

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting which took place virtually on Zoom Monday November 16th 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), K Abbot (KA), S Glass (SG) Chairman, L Jauncey (LJ) at 8pm, C Standage Clerk, M Holdsworth (Minutes clerk)

- 1 APOLOGIES – S Smith - approved
- 2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST-Councillors to declare any interests _None
- 3 MINUTES of the meeting held October 19th 2020 Item 6B(vi) should read “Ramsbury Community Transport C.I.O.” asked for..... not the Ramsbury Flyer. The Minutes were then approved with this change Pro. RY , sec. DB **all agreed**
- 4 MATTERS ARISING not included in agenda: None
- 5 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR – Mrs L Jauncey has applied to be a Parish Councillor. She had provided a short profile which had been circulated before the meeting. After discussion SG proposed that L Jauncey be co-opted as a Parish Councillor. **All agreed.**
LJ will join the Zoom meeting at 8pm.
- 6 NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:

		NOVEMBER 2020	Highlighted entries FOR DISCUSSION	Actions
A4214	14/10/20	Karen Rees	RE: BKV October Update F/w to Councillors	See item 14 d
A4217	15/10/20	Financial Planning – Wilts council	RE: Council Tax setting Timetable, Referendum Principals & Factsheet. Sheila Glass	Noted - Timetable for Precept Request
A4221	18/10/20	Ed Haskins	RE: Walled Garden. Sheila Glass	Proposal for 1 house to be built. DB responded that the PC will comment when a planning application is received
A4223	19/10/20	School Business Manager - Ramsbury	RE: Free School Meals. Sheila Glass	The school is able to cope with the meals in the holidays.
A4225	19/10/20	Katie Fielding – community first	RE: Website Accessibility Webinar follow up. Sheila Glass	HL had attended webinar
A4237	23/10/20	Charlotte Hitchmough– ARK	RE: Work at Old Mill Ramsbury. Sheila Glass	See Item 21
A4240	26/10/20	Resident	RE: Rubbish. – The Bell - Rats Sheila Glass	SG has replied and The Bell is closed at the moment so the bins are not put out
A4244	27/10/20	Joseph McCarthy - PKF	RE: Query regarding AGAR for Ramsbury & Axford Parish Council- WI0191. Resolved. F/w to Councillors	Noted

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A4245	27/10/20	Sue Arnold	RE: Result of the Meals on Wheels Ballot. Sheila Glass	Meals on Wheels have closed down
A4248	28/10/20	Rhoda Barnett - County Access Consultant	RE: Proposed diversion of part of Footpath RAMS19. F/w to Councillors	See item 7C
A4251	01/11/20	Sarah Rose Troughton – HM Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire	RE: Thank you - friends and colleagues for the important contribution you all have made to the community through COVID 19	Noted
A4252	01/11/20	Resident	RE: Volunteers for Ramsbury through Lockdown.	SG contacted volunteer
A4253	02/11/20	Resident	RE: Volunteers for Ramsbury through Lockdown.	SG contacted volunteer
A4254	02/11/20	Resident	RE: Road Drain - to report that the road drain outside Millstream 9 High Street is still completely blocked.	SG reported the drain and asked if there could be notification of the date for unblocking then parked cars could be moved
A4257	03/11/20	Andrew Jack – Wilts council	RE: Supporting Marlborough area communities. F/w to Councillors	SG attended see Item 7G
A4258	03/11/20	Financial Planning – Wilts council	RE: Update on tax base notification. F/w to Councillors	Noted tax base for this year is 932.99-much less than last year
A4265	05/11/20	Resident	RE: Becoming a Parish Councillor. F/w to Councillors	See item 5
A4266	05/11/20	Paul Angus – SSEN electricity	RE: Unmetered Festive Lighting 2020 -2021. Sheila Glass	SG to apply to use street lighting connection
A4267	06/11/20	Clive Smith	RE: Crowood Lane Metro count. Request.	Vehicles come up and down Crowood Lane over 30mph after discussion it was agreed to pass on request to Highways Action: Clerk to forward
A4269	06/11/20	Andrew Jack – Wilts council	RE: Marlborough Support Groups virtual meet up. Sheila Glass	SG attended see item 7G
A4271	09/11/20	PKF Littlejohn LLP	RE: WI0191 2019/20 AGAR Section 3 External Auditor Report F/w to Councillors	The accounts have been returned. No problems. The closure documents are on the website and the notice boards
A4274	09/11/20	Marilyn Fremlin	RE: Thank you – Remembrance Service. Sheila Glass	All went well. Thanks to residents for observing on doorstep.
A4275	09/11/20	Jonathan Corbett – Field Census	RE: Councillors Handbook for Census 2021 . F/w to Councillors	SG to put up posters
A4279	10/11/20	Alistair Ewing	RE: Christmas Tree. Sheila Glass	See item 14C

