

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

Monday 18th November 2019 at Axford Village Hall

Present - : D Barnett (DB), D Edwards (DE), S Glass (Chairman) (SG), R Greasley (RG), G Hawes (GH,) , H Lloyd (HL), G Fearon (GF), K Abbot(KA) C Payne (CP), E Hodgson (EH), C Morgan (CM), C Standage (Clerk), M Holdsworth (Minutes Secretary) . 3 members of the public were present.

- 1 APOLOGIES – R Young, S Smith- approved
- 2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST- None
- 3 MINUTES of the meeting held October 21st 2019 were approved and signed. Prop. GF, Sec DE. 10 for, 1 abstention(not at meeting)
- 4 MATTERS ARISING not included in agenda
 - (i) SG had written to Stagecoach re. the 7.15 am 48 bus service (see Item 5 A3624 Oct Minutes) but has had no reply as yet.
 - (ii) White van on Newtown Rd Item 10 (iii). It is taxed and insured.
- 5 NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:

| | | NOVEMBER 2019 | Highlighted entries FOR DISCUSSION | Actions |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| A3633 | 20/10/19 | Karen Rees | RE: Best Kept Village update – Sheila Glass | See Item 21 |
| A3635 | 28/10/19 | Katie Fielding | RE: October Newsletter – Training session for Councillors. Sheila Glass | SG awaiting dates and times |
| A3640 | 28/10/19 | Adrian Hampton | RE: Highways Newsletter September for October F/w to Councillors | Information about flooding and gritting |
| A3642 | 28/10/19 | Democratic and Member Services | RE: Briefing Note 19-030 Targeting Fly Tipping F/W to Councillors | |
| A3645 | 01/11/19 | Democratic and Member Services | RE: Briefing Note 19 – 033 Payphones Consultation F/w to Councillors | Phone box at the Memorial Hall is not working. Action: M Rees has reported it to BT and he will keep SG informed of progress |
| A3647 | 02/11/19 | Nick Waite | RE: Bench Slat Replacements – Square Ramsbury - Quote Sheila Glass | 2 quotes have been received |

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| A3648 | 02/11/19 | Wilts | RE: First e – newsletter from Wiltshire Council – Issued fortnightly F/w to Councillors | |
| A3649 | 03/11/19 | Melisa Camilleri | RE: October Police Report F/w to Councillors | |
| A3650 | 03/11/19 | Karen Rees | RE: Cut the overhanging branches that were obstructing the Speed Warning Signs Sheila Glass | SG thanked K Rees |
| A3653 | 05/11/19 | Anthony Luke | RE: Disabled Parking Bay outside No16 High Street Sheila Glass | SG to ask Mr Luke to apply to WC for use of parking bay. |
| A3655 | 06/11/19 | National Association of Local Councils | RE: NALC & LGA Launch new guide to tackle loneliness F/w to Councillors | |
| A3656 | 06/11/19 | Will Stone | RE: Pavement Works – Organised and paid to resurface driveway and pavement by noticeboard Sheila Glass | SG had thanked Mr Stone for this |
| A3657 | 06/11/19 | Wilts | RE: Town/Parish Precepts 2020/2021 Sheila Glass | Forwarded to Finance Committee |
| A3658 | 06/11/19 | Karen Rees | RE: WW Street Fair Flower Competition Sheila Glass | In hand - see Item 21 |
| A3659 | 06/11/19 | Wilts | RE: Gully Emptying Service – The sewer Crew – A Gully Emptying Service that is provided F/w to Councillors | SG had reported the blocked gullies at the Surgery and Loves Lane. HL reported another blocked gully in Crowood Lane outside “Apple Trees”. SG to report this. |
| A3660 | 08/11/19 | David Arnold | RE: Mill Lane Defib – Low Battery – Replacement Battery to be ordered Sheila Glass | D Arnold had ordered a new battery. |
| A3665 | 11/11/19 | Lieutenancy - Wilts | RE: Invitation County of Wiltshire Carol Service 6 December 2019. Christ Church Cricklade Street Swindon F/w to Councillors | All councillors have been invited. |

