

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20TH January 2020 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

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Present - : D Barnett (DB), D Edwards (DE), S Glass (Chairman) (SG), R Greasley (RG), G Hawes (GH,) , H Lloyd (HL), C Payne (CP), E Hodgson (EH) , R Young (RY), K Abbot (KA), C Standage (Clerk), M Holdsworth (Minutes Secretary) .

4 members of the public were present

- 1 APOLOGIES for absence – C Morgan, S Smith - approved
- 2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST- None
- 3 MINUTES of the meeting held December 9th 2019 for approval
CP raised a point of order:
SG had sent out an amendment to the draft minutes. In the draft minutes item 25 read “Councillor training potential dates Thurs 23rd/ Mon 27th Jan in the evening . **Action- Clerk to contact KF for her availability.**”Councillors had indicated that both dates were satisfactory with a preference for 27th. The same day as the draft minutes were published SG realised that 27th was a clash of dates for some Councillors so the clerk arranged training for 23rd . In order to avoid any doubt as to the date SG sent out an amended minutes with an apology. In the amended minutes item 25 read “Councillor training **Action: Clerk to contact Katie Fielding to confirm Thursday 23rd 2020**”
CP said that the minutes should not have been amended as they no longer constituted a true record of the meeting. SG assured him that her action was taken purely for clarification.
 - (i) P 1514- A3698 should read “see Item 25” not see Item 24
 - (ii) P 1515 – A3711 CP stated that he was not happy with the wording of the Action. It should read as follows “Late during the afternoon of Sat 7th Dec 2019 CP had become aware that a part of the wall had collapsed onto private property – the garden next to the driveway of 10 Burdett St. The matter was discussed with the owners of 10 Burdett St and there was concern that another part of the wall (around the Walled garden) might collapse into Burdett St itself.
The following morning (Sun 8th Dec 2019) the wall was looked at again in good daylight and (in agreement with the owners of 10 Burdett St) CP contacted WC Building Control Dept on the basis that the wall might be a dangerous structure. A staff member of the Building Control Dept. visited that afternoon and said he would report the matter for action the next day to the WC Senior District Surveyor.
During the morning of Mon 9th Dec 2019 the Senior District Surveyor Mr Graham Haddrell and his designated successor John Fuggle inspected the wall and spoke with CP. They said they were concerned that the wall along Burdett St had moved and noted it was cracked and that they would be advising the owner to seek the advice of a structural engineer and act upon any recommendation”
 - (iii) P1517 Both Items “Bins on Street” and “Preschool” had no numbers and so the numbers on the Items from No. 11 were out of sync with the numbers on the December Agenda.
The Minutes were then Approved and signed Pro DB, sec HL , all agreed.
- 4 MATTERS ARISING not included in agenda
 - (i) **Parish Newsletter/ mag** - SG had spoken to D Stoyle about the matters raised in the Dec Minutes Item 9. He said there were many things to still be decided **Action D Stoyle will report back to the PC at a later date.**

- (ii) **Sponsorship for entrance tubs.** The WI will sponsor the tubs at the Whittonditch Rd. entrance and the Horticultural Society will sponsor the tubs at the Newtown Rd entrance.
- (iii) **Trees at Manor Crossing** - there had been a breakdown in Communication – M Cook thought that the PC would get a contractor to fell the trees, PC thought that M Cook would deal with this.
Action- M Cook to ask the Parish Stewards to complete this job.
- (iv) **Street light in Back Lane** –Unless the wiring is still in place WC will not replace the light- they need evidence that there had originally been a light there.
- (v) **Tree in Newtown Road** – this has now been felled.

5 NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:

		JANUARY 2020	Highlighted entries FOR DISCUSSION	Actions
A3722	10/12/19	Mildenhall Clerk	RE: Red Lion Signs at Axford on A4 – The brown pub signs on the A4 are misleading. Martin Cook Highways engineer advised that it was the proprietor's responsibility to take the brown signs down. Sheila Glass	
A3725	11/12/19	Katie Fielding	RE: WALC Newsletter and Neighbourhood Planning Training. Buckingham Palace Garden Party 27/05/20 F/w to Councillors	This was for Councillors who are leaving the PC.
A3729	13/12/19	Marilyn Fremlin	RE: Dog Excrement – Dog Mess on Paths Play area and Churchyards. Sheila Glass	M Fremlin was present at the PC meeting. She felt that all dogs should be kept on a lead in the built up areas of the village. There are signs in the churchyard asking to keep dogs on leads and to pick up dog poo. There are signs that say £1000 fine if there is evidence of an owner not picking up dog poo. DE has a dog poo campaign going on Facebook.

