

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting which took place virtually on Zoom on Monday August 17th at 7.45pm

Present- H Lloyd (HL), D Barnett Vice Chair (DB), E Hodgson (EH), G Hawes (GH), R Greasley (RG), D Edwards (DE), C Morgan (CM), R Young (RY), S Glass (SG) Chairman, C Standage Clerk, M Holdsworth (Minutes clerk)

- 1 APOLOGIES – S Smith, K Abbot - approved
- 2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST- None
- 3 MINUTES of the meeting held July 20th 2020 Pro. SG, sec RY, all approved
- 4 MATTERS ARISING not included in agenda:
 - (i) **Back Lane lighting** – SG to write to WC and request that the lighting in Back lane be included when they next carry out a street lighting review. RY said that the street light by the Pre school is out at the moment. He has not yet reported it. **Action: SG to contact Danny Mair**
 - (ii) **Hedge at Whittonditch** – Action - Clerk to write to resident and ask for the hedge to be cut
 - (iii) **Air Ambulance Clothes Bank** - SG had met with the representative and they have put a clothes bank at the Surgery. The owners of the other clothes bank cleared the dumped bags very quickly. There are now 2 clothes banks at the Surgery
 - (iv) **Dangerous tree Knowledge Hill path** – Action- SG has had a reply to her letter written to Mrs J Wood. She says the tree work will be done and the other trees checked.
Update: tree has been felled

5 NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:

		AUGUST 2020	Highlighted entries FOR DISCUSSION	Actions
A4057	19/07/20	Stephen Smith	RE: Footpath leading from Swans Close to Swans Bottom. The street light no longer shines down onto the Footpath. Sheila Glass	SG had written to S Smith to say that the street light was in working order and the path was clear.
A4060	22/07/20	Wendy Yarney	RE: recycling bank at the Doctors Surgery. - Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Sheila Glass	See item 4(ii)
A4061	22/07/20	Playsafe	RE: Inspection of your play area(s) is scheduled to take place during September. Sheila Glass	DE had requested a meeting with the inspector when he/she comes to make the inspection in September- still waiting for a date and time.
A4065	24/07/20	David De Saxe	RE: Red Lion – Brown Sign to be taken down. Responsibility of new owner. Sheila Glass	DB had replied to D De Saxe

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A4068	27/07/20	Resident	RE: Street Light in Ashley Piece. Sheila Glass	The light is under a tree but it does illuminate the path and when the leaves are off the tree it will illuminate more.
A4075	31/07/20	Melissa Camilleri	RE: Parish Police Report. F/w to Councillors	The Police report may be incorporated into the Marlborough Area Board report in future.SG to write and suggest that if a report is being written it should be sent out as a separate Police report to parishes
A4077	02/08/20	David Arnold	RE: Defib Battery Invoice – and organising running costs. Sheila Glass	See item 6B (ii)
A4084	04/08/20	Danny Mair	RE: Back Lane Lighting (A3999). Sheila Glass	See Item 4 (i)
A4085	04/08/20	Martin Cook	RE: letter from resident re light in Back Lane Ramsbury. Sheila Glass	See item 4 (i)
A4090	05/08/20	Ian Southgate – Wilts Council	RE: Urgent Road closure C6 (Part), Eastridge, Ramsbury. Sheila Glass	The work here is now completed
A4095	10/08/20	Resident	RE: Request for Hedge to be cut. Sheila Glass	SG to write and let him know that the PC cannot help him as the hedge is on private land
A4100	11/08/20	Karen Rees	RE: BKV Progress for August. Sheila Glass	See Item 13
A4101	12/08/20	Stephanie Mabbett	RE: Fosbury's Field, Crowood Lane. Sheila Glass	It was proposed by SG that she write to say that the PC had not been approached about community use of the building and that the PC could see no use of it to the Community. Seconded DB All agreed.
A4102	17.8.20	Catherine George	Rats at Isles Court	SG to write to C George and suggest she asks Cognatum about pest control or else contact WC

6 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Diann Barnett

PLANNING REPORT RAMSBURY AND AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL – August 2020

Planning Applications Processed since July 2020 Report –

NEW ITEMS: NEW ITEMS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Comments REQ. date
21.7.2020	20/05464/FUL	3 Maslins Close, Back Lane, Ramsbury, SN8 2QQ	Second storey extension across 3 dormers (PC have concerns-commented)	18.8.2020
28.7.2020	20/06245/TPO	18 Isles Road, Ramsbury, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 2RT	Lime - Repollard & reduce by a further 6 feet (no objection)	5.8.2020
10.8.2020	20/06066/FUL	Crown and Anchor, Crowood Lane, Ramsbury.	Single storey extension and conversion of storage area into useable space, increasing area of b&b into 2 self contained bedsits	10.9.2020
14.8.2020	20/06885/TCA	The Old Bakery, 1 Back Lane, Ramsbury	Reduce and shape holly tree	4.9.2020