6 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Diann Barnett

PLANNING REPORT RAMSBURY AND AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 2019

Planning Applications Processed since October 2019 Report –

NEW ITEMS:

| Report date w/e | App. Number | Site location | Proposal | Comments REQ. date |
|-----------------|---------------|---|--|--------------------|
| 25.10 | 19/10034/FUL | 2 The Shute, From Road To Grove Farm Stichcombe To Whites Hill, Axford, SN8 2EX | 2 storey infill extension replacing existing extension. | 20.11 |
| 30.10 | 19/10377/TC A | The Granary, Back Lane, Ramsbury, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 2QH | 1 - Leylandii Cypress tree - fell2 - Oak tree - fell | 20.11 |
| 7.11 | 19/09899/FUL | 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. | 6.12 |

* w/e 8.11.19

STILL AWAITED:

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| 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 | Still waiting |
| 2.10 | 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 |
| 4.10 | 19/09285/ful | Woodlands Farm Witcha RAMSBURY SN8 2HQ | Demolition of existing bungalow, and the erection of a replacement dwelling; with associated garaging, turning, landscaping, private amenity space, and the creation of a new vehicular access point. Not able to access plans to give an accurate assessment, extension requested. | 1.11 |
| 17.10 | 19/09805/ful | 16 The Paddocks, Ramsbury | Extension to garage to create workshop and office. | 14.11 |

DECISIONS:

| Report date w/e | App. Number | Site location | Proposal | Decision |
|-----------------|--------------|--|---|----------|
| 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 – Note new date for comments 1 st May | Approved |
| 24.9 | 19/08498/FUL | 14 Whittonditch Road | Removal of plastic roof on existing conservatory. Replace with pitched roof tied into adjacent garage roof. Retile both sides of roof. PC has no objection. | Approved |
| 4.10 | 19/09546/ful | Northern Barn at Bridge Farm Nr Ramsbury SN8 2HL | Extension of existing agricultural building to provide accommodation for seasonal workers. PC has no objection. | Approved |
| 8.10 | 19/09451/ful | 13 Ashley Piece Ramsbury Wiltshire SN8 2QE | Single storey extension PC has no objection | Approved |

w/e 8.11.19

B Finance*Sheila Glass*

Draft budget has been circulated for discussion and will be brought to the December meeting for final approval. No further comments were received

C Rights of Way*Graeme Fearon*

(i) R Copp had treated the Manor footpath and had placed a man at each end to ensure that no-one used the path until the spray had dried.

(ii) SG has asked R Copp to spray the Whittonditch footpath.

D Play Areas & Seats*Denise Edwards*

Matting and cradle seat have been ordered. All the play areas are looking good. Bins will be replaced in the 1st week of December.

F Recreation Centre*George Hawes*

Nothing to report

G Emergency Committee*Helen Lloyd*

SG and HL have started to update the wardens list and Emergency Plan.

H Policy Committee*Sheila Glass***PUBLIC FORUM- Parish Council Standing Orders temporarily suspended for this item**

Mr Watson from Axford asked about the future of the Red Lion. SG said that the owner has been told by the Planners that he must put it on the market for 6 months at a marketable price before he can re-apply for planning permission.

This has not yet been done.

