give 3.5 clearance over driveway. <b>PC has no objection.</b>	13/8
29.7.	19/07026/FUL 19/07279/LBC	Ramsbury Manor	Courtyard Buildings- Existing pump house and garage to be demolished. Existing car park surface to be removed to allow installation of new underground drainage system. New car park surface to be installed etc	29/8

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6.8	19/05731/tca	Ramsbury Pre school	Pollard lime trees. <b>PC has no objection.</b>	
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### 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 <b>– Note new date for comments 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Still waiting
21/6	19/03547/FUL	Hails Grove Marrison Hill Near Whittonditch Marlborough	Installation of a Polytunnel in an area at the base of the wood which has recently been cleared of dead elm trees. It is out of the wind and out of site from any roads or housing. <b>PC has no objection.</b>	19/7 Still waiting
3/7	19/06210/FUL	17 Back Lane, Ramsbury	Removal of existing rear porch structure. Raising of the complete existing rear single storey roof with addition of 3 roof lights, single storey rear flat roof extension. Removal of apple tree from rear garden. <b>PC has no objection.</b>	31/7 Still waiting
11/7	19/06243/FUL	Fosburys Field, Crowood Lane, Ramsbury	Conversion/Reuse of Redundant Stables and Barn to Residential Dwelling and Garage/Store. <b>PC objected</b>	8/8

### DECISIONS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Decision and date
26/4	19/03488/FUL	20 Isles Road Ramsbury SN8 2RT	Single storey rear extension, part conversion of garage and installation of fencing. – <b>PC had no objections</b>	Approved with conditions
14/6	19/05075/LBC	Stone Lane Bridge over the River Kennett Stone Lane Axford Marlborough Wilts	Repair works to arch ring stitching. <b>PC has no objection</b>	Approved with conditions
	19/04162/FUL	Land North of Darrells Farm Elmdown Ramsbury SN8 2HL	Erection of a free range egg laying unit with associated feed bins, hardstanding and associated infrastructure. <b>PC have commented</b>	Approved with conditions
	19/05144/LBC	Littlecote House Hotel Littlecote Hungerford Wiltshire RG17 0SU	Remedial Works to North-West wing of Littlecote House to repair damage caused by dry rot. <b>PC has no objection.</b>	Approved with conditions

\*W/E 9.8

(i) *Report on site meeting 6/8/19 and public meeting 8/8/19 in Axford Village Hall re*

*Red Lion application 19/06774/FUL*

The Planning Committee had a site meeting with and the owner of the Red Lion on 6/8/19 He would like to take part of the public bar into his house and make the rest into a restaurant with the accommodation separate to the restaurant. Part of the Car park to be taken into the garden. He has no definite plans and no business plan.

8/8/19 at the public meeting 20 people attended and the owner of the Red lion was late. He had no proper answers to the questions the residents asked. On 25/7/19 DB emailed the Planning Officer and Coun. J Sheppard as this planning application needs to be called in. She has received no reply as yet from either. There have been comments made on Facebook.

**B Finance**

*Sheila Glass*

(i) Grant application letters for 2020 had been sent out this week.

(ii) SG to arrange a Budget meeting for October

**C Rights of Way**

*Graeme Fearon*

(i) Wording for new/replacement sign at Manor crossing. The RoW committee had discussed this and two forms were suggested. CP requested that this be brought to full Council for decision:

A ROAD AHEAD CROSS WITH CARE

B DANGER ROAD LOOK LEFT

After discussion SG proposed that a vote be taken to decide which form to use

CP requested a counted vote

Votes for A.- HL, EH, RG, CM, SG, DB, GH, KA, DE

Votes for B- CP Abstention - RY

The wording for the sign will be ROAD AHEAD CROSS WITH CARE

(ii) The path in front of the Rec Centre is very overgrown **Action: SG has contacted I Smith.**

(iii) The path around Harbrook is very overgrown **Action; SG to contact S Evans**

(iv) R Copp to cut the permissive path once more along the Whittonditch Road.