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A3731	19/12/19	Sam Dascombe	RE: Complaint – Disappointed in reaction received from the Parish Council Sheila Glass	SG will reply to this
A3732	20/12/19	Stephen Leonard - Wilts	RE: Dangerous Bridge – Two Bridges on RAMS30 where it leaves West Lodge have been reported - number 4833500. Sheila Glass	SG reported this to West Lodge. W Lodge said it was Highways responsibility as it is a Right of Way. Action - SG has reported this to Highways

A3733	24/12/19	Richard Greaves	RE: Bus Service 48 Ramsbury at 07:48 Ref: 5806 Sheila Glass	A reply had been received from Stagecoach about the overcrowding on the 7.48am bus to Marlborough. They say it is unsafe to run a double-decker bus on that route due to overhanging branches. Longer single- decker buses will replace the existing ones at some point and this will reduce the problem. This is being monitored. The question of the bus running early is also being monitored by Stagecoach. Action – Clerk to write and ask for an update on the situation.
A3734	26/12/19	Iona Harper	RE: Enquiry regarding having a Xmas Tree attached to house in 2020 Sheila Glass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a review in Oct 2020 and PC will keep her in mind. • Action: Clerk to inform her
A3735	01/01/20	Karen Rees	RE: Wishing Parish council Happy New Year. F/w to Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you
A3736	06/01/20	Community Policing – M Camilleri	RE: Wiltshire Parish Police Report December 2019 F/w to Councillors	
A3737	07/01/20	Paul Angus – Scottish & southern Electricity Networks	RE: Unmetered Supply Certificate Xmas Tree Lights Sheila Glass	Not had the bill yet.

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A3739	09/01/20	RE: Karen Rees	RE: Blocked Drains - Blocked Drains on Crowood Lane – Whittonditch Road Sheila Glass	SG has reported these
A3740	10/01/20	Dawn at Splash	RE: Splash February Half Term Activities Programme F/w to Councillors	Posters to be put on PC notice board
A3741	10/01/20	Chris Roberts	RE: Knowledge Hill Footpath – Over years the hardcore has been replaced with mud, the path is now sinking well below the level of the grass. Sheila Glass	SG had visited the path on 20/1/20. It is muddy but there is a hard surface in the middle. It is passable. See Item 14
A3742	10/01/20	Floodwessex	RE: Wessex Flood Warden Newsletter – January 2020. Newsletter January Revised 2020 F/w to Councillors	
A3744	13/01/20	Martin cook	RE: RE- Surfacing Works – The Paddocks Ramsbury Sheila Glass	M Cook replied to SG’S email. Pavements are usually repaired before roads.
A3745	13/01/20	Felicity Beaver	RE: Parking in the High Street Ramsbury – Two Large vehicles obstructing and horsebox along by Fire Station. Sheila Glass	Vehicles are taxed and insured. The large vehicles are parked in different places in the High St , not always in the same place Action: SG to reply
A3746	13/01/20	Martin Cook	RE: Trees in Manor Crossing Ramsbury Sheila Glass	See Item 4 (iii)

6 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Diann Barnett

PLANNING REPORT RAMSBURY AND AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL – JANUARY 2020

Planning Applications Processed since DECEMBER 2019 Report

NEW ITEMS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Comments REQ. date
19.12.20	19/12049/FUL	23 Oxford Street, Ramsbury	2 storey rear extension and internal alterations	10.2.20
23.12.20	19/12067/FUL	15, Back Lane, Ramsbury	2 storey side extension	10.2.20

* w/e 11.1.2020

STILL AWAITED:

Report date w/e	App Number	Site location	Proposal	status
2.10.19	19/09164/ful	Hilldrop Corner Hilldrop Lane Ramsbury SN8 2RB	Retrospective application for the installation of replacement air-conditioning external fan coil units to the eastern elevation at Hilldrop Corner. PC has no objection	Still waiting

W/e 11.1.2020

DECISIONS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Decision
7.11	19/09899/FU	Shellswood Dairy, Marridge Hill Lane, Preston, Ramsbury, Wiltshire, SN8 2QA	Retention of a mobile home (currently used for the shepherd during lambing) for three years to be used as a dwelling for an agricultural worker. PC has no objection.	Approved with conditions.
1.12.19	19/11471/TCA	32 High Street	Fell 2 cherry trees	Approved
9.12.19	19/113994/FUL	1 Swans Close, Ramsbury	Single storey rear extension and loft conversion.	Approved with conditions.