7 AXFORD

Diann Barnett

6th December – Concert in the Church

8th December – Carol Concert in the Church 4pm

8 COMMUNITY ASSETS

This is ongoing

9 MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD

Sheila Glass

Next meeting 19/11/19 - SG to attend

- 10 CATG *Sheila Glass*
Next meeting 12/12/19 -SG to attend
- 11 BINS IN STREET *Christopher Payne*
There are 6 bins and 2 boxes on the pavement outside Saxon Forge. DE said the people that these belong to have moved. **Action: DE to put the bins back where they belong.**
- 12 TOWN CRIER
Graeme Fearon the Town Crier has retired. Our new Town Crier is John Barker.
SG thanked GF for all he had done as Town Crier. **Action: SG had put this in Whitton Ways and the Diary**
- 13 PAVEMENT REPAIRS *Kate Abbott/ Roger Greasley*
Scheduled works had been completed. The work had been excellent and the men were very obliging.
- 14 GDPR *Kate Abbott*
SG asked if the Councillors would agree to have their phone numbers (land line or mobile) on the notice board in the Square. All agreed. **Action: Clerk to add phone numbers to the list of Councillors names**
- 15 DOG POO Bag Dispenser Boxes
5 to be ordered. They will be placed near bins in Mill Lane, Froxfield Rd (by the bridge), near the Church Room, by the Memorial hall and near the bin in Knowledge Crescent. **Action: SG to measure posts and order bins.**
- 16 PARISH STEWARD SCHEME
Next visit Nov27th 28th – HL reported lots of leaves on the Crowood Lane path by “Apple Trees”
- 17 PRESCHOOL *Kate Abbot*
Nothing new to report.
- 18 HEDGE IN ISLES ROAD *Sheila Glass*
The block of hedge by the School crossing has been reduced in height. GF asked if the N end of the long hedge could be tapered down (as is the S end) for better visibility. **Action: SG to ask R Copp to do this**
- 19 VILLAGE OPEN DAY *Sheila Glass*
- 20 WEBSITE
There had been a problem with email but this has now been resolved.
- 21 BEST KEPT VILLAGE *Sheila Glass/Denise Edwards*
DE has ordered tubs for village entrances which will come at the end of November. Bulbs have arrived and compost bought. DE has asked Crown & Anchor if they could use the same colour scheme (red, white and blue) in their tubs and she will also ask the Bell.
The Ramsbury WI has agreed to sponsor the tubs at the Whittonditch end of the village – they will buy the 2 tubs and will give £100 a year for the plants and compost. This is part of the Ramsbury WI 100 years old celebrations in 2020.
Report on other works - Karen Rees
- (i) K&M Rees planted wild flower seed patches at the surgery, Newtown Road, behind the 1st bench at the bottom of Springs Hill and in the Whittonditch play area by the fence. They will make up some small signs to mark the areas where the wild flower patches are.
- (ii) They planted the tête-à-tête bulbs around the 1st bench on Springs Hill, by the bench at the end of Back Lane and across the road next to the High Street sign.
- (iii) They have cleaned up the inside and outside of the telephone box on Whittonditch Road, there will be a string of Christmas lights around both phone boxes for Christmas
- (iv) KR wrote an article in Whitton Ways about the Flower pot/basket competition they will run as part of the next Street Fair and met with Ian Smith to get his support for including the flower pot competition in the Street Fair.
- 22 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY *Sheila Glass*
Benches in the Square – 2 quotes have been received
Display boards for the Memorial garden are a work in progress
- 23 POLICE REPORT – not received yet.
- 24 HIGHWAYS REPORT NOVEMBER(circulated)

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- 25 **WALC NEWSLETTER**
Councillor training organised – awaiting date/time /place
- 26 **VANDALISM** None reported
- 27 **LIBRARY** No report sent this month. CP reported that he had been told that 2 police officers would be in the Library on Wed 20th Nov 10.30am – 11.30am to talk to members of the public. This meeting had not been advertised anywhere in the village.
- 28 **ALLOTMENTS** *Denise Edwards*
There is a committee meeting on the 28th Nov. The AGM is on 6th December. There is 1 half plot available for rent. There is a new communal shed on the Allotments. All is good. There is a proposal to rent out small raised beds to allow a taste of allotment gardening.
- 29 **NATURE RESERVE** *Chris Morgan*
The final cut of the year will be done this week.
- 30 **CHRISTMAS TREES** *Sheila Glass*
There will be 9 new homes to have Christmas trees with lights on in the High St this year. Lights and batteries have been purchased for the new trees
2 sets of lights have been purchased for the telephone boxes
- 31 **MEMORIAL GARDEN**
SG/MH will take the poppies out of the Memorial Garden this week. There had been lots of good comments about the poppies **Action: SG/MH to remove poppies**
M Rees has positioned the first 2 pipes in the War Memorial garden so the bedding plants can be automatically watered next year.
SG will plant bulbs in the back border and also rosemary bushes.
- 32 **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES** - No problems
- 33 **KENNET TRIANGLE** – no problems
- 34 **PATIENTS REP** *George Hawes*
Nothing to report
- 35 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