(v) There is a huge pot hole in the layby at the 7 Bridges entrance on the Newtown Rd **Action: SG to contact Highways**

**D Play Areas & Seats**

**Denise Edwards**

(i) ROSPA inspection due in September

(ii) Ash tree and willow tree on Whittonditch play area – **see Item 5 A3538**

(iii) New dog signs for Knowledge Crescent play area are to be purchased and the pole is to be removed where the old bin was situated and a new bin provided.

(iv) Bird spikes are needed at the Axford play area and more for the play areas in Ramsbury. **Action: RY to organise purchase**

(v). Axford play area fence – DB ongoing

(vi). Cleaning equipment – The play equipment needs to be cleaned. **SG has contacted Community Pay Back but has had no reply.**

**F Recreation Centre**

*George Hawes*

Nothing to report

**G Emergency Committee**

*Helen Lloyd*

Audit of salt bins carried out-refills ordered - see item 5 A3534

Arrange meeting/update list of wardens to be arranged.

**H Policy Committee**

*Sheila Glass*

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

No members of the public were present

7. AXFORD *Diann Barnett*  
All well
8. COMMUNITY ASSETS  
Allotments – on going  
SG proposed that the Parish Council should wait and see if being a Community Asset (Red Lion) makes any difference to the planning decision before going ahead with any other suggestions for Community Assets in Ramsbury. **All councillors agreed with this.**
9. MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD *Sheila Glass*  
No meeting
10. CATG *Sheila Glass*  
No meeting
11. BINS IN STREET *Christopher Payne*  
(i) Green bins at the bottom of Tankard Lane – bins are being left for out for long periods. If it persists CP to contact Waste Dept. followed by a letter from PC to the households.  
(ii) Flytipping –3 bags of builders’ rubble and plaster board have been left in the layby on the W side of B4192 N of Whittonditch crossroads. CP contacted WC. Not removed yet (18/8/19)
- 12.PAVEMENT REPAIRS *Kate Abbott/ Roger Greasley*  
Council still waiting for quotes etc – See Item 5 A 3518
- 13.PARISH STEWARD SCHEME  
Next visit September 4<sup>th</sup> &5<sup>th</sup>
- 14.PRESCHOOL *Kate Abbot*  
Markings on the road have not been completed yet. M Cook away.
- 15.HEDGES IN ISLES ROAD *Christopher Payne*  
(i)R Copp has been requested to cut the hedge as usual. CP suggested that the whole hedge should be cut to a height of 1.2m from the road. After discussion it was agreed to have the hedge cut as usual with the Back Lane end tapering to give good visibility when crossing Isles Road  
(ii)The block of beech hedge (by Isles Court/ school crossing) belongs to Highways. SG proposed that R Copp remove this block of beech hedge and the space will be tarmacked. Sec RY. **All councillors agreed.**
- 16.VILLAGE OPEN DAY *Sheila Glass*  
Date for the next Village open day is April 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 PC to have a table.  
PC, together with I Smith to organise an event in the evening for all the volunteers in the organisations in the village
- 17.WEBSITE
- 18.BEST KEPT VILLAGE  
Tubs at entrance to village – DE has a quote for wooden troughs – **Action: DE to email quote to all councillors and it will be discussed at the September meeting**
- 19.75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY 9/5/2020  
This is to be the Street Fair 15/6/20 theme.  
SG suggested that benches in the Square be refurbished with new planks **Agreed**  
The remaining WW11 names to be put on the cross in the Memorial garden. **Agreed**
20. CORRESPONDENCE *Sheila Glass*  
How much do Councillors wish to receive? Deferred to September meeting

## 21.GDPR

*Kate Abbot*

KA questioned the amount of Councillors' details on noticeboard. After discussion it was decided that all councillors should contact CS with what details they would be happy with on the noticeboard and the matter will be on the agenda for September. **Action: Councillors to contact CS**

## 22.POLICE REPORT (Circulated)

## 23.VANDALISM

(i) *Spray paint graffiti*- CP had prepared a report for the PC. This had been discovered on 18/7/2019 and had been reported to the Police on 19/7 by CP, crime number 54190070636. CP attempted to remove spray paint. All cleared from seat in Mill Lane. No further information has been received from Police. SG proposed a vote of thanks to CP for attending to this matter. **Action: SG to ask Parish Stewards to clean whatever is left on walls and street sign**

(ii) Bench in Back Lane Item 5 A 3545 **Action: SG to ask D Hawkins to repair.**

## 24.LIBRARY

Childrens' Summer Reading challenge has been going well since middle of July.

