

# RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday November 15<sup>th</sup> 7.45pm on Zoom

### 1682

Present - D Barnett Vice Chair (DB), D Edwards (DE), S Glass (SG) Chairman, Hawes(GH), E Hodgson (EH), R Greasley (RG), D Gill (DG), M Waugh(MW), C Morgan (CM), L Jauncey (LJ), R Young (RY), H Lloyd (HL), C Standage (Clerk), M Holdsworth (Minute clerk)

- 1 APOLOGIES for absence – A Foale, S Smith - approved
- 2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST- None
- 3 MINUTES of the meeting held October 18<sup>th</sup> Prop. DB, Sec. DE all approved
- 4 RESIGNATION OF KATE ABBOT – CS has set in motion the protocol for her replacement. Notices have been put on the notice boards. Until Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> ten residents can request an election to fill the vacancy. If there is no request then we can co-opt. Three members of the public were interested but did not stand in the last full election. **Action - CS to notify them that there is a vacancy and ask if they are still interested.**
- 5 MATTERS ARISING not included in the agenda -None
- 6 NEW CORRESPONDENCE

- A659113/10/21 Resident RE: Back Lane Christmas Lights**  
3 extra trees were ordered and these have been allocated
- A6593 16/10/24 Resident RE: Letter received - Play Park Fence**  
The fence has now been repaired
- A6596 19/10/21 Resident Sheila Glass RE: Vehicle Access – move traffic sign - Crowood Lane**  
W.C. Highways has given permission to remove the sign.
- A6599 20/10/21 ROSPA RE: Safety Inspection Report – Ashley Piece**  
See Item 6D
- A6600 20/10/21 ROSPA RE: Safety Inspection Report – Axford – Whittonditch Play Area - see item 6D**
- A6607 25/10/21 Sheila Glass to Resident RE: Witcha Signpost**  
Resident notified that WC would replace the sign at some point.
- A6608 25/10/21 Sheila Glass to Openreach RE: Duct alongside of foot way – Ramsbury**  
**Action - PC has given permission for a duct to be dug along the edge of the Manor footpath for fibre to be laid to the Manor.**
- A6609 26/10/21 Kate Abbot – Councillor RE: Councillor Resignation Ramsbury Wa**  
See Item 4
- A6614 29/10/21 Parish Council to Traffic Survey RE: traffic Survey NT Road**  
**Action - SG has applied for this**
- A6616 01/11/21 Resident RE: Speeding in Ramsbury – Back Lane**  
See item 19 (iv)
- A6617 01/11/21 Castle Water RE: Meter Reading Submitted**  
See Item 6 (iii)
- A6620 02/11/21 Traffic and Network Management Team RE: Blanket TTRO Confirmed Dates**  
Patching work on Whittonditch Rd to be carried out 29<sup>th</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> December. **Road will be closed from the Crown and Anchor to the B 4192 – Access only.**

## 1683

- A6621** 02/11/21 **Melanie Blackham – HAGS UK** **RE: Ramsbury PC – 3 Quotes for play equipment** See item 6D
- A6623** 04/11/21 **Wiltshire Council** **F/w to Councillors**  
**RE: Parish Precept 2022 /2023** Notification of Council tax base.
- A6625** 05/11/21 **Emma Painter Wilts Council** **F/w to Councillors** **RE: Traffic Survey Request Crowood Lane Ramsbury - Action** - Results have been sent to the resident who requested the Survey. Average speed over 7 days was 20 -21 mph. Very few vehicles travelled over 30mph.
- A6628** 07/11/21 **Resident** **RE: A Suggestion - Charging Points**  
**Action - SG had replied saying that it was a good idea in principle, but it is not simple and needs more thought before we decide whether to go ahead.**
- A6629** 08/11/21 **Resident** **RE: Speeding in Ramsbury and photos**  
See item 19 (iv)
- A6631** 08/11/21 **Elections** **RE: Confirmation of Councillor Resignation -**  
See Item 4
- A6633** 08/11/21 **Resident** **RE: Rail by steps - Surgery**  
See Item 19 (v).