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A4280	10/11/20	Ian Spanswick - Idverde	RE: Rubbish Bins Ramsbury. Sheila Glass	SG had meeting with IS on 13/11/20 at the 7 Bridges entrance on Newtown Rd. Idverde will provide a bin (£180) which will be emptied every 2 weeks (£3 a collection). He will send SG a quote for a concrete plinth to bolt the bin to.
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7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Diann Barnett

Report on Planning Committee meeting

PLANNING REPORT RAMSBURY AND AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL – November 2020

Planning Applications Processed since October 2020 Report –

NEW ITEMS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Comments REQ. date
23.10.2020	20/09073/TCA	The Rectory, Back Lane, SN8 2QH	Work to trees in conservation area	29.11.2020
28.10.2020	20/09077/FUL	2 Lawrence Mead, Back Lane SN8 2RW	Single storey rear extension	25.11.2020
4.11.2020	20/09566/TCA	Raven House, High Street SN8 2PA	Work to trees in conservation area	29.11.2020
7.11.2020	20/09571/TCA	Evelyn House, High Street, SN8 2PA	Work to trees in conservation area	23.11.2020

* w/e 7.11.2020

STILL AWAITED:

Report date w/e	App Number	Site location	Proposal	status
11.9.2020	20/07226/LBC	Brookside, Newtown Road	Replace some windows PC had no objection	.waiting
14.10.20	20/08459/TCA	15 Oxford St, Ramsbury	Fell 2 leylandii	waiting
16.10.20	20/09022/TCA	The Gallery, Back Lane, Ramsbury	Reduce beech by 25%	waiting
16.10.20	20/09035/TCA	7-8 Isles Road,	Reduce hawthorn and hazel to 6-8'	waiting

w/e 7.11.2020

DECISIONS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Decision
14.9.2020	20/07249/FUL	Westfield House, Mill Lane, Ramsbury	Erection of an orangery to SW elevation. Formation of 1 dormer window to NE elevation. Internal alterations. PC had no objection	Approved
18.9.2020	20/07531/FUL	Woodlands farm SN8 2HQ	Demolition of existing bungalow and erect new dwelling, close vehicular access, new entrance with associated garaging, turning landscaping etc PC have no objection but conditions.	Approved
7.10.2020	20/08766/TCA	Isles Court, Isles Road, Ramsbury	Overall reduction of lime by 1.5mts	No objection

*w/e 7.11.202

Changes to Planning system consultation- SG had responded

B Finance

Sheila Glass

Audit -audit closure documents had been received and displayed on web site and notice board

Budget for consideration – A finance committee meeting had been held on Zoom and the budget had been proposed at **£55,220**. This is a 2.23% increase (£1.29 in Band D.) **SG proposed that the Budget be brought back to the December Meeting for final adoption.**

Transference of funds - SG proposed that funds allocated for Boundary Walk 2020 £1500 should be transferred to purchase Christmas trees. Sec.DB. **All agreed. Action: PC to buy batteries and any new lights required.**

C Rights of Way

Proposed diversion of part of Footpath RAMS19. – this is a significant change to the footpath for privacy and security. EH has suggested an alternative. **Action: SG to write to Rhoda Barnett to ask for dates for a site visit SG,EH and LJ to attend**

There is a tree down by the big bridge on the 7 Bridges **Action: SG to contact Eastridge Estate**

D Play Areas & Seats

Denise Edwards

Play areas have been well used over these past months and DE is delighted with the feedback from residents. DE visited Axford on Sunday 15 November to measure up the fort for rubber matting, she estimates 22 metres plus 3 caps for nuts on the slide. At this time she is waiting to read ROSPA inspection notes(received today) The gate has swollen with the weather but not a problem at present. DE will meet with SG this week to discuss the report

Dog poo dispensers are awaiting delivery SG and DE to look at another location for Whittonditch area as due to bin and signage already on main lamppost inspection hatch would be covered. Look at lamppost on path towards Whittonditch Road as an alternative.

F Recreation Centre

George Hawes

Is open for maintenance and exercise but no sport

G Emergency Committee

Helen Lloyd/Sheila Glass

(a) **Covid 19 report is updated regularly**

(b) **Love Marlborough -family meal provision** – provides a family meal every Tuesday and Friday to families who need help in the area. At present there are no families in Ramsbury receiving meals. Meals have to be cooked in a commercial kitchen. **Action: SG to contact organiser to offer Flyer for delivering meals or drivers to deliver when needed in this area.SG and MH will look in Charity Shop for cooking utensils that are needed. SG proposed that PC make a donation of £250 to this organisation. This was seconded by KA and all councillors agreed.**

(c) **Covid19 catchup zoom Wilts Council 10/11/20** – everything is working much better for the 2nd lockdown. Many things were put in place the first time round and are still working.