## 25.ALLOTMENTS

*Denise Edwards*

R Copp to cut grass.

## 26.CHRISTMAS TREES

SG has contacted A Ewing about sending a letter to residents in the High St. No reply yet

## 27.MEMORIAL GARDEN

Automatic watering system – see Item 5 A3520

## 28.PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Repairs to lights has been carried out

## 29.KENNET TRIANGLE

Work by ARK has been carried out

## 30.PATIENTS REP

Nothing to report

*George Hawes***31.ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

	Accounts for AUGUST 2019	TOTAL	Net	VAT	DEB/FPI/CASH/BGC DD/BACS	S137
					PC 19/08/2019	
I3106	British Gas - Electricity for Public Toilets - JULY	23.00	21.90	1.10	DD	No
I3107	BT - 2ND Quarterly Bill	122.14	101.78	20.36	DD	No
I3108	PlusNet Broadband Service JUNE	14.99	12.49	2.50	DD	No
I3109	I&I IONOS Web Package Basic Fee July	8.39	6.99	1.40	DD	No
I3110	Castle Water - Water for Public Loos	9.09	9.09	0.00	DD	No
I3111	Manor Garden Centre - (Gratuity to Sue Arnold - Handover hours)	50.00	41.67	8.33	DC (SG)	No
I3112	Hungerford Garden Centre - (Memorial Garden)	14.40	12.00	2.40	DC (SG)	No
I3113	Carol Standage July Salary	405.19	405.19	0.00	BACS	No

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<b>I3114</b>	<b>Mary Holdsworth July Minute Taking</b>	<b>91.25</b>	<b>91.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>I3115</b>	<b>R Copp – Footpath clearance June - July Whittonditch</b>	<b>170.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>170.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>I3116</b>	<b>ARK - Repair of Mill Lane Footpath</b>	<b>125.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>125.70</b>	<b>BACS</b>	<b>No</b>

<b>I117</b>	<b>LCC S137 Grant for Lighting in Holy Cross Church - S137</b>	<b>1500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1500.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>I3118</b>	<b>Meals On wheels S 137 Grant to Correct Account</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>00.0</b>	<b>BACS</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>I3119</b>	<b>Four Seasons Garden Services (Nature Reserve)</b>	<b>36.62</b>	<b>30.52</b>	<b>6.10</b>	<b>BACS</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>I3120</b>	<b>Community Heartbeat (Defib Batteries)</b>	<b>465.00</b>	<b>465.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>I3121</b>	<b>Nigel Parke(Messagemaker) - Call out &amp; Repair SIDS</b>	<b>420.00</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>70.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>I3122</b>	<b>Savernake Adventure Scouts - Agreed Grant Application Funds (S137)</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>I3123</b>	<b>R Copp - Memorial Garden removing Bushes</b>	<b>55.00</b>	<b>55.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>I3124</b>	<b>Ramsbury Post Office - Retirement Card for Simon Weeden</b>	<b>2.75</b>	<b>2.29</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>DC (SG)</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4013.52</b>	<b>1855.17</b>	<b>2158.35</b>		

Financial account Prop DB, sec EH . All councillors agreed

**(iii) PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**

	<b>Payments received AUGUST</b>				<b>DD/BACS/DEC/FPI/ CASH/BGC</b>	<b>S137</b>
<b>R515</b>	HMRC Reclaim	<b>1382.26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1382.26</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>R516</b>	Ramsbury Meals On Wheels Incorrect Account Details	<b>250.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>250.00</b>		<b>No</b>
	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>1632.26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1632.26</b>		

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**BANK BALANCE on 31ST July 2019:**

**CURRENT ACCOUNT £81030.32**

**NB** This figure includes ring fenced funds of **£41,635.00** for long term capital projects, **£434** for defibrillators plus allocated budget for the year and contingency.

**DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**at 7.45pm in**

**RAMSBURY MEMORIAL HALL**

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