### LATES

- A6634** 09/11/21 **Resident** **F/w to Councillors** **RE: Owen/ Chamberlain Family**  
The Owen/Chamberlain families would like to replace the metal seat by Ambrose Farm with a wooden seat as a reminder of the families in Ramsbury. All agreed. **Action - SG to ask the family to dispose of the metal seat and will suggest that the new seat has a concrete base.**
- A6635** 10/11/21 **Karen Rees** **F/w to Councillors** **RE: BKV November update**  
See Item 19 (ix)
- A6636** 14/11/21 **Resident** **F/w to Councillors** **RE: Thank you regarding new pavements - noted**
- A6637** 14/11/21 **Tony Williams – Aster** **F/w to Councillors** **RE: Hilldrop Close – Play Area** Report on Knowledge Cres Play Area-no actions needed.
- A6638** 14/11/21 **Jack Hanlon – Wilts Council** **F/w to Councillors** **RE: Road Carriageway Works** Whittonditch Rd – see above A6620

## 7 Committee Reports:

### A Planning

*Diann Barnett*

PLANNING REPORT RAMSBURY AND AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL –November 2021  
Planning Applications Processed since October 2021 Report –

#### New applications-

- PL/2021/09665 The Tiled House, Preston 2 storey extension.  
Gate Cottage, SN8 2QH
- PL/201/09807 1 Swans Close SN8 2PH Demolish existing porch and single storey side extension. Erect new porch and 2 storey ext.
- PL/2021/09604 Swans Close, Grass patch. Additional 6 bay parking next to existing.

Still awaiting-

20/07498/FUL

Anvil Cottage, Newtown Rd Remove barn and build new house.  
Further information provided, but still not sufficient to approve.

- PL/2021/07132 Chandlers Barn Hilldrop Lane. SN8 2HB Change of use from barn to Class E and alterations.
- PL/2021/08870 Springmead, Back Lane Garage.
- PL/2021/08942 Willow Cottage, Newtown Single storey side extension and new entrance gate
- PL/2021/09158 8 Orchard Close, Ramsbury side and rear extensions with internal alterations.

Decisions-

- PL/2021/06422 Fosbury Field, Crowood Lane. SN8 2SQ Conversion of stable block and barn to holiday let  
PC OBJECTED -REFUSED.
- PL/2021/04518 The Redhouse, Back Lane Ramsbury SN8 2HB Install wood burner, external flue, brick chimney breast and replace front door  
APPROVED.
- PL/2021/09086 38a High St, Ramsbury. Work to trees. APPROVED.

**B Finance**

Erica Hodgson

(i) **Council tax base** The Council tax base for 2022/23 is 944.15. This is the figure by which the precept is divided to arrive at Band D contribution to Council tax.

(ii) **Proposed budget for consideration.** EH presented two budget proposals, one for £64,986.00 one for £68,236.00, the additional money to be spent on pavements and play area equipment. She proposed the precept request be for £68,236. After discussion it was agreed that this will be presented for approval at the meeting in December.

(iii) **Castle Water bill** – The latest bill for the public conveniences has come in at £900. (There had been a leak and this is now fixed.) £300 of this bill was for waste water. The water from the leak did not go into the sewers and was not waste water. **Action – SG has completed a waste water abatement form to claim a reduction**

**C Rights of Way**

Lynn Jauncey

(I) **Report on committee meeting 4/11/21** - At the meeting RAMS 19 was discussed but there is nothing new to report.

The RoW committee are beginning a project to walk all 70 of the PROW in the Parish. In 2026 there will be no new paths after that date.

LJ will keep a record of the PROW walked and those that are walked regularly. LJ suggested that there should be links on the new website that will enable walkers to give feedback about the walks and information about repairs, fallen branches etc. which can then be dealt with.

LJ has details of 70 walks and a map which she suggested was put on a perspex sheet and displayed. Freshers Day April 23<sup>rd</sup> was an ideal time for this to be on display.