(d) **Community Area Support Group zoom 12/11/20** SG attended Things still working well Wellbeing Hub has been upgraded again to meet extra demand -details on website

(e) **Breakthrough Communication Zoom meeting 13/11/20** – SG attended. Parish Council needs to use Facebook perhaps and perhaps start e-newsletters though people who do not have digital access would still need a paper copy.

H Policy Committee

Sheila Glass

8 AXFORD

Diann Barnett

All is fine in Axford

9 CATG

Next meeting December 10th – Chilton Foliat is applying for a 40mph limit before the 30mph sign to slow the traffic down coming into the village. SG suggested that the PC apply for the same on Newtown Rd. **All agreed Action: SG to put in an application to CATG**

10 MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD

Sheila Glass

Meeting Nov 3rd - SG did not attend. £20,000 was given out in grants for various projects .

Agreed to apply for a grant for the difference in price of a roundabout and a roundabout for disabled children for Knowledge Cres play area **Action: SG and DE to meet and discuss this**

11 ALLOTMENTS

Denise Edwards

Interest still flowing from potential allotment holders. Successful year both in health and harvest. The allotments have been a real lifeline to many. By the spring we would hope the site could be open to visitors once again, we have really missed our neighbours from Orchard Close this year. The AGM will be conducted via email this year, the rent to the Parish Council will be made in due course. The plant sale is due to launch again ready for the winter planting season, please do check on ramsburyallotments.co.uk and social media. Waiting list is now open.

12 PARISH STEWARDS

Next visit November 25th & 26th. Please let SG have any issues by 20/11/20 **Action: SG to ask them to fill in potholes in Union St, to clear weeds etc at the top of Union St by the bungalows.**

13 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- (a) Gullies at west end of High Street have been cleared so that the rain water coming down Hilldrop Lane can soak away
 - (b) Benches in Square will be refurbished soon
 - (c) Christmas trees- small trees have been ordered by Ramsbury Estates, batteries for the lights are ordered and permission requested for the lights on the big tree.
 - (d) October report Mark & Karen Rees.
1. Whittonditch play area meadow dug over and we've planted some yellow rattle and poppy seeds. We increased the area slightly.

Other tasks undertaken:-

- 1. War Memorial - weed and feed treatment put on the grass. Cut away ivy from the public conveniences.
- 2. Kate Andrews has put in the spring bulbs into the planters at Newtown and has added an attractive display for all to enjoy. Mark trimmed the area so there is now better visibility of the display as seen from passing cars.
- 3. Spring bulbs past to the Hollick family who will put them in the planters on Whittonditch. We also gave them a heather which will provide a bit of colour over winter.
- 4. Snowdrops and tulips have been put in around the phone/information box on Whittonditch. Hopefully this will provide a more vibrant display next spring.

Plans for Next Month:-

- 1. Ask Surgery - Sarah Black about increasing the meadow patch at the surgery.
- 2. Tidy up weeds around the bench at the lower end of Back Lane.
- 3. Turn off War Memorial watering and remove controller for safe keeping during winter.

Of Note:-

- 1. We spoke with Annabel Dallas who has agreed to help with watering next year when we plant meadow seeds behind the bench on Springs Hill. Whilst the plan is to dig the area over in the coming weeks, we felt that the yellow rattle failed and the poppies were somewhat disappointing. So we want to use a selected seed mix for the conditions in this area next year. Now we've got a bit of help with watering, we are hoping for a better display next year.
- 2. We have photos of the children who helped with the sunflowers at the surgery and at the top of Whittonditch. The plan is to publish these in WW next spring to see if we can encourage more children to plant and look after sunflowers around the village.

14 POLICE REPORT None

15 BRITISH LEGION

Remembrance Day – all went well. The service can be viewed on Whitton Team Facebook page.

16 MEMORIAL GARDEN

SG and MH will take down the poppies at the end of the week when they are dry

17 TELEPHONE BOX IN HIGH STREET

Objection to decommissioning has been lodged, but there is no reply as yet.

18. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Sheila Glass/Di Barnett/ Denise Edwards

L Davies will complete work on the toilet for the disabled in the next 2/3 weeks

19. MEMORIAL HALL

George Hawes

Closed

20. NATURE RESERVE

Chris Morgan

From Annabel and James Dallas -This is to update everyone on the work we have done with the Environment Agency and ARK to the river upstream of the Old Mill and downstream of the Mill Bridges and to apologise for any inconvenience caused by the bridleway having more vehicles up and down it than usual.

Please be assured that everything we have done is to improve the river. Over the years the banks have been eroded and it had become very wide and silted up. This has reduced fish spawning areas, impacted insect life and wildlife in general. So we have been in discussion with ARK and the Environment Agency to come up with a plan to improve this stretch of the Kennet so that the diversity of plants and wildlife and the quality of the river generally are in keeping with its SSSI status.