* w/e 11.8.2020

STILL AWAITED:

Report date w/e	App Number	Site location	Proposal	status
20.4.2020	20/02753/OUT	Sawyers Cottage, Axford	Replacement dwelling house (PC object)	18.5.2020

w/e 11.8.2020

DECISIONS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Decision
5.5.2020	20/03271/FUL	Ravensfield Cottage, 16 High Street	Insertion of dormer window; erection of additional chimney; alterations to existing front and rear openings; internal alterations including removal of existing and insertion of new walls.	approved
25.4.2020	20/03079/FUL	3 Kennet Mews, Axford	Rear conservatory (no objection)	approved
27.5.2020	20/03481/FUL	Watersmeet, Mill Lane, Ramsbury	Demolish conservatory and construct kitchen extension (no objection)	approved

*w/e 11.8.2020

The Planning Inspectorate decision on Fosbury Field is to dismiss it.

DB to arrange a site visit for the PC Planning Committee to the Crown and Anchor 20/06066/FUL

B Finance*Sheila Glass*

- (i) **AGAR** Confirmation the Audit has been received
- (ii) **Defib invoice** –SG proposed that D Arnold continue to apply for a S137 grant each year for defib maintenance and that the grant will be ring fenced in the PC account sec GH . **All agreed. Action - SG to write to DA and ask him to continue to apply for grants.**
- (iii) **Grant letters** – letters will be sent out this year with a caveat saying that the PC cannot guarantee that the money requested will be granted until the precept is finalised (WC finances may be affected by Covid expenditure)
- (iv) **CPRE membership** –SG proposed the PC continue its membership, sec DB **All agreed**
- (v) **Grass cutting** has been restarted.

C Rights of Way

Damage to Boundary Stone – T Eliot- Cohen has offered a mill stone or sarcen stone to replace the damaged Boundary stone. This can be engraved with the date when the Boundary Walk re-started. **Action – SG to contact to T E-C and ask for a mill stone and to check details of when the Boundary Walk restarted.**

Grass cutting restarted by R Copp

Springs Hill bottom – steep hill sign. DE suggested it be moved nearer the corner as lorries are committed to turning when the sign becomes visible. **Action - SG to contact M Cook to see what can be done**

D Play Areas & Seats*Denise Edwards*

Play areas are open, there have been no complaints there have been thank yous.

Action – DE to check the notices are still legible. DE and SG to attach swing seat and surface under pole at Whittonditch before the inspection.

Grass cutting restarted by R Copp

F Recreation Centre*George Hawes*

Now open according to prevalent regulations

G Emergency Committee*Helen Lloyd/Sheila Glass*

Covid-19 report – nothing to report. Some people are still having deliveries, but most are shopping for themselves. The volunteer group is still working and is available if the situation changes

H Policy Committee*Sheila Glass***7. AXFORD****Diann Barnett**

Axford bus shelter **Action – SG to get in touch with L Smith about this and to continue to get quotes for repairs**

River Kennet at Axford - there are problems at the river, large groups of people are gathering and have broken down the banks. A lot of rubbish is being left and a rubbish bin supplied by a resident has been thrown into the river. Rubbish has been left in the field where sheep are grazing – the shepherd has been notified. Tree trunks placed on the verge to stop cars parking down there have been pushed into the side of the road. This has all been reported to 101

8. MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD

No meeting

9. ALLOTMENTS*Denise Edwards*

Allotments are flourishing. DE has contacted all holders to check everything is OK. RY helped deliver some sleepers donated by a resident to the allotments. He was thanked.

10. PARISH STEWARDS

Ragwort pulling in August

11. NEWSLETTER*Sheila Glass*

It had been distributed to everyone in the Parish.

12. CATG

Reallocation of road space project – money provided by the Govt. to put cycle lanes in roads – are roads wide enough?

13 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE (BKV)

Karen Rees

Our update for August is as follows:-

BKV Wildflower Meadows:

1. Continued our watering duties around the village.
2. Mark planted a late meadow patch opposite the turning to the surgery, this is doing really well.
3. We've collected yellow rattle seeds ourselves this month so we won't need to buy on line. Last year, the seeds purchased were rather expensive and seemed to have failed to germinate.