(iii) **Boundary Walk** – May 1<sup>st</sup>. There is to be a 25% non-refundable deposit for the portable loos. SG proposed that she pay this. All agreed. **Action-SG to pay deposit to reserve loos**

**D Play Areas and Seats**

Denise Edwards

19<sup>th</sup> October meeting (DE and SG) with HAGS which brought a new suggestion for the Knowledge Crescent play area.

21<sup>th</sup> October ROSPA report received - nothing new to report

25<sup>th</sup> October meeting (DE and SG) with Rhino play where DE was able to get advice about the ROSPA report

Toddler swing seat at KC not to be replaced as there needs to be free running room around fort.

DE has dug down to find grass matting installed under fort at Axford the grass has grown to form a very thick carpet so there is no need for further action.

3. Metal angle bracket to remove head entrapment risk on rope climb in Axford.

Committee to meet formally to review quotes for accessible roundabout and bring back to full council for order to be placed and review other ideas for new equipment.

Due to the number of meetings held in the play areas no single inspection has been completed but several visual inspections have been carried out. Nothing new to report. Fence along path line at Whittonditch has been repaired.

#### F Emergency Committee

*Alison Foale*

Still working on the wardens list.

#### Public Forum -Parish Council Standing Orders temporarily suspended for this item

No members of the public were present

#### 8 AXFORD

*Diann Barnett/Simon Smith*

All running smoothly. WC are still working on the street lights.

Red Lion – still waiting for the enforcement officer to come

#### 9 WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

*Denise Edwards/Sheila Glass*

Still being updated ready for the new website

#### 10 RETIREMENT OF CHRIS MARTIN WATCH MANAGER RAMSBURY FIRE STATION - Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – SG, DE and GR attended and presented C Martin with a certificate.

#### 11 COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP

*Sheila Glass*

Next meeting 9/12/21

#### 12 MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD

*Sheila Glass*

Next meeting 11/1/22

#### 13 ALLOTMENTS

*Denise Edwards*

AGM time has been bought forward to 7pm from 7.30pm as advertised due to an event in the Legion.

Received invoice from PC today for rent which will be paid directly. All is well for the time of year.

#### 14 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE JUNE 2022

#### 15 VILLAGE FRESHERS DAY/VOLUNTEER EVENT 2022

Date set for **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** 2022

#### 16 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

**(i) Pavement works-completed.** Villagers have made some very good comments about this work.

**(ii) Christmas trees** – work in progress

**(iii) Future projects** – play equipment , pavements

**(iv) Traffic calming in Back Lane - Action – SG to request a traffic survey and to reply to the resident that this is the first step towards a consideration of traffic calming.**

**(v) Rail on steps at Whittonditch play area – Action – SG to obtain quotes for a rail to be put on the left side of the steps**

**(vi) Speed limit in Newtown Road- Action – SG has applied for a traffic survey**

**(vii) Telephone box in High Street** – the general feeling is that this box is not used and that the PC would be willing to buy it for £1 if it was decommissioned.

**(viii) Ramsbury does Christmas-** Saturday November 27<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12 noon Memorial Hall car park.

**(ix) BKV November update.** This month we visited Urchfont, this year's winner of the 'Best of the Best!' The highlights include: Clean and tidy streets. No evidence of litter or dog presents on the pavements. Tidy hedgerows. Well presented village amenities including village community run shop, hall, scouts hut, pub, pond, church, allotments and sports playing field. Good signage pointing out wildflower meadows. Their old phone box was decorated for harvest - complete with fresh vegetables and a bottle of wine! Friendly locals encountered on our visit.

We can see why Urchfont won. Winning 'Best of the Best' in Wiltshire isn't going to be easy. Hopefully we'll have lots of local help next spring to give us a fighting chance at winning this prestigious title.

## 17 MEMORIAL GARDEN

SG and MH planted 500 bulbs and pansies raised by Paul New and put the Remembrance poppies in place. R Copp had cut the grass and trimmed the edges. Next year B Foale would like to put flagpoles in the Christmas tree holders with pictures of the men from Ramsbury and Axford who died in the wars on them. DB has some photos.

## 18 PARISH STEWARDS ROTA

Next visit 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – **Action – SG has sent the list of jobs to be done**

## 19 LIBRARY Nothing to report

## 20 DECEMBER MEETING

Zoom or face to face? It was agreed that the meeting will be in the Memorial Hall.