*w/e 11.1.2020

B Finance

Sheila Glass

(i) Precept form had been submitted-£54,845.00 requested. This had not been acknowledged

Action - Clerk to write and ask if it had been received.

(ii) Asset Register review – this had been reviewed, planters have been added.

(iii) Financial and Planning Standing orders review – There had been no reason to change these.

Review noted

(iv) Grant notification letters had been sent out to all applicants.

(iv) Q3 report had been sent out to all Councillors. EH queried the Axford Broadband entry.

No other

queries were raised **Action: Clerk to check Axford Broadband entry**

C Rights of Way

Dangerous Bridge 7 bridges walk – this had been reported, see Item 4 A 3732

D Play Areas & Seats

Denise Edwards

Maintenance -swing seat and matting has arrived.

F Recreation Centre

George Hawes

K Rees said there was a lot of rubbish which belonged to the Football Club by the pavilion.

GH said they were having work done and it would be removed on completion.

G Emergency Committee

Helen Lloyd

HL has been reviewing the Parish Emergency Plan and using WC suggestions where appropriate.

When it is completed she will send it out to all Councillors for their comments. **Action HL to complete Emergency Plan and circulate to all Councillors**

H Policy Committee

Sheila Glass

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

K Rees gave a report to the PC

- (v) The lights had been put on the telephone boxes over the Christmas period and were now put away for next year.
- (vi) They have 4 small signs for the wild flower meadows around the village.
- (vii) The application forms for the Flower competition will be available in the Post Office and it will be advertised in Whitton Ways, Diary and on social media.
- (viii) The Great British Spring Clean – KR has been in touch with the Scouts and they are ready to help and will put up their big sign in The Square.
- (ix) The new tubs had been put at the edges of the village and are now planted with red, white and blue bulbs and plants. KR thanked the members of the PC for this.

- 7 AXFORD *Diann Barnett*
The owners of the Red Lion do not seem to be in permanent residence.
The house next door to the Red Lion is Under Offer.
- 8 COMMUNITY ASSETS
SG is waiting to hear from WC
- 9 MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD *Sheila Glass*
Next meeting 28/1/20
- 10 CATG *Sheila Glass*
Report on meeting of 12/12/19 – SG was told that pedestrians road signs at the Manor crossing would cost £500. SG has found signs for £45 and will ask if PC can erect them themselves
- 11 BINS IN STREET *Christopher Payne*
There had been some confusion over collection dates over Christmas, but now collections are back to normal.
The next step is publicity about not leaving bins visible even if they are on private property
- 12 GARDEN WALL AT N. END AND E. SIDE OF BURDETT ST. *Christopher Payne*
Following on from the last report CP had a call from Mr Fuggle on Tues 10th Dec to say that he had contacted the owner of the wall. There is a dispute about a boundary.
On Thurs 16th Jan 2020 Mr Fuggle reported that the dispute is still ongoing and meanwhile nothing is happening about the state of the wall.
It was suggested that the Clerk write to WC stating that councillors are concerned about the state and safety of the wall on the E side of Burdett St and SG suggested that they request a “dangerous wall” sign be fixed there while the dispute is ongoing. **Action – Clerk to write to WC**
- 13 DOG POO BAG DISPENSERS
SG is to measure the poles in order to order the correct size fixings for dispensers.
- 14 PARISH STEWARDS
(i) Clean the Ramsbury signs on the Froxfield Rd and the Axford signs.
(ii) Clear the paths - Knowledge Crescent to Back Lane and Ashley Piece to the Surgery, the east end near Ashley Piece by the playing field
(iii) Fell trees at the Manor crossing..
- 15 VILLAGE OPEN DAY APRIL 18TH *Sheila Glass*
- 16 NATURE RESERVE No Report *Chris Morgan*
- 17 WEBSITE
Access To Website – this is to be put on the Agenda for February. Access for people with disabilities
- 18 BEST KEPT VILLAGE *Sheila Glass/Denise Edwards*
Tubs at village entrances - Several members of the PC had spent time installing new tubs at the village entrances on the weekend of 18th Jan, filling them with compost and planting bulbs etc. SG thanked KA, HL, RY, DE Matt Hodgson, Clive Glass and Karen and Mark Rees for their help.
Flower competition – see Public Forum
- 19 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY *Sheila Glass*
Display board - DB had been in contact with the War Graves Commission and has some suggestions to make. **Action : SG and DB to meet and finalise ideas.**
Benches in the Square the quote had been accepted and work will be completed before the day.
- 20 POLICE REPORT Had been circulated-nothing in Ramsbury noted.
- 21 HIGHWAYS REPORT – December and January had been circulated. WC have new gritters ,fly tipping is to be targeted
- 22 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES
There are three vacancies – CP suggested that as GF had been chair of the Rights of Way committee, it may be a good idea to look for someone interested in rights of way.