First you will be pleased to hear that it is all over and there will be no more traffic due to the works in the river. We were able to borrow the field halfway down thanks to the generosity of the owner which meant that only half the bridleway between the road and the white cottages was affected. It has been inspected for damage and all repairs caused by this extra traffic have been undertaken.

ARK and the Environment Agency have made many site visits over the recent past and the Environment Agency has undertaken various studies and done computer modelling for flooding. All necessary consents and permissions were obtained. They have visited the site at the end of the works and are very pleased with the results. The flow in the river is already showing signs of significant improvement due to strategic narrowing and ponds have been dug to increase wildlife diversity.

Over recent years otters have been seen fairly frequently on this stretch. There is a large population of water voles (in fact some of the intended works had to be altered due to their burrows). The kingfisher has a new area to make a burrow (there are very few banks on the Kennet suitable for kingfisher nests). We have added a hibernaculum for animals to hibernate in. Once all the reeds and sedge have grown back we are hoping to increase the number and type of warblers (at least ten of the native species have already been seen) duck and other riverside and wetland birds such as water rail and snipe. We should also see an increase in dragonfly and damsel fly varieties and their number will hopefully increase.

Unfortunately at the moment it looks a bit like a mud bath but next year should bring regeneration of all the vegetation. We will be arranging a day, in conjunction with ARK we hope, later next year or the following one (depending on how well the vegetation grows back) when everyone is welcome to come and see at close quarters exactly what we have done.

Our thanks to ARK and Charlotte Hitchmough, in particular, for overseeing the project, to the contractors, Five Rivers, for their sterling work and to the many neighbours who provided support and to everyone for their forbearance

CM reported that Wiltshire Wildlife had been working at the nature Reserve with big machines clearing and dropping the height of some of the trees.

21 WEBSITE

Helen Lloyd

Report on Webinar re inclusivity - the website will be updated

22. VANDALISM – None reported

23. PATIENTS REP

George Hawes

Contingency plans are being put in place for the covid19 vaccine.

24. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

			PC 16/11/2020			
	Accounts for NOVEMBER 2020	TOTAL	Net	VAT	DEB/FPI/CASH/BGC	S137
I3322	JRB Enterprises Ltd - Dispenser Dog Poo Bags	71.94	59.95	11.99	DEB (SG)	No
I3323	Dobbies Garden Centre - Planters	42.11	35.09	7.02	DEB (SG)	No

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I3324	1&1 IONOS Web Hosting October x 6 months	86.33	71.94	14.39	DD	No
I3325	Castle Water - x 6 months	54.06	54.06	0.00	DD	No
I3326	ZOOM Pro for Parish Council Meetings - ongoing Debit Card payment (SG) - COVID	14.39	11.99	2.40	DEB (SG)	No
I3327	British Gas - Electricity for Public Toilets for October 2020 Increase to £34.00 next Month	27	25.71	1.29	DD	No
I3328	PlusNet Broadband Service October 2020 - Broadband	15.21	12.67	2.54	DD	No
I3329	1&1 IONOS Web Package Basic Fee October 2020 - website hosting service	8.39	6.99	1.40	DD	No
I3330	BT Quarterly Bill	113.02	94.18	18.84	DD	No
I3331	Carol Standage October 2020 Salary	416.22	416.22	0.00	BACS	No
I3332	Mary Holdsworth October 2020 Minute Taking	95.85	95.85	0.00	BACS	No
I3333	Diocese Of Salisbury – DBF (Glebe land rent)	212.50	212.50	0.00	BACS	No
I3334	Coral Westall - Office Cleaning	32.50	32.50	0.00	BACS	No
I3335	PKF Littlejohn - External Audit Invoice	360.00	300.00	60.00	BACS	No
I3336	Ramsbury Memorial Hall - Rent x 6 months	636.25	636.25	0.00	BACS	No
I3337	Ramsbury Estates Limited – Christmas trees	852.00	710.00	142.00	BACS	No
I3338	RoSPA – Play Safe Inspection fee	364.20	303.50	60.70	BACS	No
I3339	Poppy Appeal - Wreath - Remembrance Service - CQ 000068	50.00	50.00	00.0	CH - 000068	No
	TOTAL	3451.97	3129.40	322.57		

Accounts approved Prop.DE,
sec.GH. **All agreed**

					DD/BACS/DEC/FPI/CASH/BGC	S137
	Payments received:					
	NONE This Month					

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BANK BALANCE on 31ST October 2020:

CURRENT ACCOUNT £108,294.17 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 DECEMBER 14TH 2020(2nd Monday)

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CONDUCT BUSINESS ONLINE. DETAILS OF BUSINESS WILL BE PUBLISHED
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