## 21 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Repairs have been carried out. Plumber's bill has not yet been received. **Action - If SG happy with the bill, then DB prop. and DG seconded that the bill should be paid. All councillors agreed with this.**

## 22 MEMORIAL HALL

*Sheila Glass/George Hawes*

**Report on Trustees meeting 10/11/21** – SG had attended. The hall trustees are looking to replace the cooker. SG stated that a means of cooking on gas is part of the PC Emergency plan-the generator will support heating and lighting but not cooking. The Trustees agreed to pursue a dual fuel cooker. Finances are good. A review of the building maintenance is being carried out. The Trustees are developing a Safeguarding Policy.

## 23 NATURE RESERVE

*Chris Morgan*

It has been cut well . WWT will put up noticeboards.

## 24 RECREATION CENTRE Nothing to report

*George Hawes*

## 25 RAMSBURY SCHOOL

*Roger Greasley*

Carol service will be held outside on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.

PTA Christmas Fair – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm – 5pm. on the school playground.

## 26 VANDALISM - None

## 27 PATIENTS' REP

*George Hawes*

Over 65s flu jab clinics are closed. Individual appointments need to be made now.

## 28 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

	TOTAL	NET	VAT	S137	
I3532 Battery Station – Batteries for Christmas Lights	84.19	70.16	14.03	No	DEB(SG)
I3533 JRB Enterprise Ltd – Dog Dispenser Bags	64.50	53.75	10.75	No	DEB(SG)
I3534 Zoom PRO for Parish Council Meetings	14.39	11.99	2.40	No	DEB(SG)
I3535 British Gas - Elec for Public Toilets 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct to 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	20.00	19.05	0.95	No	DD
I3536 Plus Net Broadband Service November 2021 - Broadband	15.91	13.26	2.65	No	DD
I3537 I&I IONOS Web Package Basic Fee November - website	8.39	6.99	1.40	No	DD
I3538 I&I IONOS Web Hosting Fee November 2021 - website	18.00	15.00	3.00	No	DD
I3539 Castle Water –First Meter Reading	909.79	909.79	0.00	No	DD
I3540 Carol Standage October Salary 2021	416.22	416.22	0.00	No	BACS
I3541 Mary Holdsworth October Minute Taking	95.85	95.85	0.00	No	BACS
I3542 Coral Westall – November Public Conveniences Cleaning	160.00	160.00	0.00	No	BACS
I3543 Green Machine – Generator to Memorial Hall	60.00	60.00	0.00	No	BACS
I3544 Idverde – Monthly charge Bin Empty	15.00	12.50	2.50	No	BACS
I3545 ROSPA - Annual Inspection	313.80	261.50	52.30	No	BACS
I3546 Ramsbury Estates Ltd – Supply Xmas trees	979.20	816.00	163.2	No	BACS
I3547 British Legion – BKV Presentation Cakes	64.00	64.00	0.00	No	BACS
I3548 CPRE Annual Membership	36.00	36.00	0.00	No	BACS
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3275.24</b>	<b>3022.06</b>	<b>253.18</b>		
<b>LATES</b>					
I3549 Rockstone Surfacing Ltd – pavement works Ramsbury	36,067.80	30,056.50	6,011.30	No	BACS
<b>NEW TOTAL</b>	<b>39,343.04</b>	<b>33,078.56</b>	<b>6,264.48</b>		

**Final accounts Prop EH sec. RY. All councillors approved**

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**PAYMENTS RECEIVED**

R547 CPRE WILTSHIRE BKV Competition	200.00	200.00	0.00	No	BACS
R548 Ramsbury Post Office – Walk Books - Sales	140.00	140.00	0.00	No	BACS
<b>Total</b>	<b>340.00</b>	<b>340.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		

**Bank Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

**Current Account £116,686.21**

**DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2021**  
**7.45pm in the MEMORIAL HALL**  
**Wine and mince pies will be served**  
**(NB 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)**

**If you wish to attend a meeting please contact the clerk**