- 23 WALC NEWSLETTER
Councillor training 7.00pm Thurs 23rd January 2020- **Action - Clerk to contact K Fielding re access etc.**
- 24 VANDALISM
A large bag of compost was stolen at the weekend whilst the tubs around the village were being filled. It was stolen from the hedge by the tubs at the Whittonditch entrance to the village.
- 25 LIBRARY No report
- 26 ALLOTMENTS *Denise Edwards*
4 of the single raised beds have been rented.
- 27 CHRISTMAS TREES *Sheila Glass*
All the Christmas trees around the Square and High St looked wonderful.
SG proposed putting collection boxes in the pubs and shops from September to collect for the cost of the lights for Christmas 2020. PC cannot expect Ramsbury Estates to pay all the costs **All agreed**
- 28 MEMORIAL GARDEN
P New will supply the bedding plants for the Memorial Garden and the 20 new rosemary bushes. He will also supply plants for the tubs in the Square.
- 29 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES
The handwash machine in the gents only has water, no soap or hot air. SG said that both handwash machines will be replaced in the next financial year.
- 30 KENNET TRIANGLE - flooded
- 31 PATIENTS REP *George Hawes*
Dr K Tilney has now been made a partner.
- 32 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

	Accounts for JANUARY 2020	TOTAL	Net	VAT	DEB/FPI/CASH/BGC	S137
I3189	British Gas - Electricity for Public Toilets for DECEMBER 2019	12.00	11.43	0.57	DD	No
I3190	PlusNet Broadband Service DECEMBER	14.99	12.49	2.50	DD	No
I3191	I&I IONOS Web Package Basic Fee DECEMBER + 1&1 IONOS domain.Org.UK 29/11/19 to 29/11/2020	20.38	16.98	3.40	DD	No
I3192	1&1 IONOS SSL 20/11/19 to 20/11/20 Pro Windows	28.79	23.99	4.80	DD	No
I3193	Castle Water DECEMBER Water for public conveniences	10.40	10.40	0.00	DD	No
I3194	Idverde - Cleaning Public Convenience Quarter 4	878.71	732.26	146.45	BACS	No

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I3195	J Talmage - Annual Rent for Allotment Site	600.00	600.00	0.00	BACS	No
I3196	Carol Standage DECEMBER Salary	405.19	405.19	0.00	BACS	No
I3197	Mary Holdsworth DECEMBER Minute Taking sal	91.25	91.25	0.00	BACS	No
I3198	Steven Standage - Fuel Contribution for the loan of John Deere Machinery on Nature Reserve	29.46	24.55	4.91	BACS	No
I3199	R A Copp - Erecting Barriers at entrance of path from Knowledge hill to back Lane - Village Upkeep	155.00	155	0.00	BACS	No
I3200	Sheila Glass - Heater for Parish Council Office	46.00	38.33	7.67	BACS	
I3201	Post Office - Leaving Card for G Fearon - Chairman's Allowance	2.80	2.33	0.47	DEB (SG)	No
I3202	Tesco - G Fearon - Gratuity - Chairman's Allowance	10.00	8.33	1.67	DEB (SG)	No
I3203	Waitrose - Mince Pies and Wine - Xmas Meeting – Chairman's allowance	18.33	15.27	3.06	DEB (CS)	No
	Total	2323.30	2147.80	175.50		

Debit Card Transactions will be Approved at next PC Meeting

As Transactions are next day showing on Bank Statements

	Payments received:				DD/BACS/DEC/FPI/CASH/BGC	S137
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R526	Ramsbury Allotment Association	600	600	0.00	CQ 100120	No
R527	J Haw Xmas Tree Donation	10	10	0.00	Transfer	No
R528	F Mills Xmas Tree Donation	10	10	0.00	Cash	No
	TOTAL	620	620	0.00		

Accounts for approval Pro
DE, sec EH. All agreed.

BANK BALANCE on 31ST DECEMBER 2019:

CURRENT ACCOUNT £68089.96

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 MEETINGS

Policy Committee 6.45pm at Council Office February 10th 2020

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2020

at 7.45pm in

RAMSBURY MEMORIAL HALL

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