Other tasks undertaken:

1. Tidied up grounds by the bridges on Springs Hill.
 2. Tidied the bottom End of Back Lane, cut weeds away from the bench and trimmed the ivy back away from the 20mph sign.
 3. GB Clean now takes place in September, written to the diary and to WW's to raise local awareness.
 4. Weeded the flower beds at War Memorial and tidied up the edges. Checked watering system. Ground damp in flower bed. Only minor drips in Utility Room.
 5. Disposed of the unwanted books that were left in the telephone box on the High St (bagged up and put into the fire service charity recycling container).
 6. Mark has spoken to a BT operative about the telephone box. There is a termination notice inside and BT have written to the council regarding the termination of the box. BT said they review all phone boxes every 6 months for closure. Apparently on receipt of their letter, the council has 42 days to respond back. Note: they said the box had only taken £1.00. Up until the lockdown we'd made 4 calls from the box at 60p a go!
- Action – SG has contacted BT and was told it was a WC planning concern. She has since contacted the Planning Dept.**

Plans for next month:

1. Watering duties.
2. Plan wildflower meadows for next year (consider lessons learned).
3. GB Clean - adorn gloves and hi-vis vest, armed with bag and pickers so we can collect litter around our village.

Of Note:

1. Dumpy bag of garden rubbish abandoned at Burdett Mews.
2. Overgrown hedges at both corners of Whittonditch Rd and Whitehill Close. One senior resident was seen to be snipping the brambles hitting him in the face as he walked past.
3. Likewise with overhanging hedge growth on Scholar's Lane just past the Bell car park.
4. Field opposite the disused phone box on Whittonditch Rd - side of the hedge has been cut and just left to drift onto the road which looks extremely untidy.

14 POLICE REPORT

Circulated to Councillors

15 BRITISH LEGION – has been redecorated. They are serving tea/cake at the weekends and Tues 18th 10am- 2pm.

16 MEMORIAL GARDEN

Looking very good, the watering system is working really well. Paul New will provide autumn plants.

17 TELEPHONE BOX IN HIGH STREET

Scheduled for decommissioning – see Item 13 - 6

18 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Closed

19 MEMORIAL HALL

It will open for the Thursday Dance class in September

George Hawes

20 NATURE RESERVE

CM cut it 10 days ago and J Herbertson cut it today

21 WEBSITE

Updated regularly

22 VANDALISM

EH had picked up 2 bags of rubbish from the 7 Bridges. **Action – SG to ask if one bin from Mill Lane could be moved to the 7 Bridges path on Newtown Rd. SG to put up sign saying “Please take your rubbish home”**

23 PATIENTS REP

George Hawes

Dr Rayner is to retire shortly. 2 new doctors have been appointed to work there.

24. FLYER - operating now with a limited shopping service – MUST book a seat. Wednesday- Pick up at Ramsbury, Aldbourne and Chilton Foliat. Friday from Froxfield

25.ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

			PC 20/08/2020			
	Accounts for AUGUST 2020	TOTAL	Net	VAT	DEB/FPI/CASH/BGC	S137
I3293	Face Masks - Supplier HSNF Ltd (Amazon) Covid Budget	205.39	205.39	0.00	DEB (SG)	No
I3294	Face Masks - Supplier Sazzo Fresh Foods Ltd (Amazon) Covid Budget	139.80	139.80	0.00	DEB (SG)	No
I3295	ZOOM Pro for Parish Council Meetings - ongoing Debit Card payment (SG) - COVID	14.39	11.99	2.40	DEB (SG)	No
I3296	BT Quarterly Bill	121.46	101.22	20.24	DD	No
I3297	British Gas - Electricity for Public Toilets for JULY 2020	27	25.71	1.29	DD	No
I3298	PlusNet Broadband Service JULY 2020 - Broadband Increase In Oct to £15.21	14.99	12.49	2.50	DD	No

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I3299	I&I IONOS Web Package Basic Fee JULY 2020 - website hosting service	8.39	6.99	1.40	DD	No
I3300	Carol Standage JULY 2020 Salary - Clerk Salary	405.19	405.19	0.00	BACS	No
I3301	Mary Holdsworth JULY 2020 Minute Taking - Staff Costs Other	91.25	91.25	0.00	BACS	No
I3302	CPRE - Annual Membership	36.00	36.00	0.00	BACS	No
I3303	Community Heartbeat - Defib Batteries	282.00	235.00	47.00	BACS	No
		1345.86	1271.03	74.83		

Accounts Pro.SG, sec DB – All in favour.

	Payments received:				DD/BACS/DEC/FPI/CASH/BGC	S137
	NOT THIS MONTH					

BANK BALANCE on 31ST July 2020:

CURRENT ACCOUNT £83842.30

NB This figure includes ring fenced funds of **£47,961** for long term capital projects, **£277** for defibrillators **£22,000** for Flyer plus allocated budget for the year and contingency

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST 2020

IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT COVID-19 SITUATION THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT BUSINESS ONLINE. DETAILS OF BUSINESS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

Public meetings are suspended until further notice.