| | Accounts for NOVEMBER 2019 | | PC Meeting 18/11/2019 | | DD/BACS | |
|--------------|---|---------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| | | TOTAL | Net | VAT | DEB/FPI/CASH/BGC | S137 |
| I3154 | British Gas - Electricity for Public Toilets for OCTOBER. | 12.00 | 11.43 | 0.57 | DD | No |
| I3155 | PlusNet Broadband Service Sept | 14.99 | 12.49 | 2.50 | DD | No |
| I3156 | I&I IONOS Web Package Basic Fee Sept | 8.39 | 6.99 | 1.40 | DD | No |
| I3157 | BT - 3rd Quarterly Bill | 116.18 | 96.82 | 19.36 | DD | No |
| I3158 | Castle Water September and October | 20.25 | 20.25 | 0.00 | DD | No |
| I3159 | CPRE Renewal of Membership | 36.00 | 36.00 | 0.00 | BACS | No |

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| I3160 | Ben Whithouse - Decking Flower Troughs - Panel flower Troughs | 275.00 | 275.00 | 0.00 | BACS | No |
| I3161 | Wiltshire Council -Install and Supply Litter Bins - Ramsbury - Village Upkeep | 300.00 | 300 | 0.00 | BACS | No |
| I3162 | Karen Rees - (British Wild Flower Seeds) Rattle Seeds and Meadow Seed Mix - BKV | 17.70 | 17.3 | 0.40 | BACS | No |
| I3163 | Karen Rees - (Lidl) Bedding Plants - BKV | 10.14 | 8.45 | 1.69 | BACS | No |
| I3164 | Carol Standage OCT Salary | 405.19 | 405.19 | 0.00 | BACS | No |
| I3165 | Mary Holdsworth OCT Minute Taking | 91.25 | 91.25 | 0.00 | BACS | No |
| I3166 | The Poppy Appeal - Ramsbury & Axford Wreath of Poppies | 50.00 | 50.00 | 0.00 | Chq 000067 | No |
| I3167 | Festive Lights - Outdoor Battery Fairy Lights Green Cable Colour warm white | 159.90 | 133.25 | 26.65 | DC (SG) | No |
| I3168 | Battery Station - Box of 100 Duracell Batteries - Xmas Trees | 93.65 | 74.08 | 4.75 | DC (SG) | No |
| I3169 | Express Matting Services LTD - Rubber Grass Mat with Pegs and Ties - Play Areas | 29.01 | 24.18 | 4.84 | DC(SG) | No |
| I3170 | Dobbies - Memorial Garden - Square - Tubs by Village Entrance - village upkeep | 29.26 | 24.76 | 4.51 | DC(SG) | No |
| I3171 | J Parkers - Dutch Bulbs - Memorial Garden and Square - Village Upkeep | 281.10 | 234.25 | 46.85 | DC(SG) | No |
| I3173 | Ramsbury Post Office - Printer Paper | 15.98 | 13.32 | 2.66 | DC(SG) | No |
| | Total | 1965.99 | 1835.01 | 116.18 | | |
| | Payments received: | | | | DD/BACS/DEC/FPI/CASH/BGC | S137 |
| | | | | | | No |
| R519 | A Shenoy Xmas Tree Payment | 10 | 10 | 0.00 | BACS | |
| R520 | S Watson Xmas Tree Payment | 10 | 10 | 0.00 | BACS | No |
| R521 | 6 Xmas Tree Payment paid by cash | 60 | 60 | 0.00 | CASH | No |
| | TOTAL | 80 | 80 | 0.00 | | |

Final accounts – Prop DB, sec. EH All agreed

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SG said that the bill for the pavement resurfacing had not been received yet. She asked the Councillors if she could pay the bill when it arrives rather than leaving until the next meeting. All Councillors agreed

BANK BALANCE on 31st October **2019:**

CURRENT ACCOUNT £97592.40

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 9th DECEMBER 2019

at 7.45pm in

RAMSBURY VILLAGE HALL

Wine, soft drinks and mince pies

YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME -PLEASE COME

ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC