

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on
**Monday JUNE 20th 2022 at 7.45pm in the
Memorial Hall, High Street, Ramsbury**

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

1 member of the public present.

1 APOLOGIES – C Morgan, A Foale, R Greasley- approved

2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST- None

3 MINUTES of the meeting held May 16th 2022 were approved Prop GH Sec MW with the
addition of R Greasley as an attendee at the meeting

4 MATTERS ARISING not included in the agenda None

SG proposed that item 10 be brought forward for discussion:

Item 10 Co-option of a new councillor. The member of the public was asked to leave the Hall.
Mr Bernard Murray from Axford had submitted a CV which had been circulated to all the
Councillors.

After discussion SG proposed that B Murray be co-opted onto the Parish Council. RY seconded
All agreed.

Mr Murray returned to the Hall and sat with the Councillors.

5 NEW CORRESPONDENCE

		June Correspondence		Actions
A6942	12/05/22	Resident	RE: Whittonditch White Gates	The junction at the bottom of Whittonditch Rd had been re surfaced and the white lines replaced and a SLOW sign painted on the road. The white gates are an ongoing project
A6943	13/05/22	Resident	RE: White/Yellow Lining - Back Lane	WC did not do the non-statutory white lines or the lines on the virtual pavement while they were working in Back Lane. Action SG had written to James Sheppard
A6944	13/05/22	Sally Madgwick – WC	RE: Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Making of Order	See Item 6C Rights of Way
A6945	13/05/22	Sarah Simpkins - Ramsbury Surgery	RE: Ramsbury Surgery – Car Parking request	The Surgery are very pleased that the staff are able to use the PC land to park on whilst building work is going on at the Surgery. This work will continue until November.

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A6948	18/05/22	Northern Highways – Wiltshire Council	RE: Parish Steward Scheme Visits June - September 2022. F/w to Councillors	See Item 19
A6949	19/05/22	Sam West – FORT Facilities & Compliance	RE: Damage to bollard	Whilst builders were making a delivery to the house next to the Fire Station they damaged a bollard. Action - This will be replaced by the building firm
A6950	19/05/22	Resident	RE: EV Policy Enquiry – Policy on EV Charging in Village	This is an ongoing project and policy has not yet been decided
A6954	21/05/22	Resident	RE: Re: Parliament Piece wall Repairs	SG had contacted the owners about the wall of their property along Back Lane. The reply from the owner said that they were in the process of discussions with architects etc. and a phased repair scheme was being devised
A6957	29/05/22	Steven Jenkins – Wiltshire Council	RE: The Red Lion at Axford	See item 7
A6961	31/05/22	Cllr James Sheppard	RE: The Red Lion at Axford	See item 7 Axford
A6962	31/05/22	Jessica Emery – Community First	RE: Confirmation of Payment Parish Council Insurance Renewal	Confirmation
A6965	01/06/22	Peter Wheeler	RE: Bunting in the High Street	SG had thanked the Fire Brigade for putting up the bunting in the High St. They replied that they were very happy to do it.
A6971	06/06/22	Resident	RE: Interest in Co option for Parish Council	Action – SG had replied.
A6973	07/06/22	Jack Hanlon WC Transport	RE: Postponed Road Carriageway Works - Whittonditch Road Ramsbury, Marlborough	Noted
A6975	07/06/22	Resident	RE: Whittonditch Crossroads	See A6942
A6976	08/06/22	Sam West (2)	RE: Damage to bollard	Apologising for delay in replacing damaged bollard

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A6977	08/06/22	Wiltshire Sewers	RE: Gully tank visit - week beginning 13/06/22	SG had contacted them with gullies that needed to be cleared.
A6978	08/06/22	Resident	RE: white lines - Whittonditch	See A6942
A6979	08/06/22	Sally Madgwick – Wiltshire Council	RE: Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Making of Order	See Item 6C Rights of Way.
A6981	08/06/22	Carol Standage – Clerk to Parish Council	RE: PC Resignation	See Item 8
A6982	09/06/22	Sally Madgwick Wiltshire Council (2)	RE: Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Making of Order	See Item 6C Rights of Way.
A6983	09/06/22	Wiltshire Sewers	RE: blocked gully Isles Road Ramsbury	WS reported that the gully had been cleared but roots would need to be unblocked with high pressure water jets.
A6984	09/06/22	Diann Barnett Councillor (2)	RE: The Red Lion at Axford	See item 7 Axford
A6985	10/06/22	Neil Keen - Internal Auditor	RE: Internal Audit Report	Circulated to all Councillors
A6987	13/06/22	Cllr James Sheppard (2)	RE: White Lines	SG had contacted Cllr Sheppard about the white lines in Ramsbury Action Cllr Sheppard will take the matter further.
		LATES		
A6988	15/06/22	Martin Cook	RE: White Lines	This is an ongoing issue see A 6987
A6989	15/06/22	Resident	RE: Gullies and Nettles	PC was thanked for gully clearing in Isles Rd. There were also nettles around the entrance to the alleyway from Swans Bottom to Isles Rd. The nettles have since been cut down.

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A6990	17/06/22	Resident	RE: Dangerous Footpath	The board walk footpath at Priory Farm is in need of repair Action – SG to contact A Ewing.
A6991	17/06/22	Resident	RE: SIDs Camera not working in Axford	SG had replied that the SIDs in Ramsbury and Axford are due to be serviced and repaired on Thurs 23 rd June or Tues 28 th June.
A6992	17/06/22	Martin Cook	RE: Blocked Gully Isles Crt	The gully is on the list for high pressure water jetting.
A6993	17/06/22	Resident	RE: Axford	The resident wrote about the speed of the traffic through Axford Action DB had replied
A6994	20/06/22	Resident	RE: Co – Option - Parish Council	SG invited the resident to attend the PC meeting on Mon 20 th June

6 Committee Reports:

A Planning

Diann Barnett

Before the PC meeting there was a short meeting of the Planning Committee. DB was elected as Chair for the next year.

PLANNING REPORT RAMSBURY AND AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL -June 2022

Planning Applications Processed since May 2022 Report –

New applications-

- PL/2022/04119 4 Lawrence Mead, treework.
- PL/2022/03975 Holy Cross Church treework.
- PL/2022/03788 Millbrook House, Mill Lane roof extension over garage to create office.

Still awaiting –

- PL/2021/11212 42/44 Oxford Street Change entrance, parking, garage with access and outbuildings. N/O
- PL/2021/11390/LBC Ramsbury
- PL/2022/03302 Springmead, Back Lane. Car port and timber shed in lieu of garage approv PL/2021/08870

Decisions-

- PL/2021/08120 - Fosburys Field, Crowood Lane, Ramsbury, Wiltshire, SN8 2PU - APP/Y3940/W/21/3287840
This application has gone to Appeal. – Parish Council will continue to object. REFUSED.
- PL/2022/00916 Land south of Back Lane Single storey eco house, access and rebuild.
APPROVED
- PL/2021/10698 Land adjacent to Whitton Lodge, Whittonditch Road Erection of new dwelling, car parking and landscaping etc REFUSED.
- PL/2022/03548 10 Oxford St, Ramsbury tree work, reduce silver birch. APPROVED
- PL/2022/03504 35 Oxford St, Ramsbury tree work, remove willow. APPROVED
- PL/2022/02954 Ridgeway Cott, 57, High St tree work APPROVED
- PL/2022/02709 47, Whittonditch Rd 2 storey kitchen and bedroom ext + porch
APPROVED
- PL/2022/02695 Vine Cott, 18 Union St restore/repoint 3 chimney pots. APPROVED

B Finance*Erica Hodgson*

Before the PC meeting there was a short meeting of the Finance Committee. EH was elected as Chair for the next year

- (i) Insurance premium has been paid – see Item 5 A6962
 - (ii) Audit documents had been circulated for approval :
 - Section 1 Annual Governance report
 - Section 2 Accounting statements 2021/22
 - Internal Auditor's report
 - (iii) EH proposed that Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 should be approved. RY seconded **all agreed**
 - (iv) EH proposed that Section 2 Accounting statements 2021/22- should be approved. DE seconded **all agreed**
- EH thanked CS for producing the audit documents and Neil Keen the internal auditor for his report.

C Rights of Way*Lynn Jauncey*

A brief meeting of the Rights of Way committee was held. SG proposed that LJ should remain of as Chair of the committee. MW seconded it and all the committee agreed

Report - We have received correspondence from Sally Madgwick of WCC regarding A Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Making of Order for a path running from the A4 to Axford. Alan Woodford, 7 Vicarage Close, Marlborough wanting to re-establish an old historic byway submitted the application. He has backed up his application with historical evidence that the route was a by-way/lane previously. I walked the route last weekend and found notices posted with application throughout route. The initial path (A4 start) is very overgrown and there is a large tree across path further up. The rest is a very pleasant and a lovely walk. **See changes to paths on map (go through).** Basically they want to connect the path from A4 to Axford, which is not a bad idea. However, why they need to change from a footpath to a restricted by-way is unclear and this is what we would object to. We would consider a footpath changed to a bridle way though. Both Ramsbury Estate and the residents at Combe Farm feel that the amendment could be open to misuse by vehicles and who would police it. Combe Farm is objecting due to environmental impact. 'A restricted byway is a public right of way that may be used by the public on foot, on or leading a horse, on a bicycle or with a horse drawn vehicle. A restricted byway does not record a right for the public to use the way with a mechanically propelled vehicle.' Sally Madgwick sent this to me. WCC have already made a decision approving but need to give the public time to object. Then the application is put forward to the Secretary of State if no objections are received or to the Secretary of the Environment the application gets submitted with objections and they decide. Any comments need to be received by 4th July by 5pm, anyone wanting to see documentation please let me know and I'll e-mail forward.

D Play Areas and Seats*Denise Edwards*

Before the PC meeting there was a short meeting of the Play Areas and Seats Committee. DE was elected as Chair for the next year.

Whittonditch Play area June 20th

The bench has been moved to shade again!

Areas around wooden posts of equipment all in good form. Dog poo bags dispenser has bags in it.

The new flower area that has been planted by the community champions at the entrance to the playing field at the Ashley Piece end is looking great. The goal posts still need to be moved which we can discuss with R Copp as grass is due to be cut soon. Next project is for a zip wire. This was discussed, This will incur extra maintenance cost. It is aimed at the older children of the village. The tree stumps and scrub will need to be removed for this project. Quotes for this work are being asked for at the moment

The Councillors agreed at the meeting to start work on proposal and funding for this project.

Knowledge Crescent play area

Centre board on the fort is wearing out, the Spinner still spinning, the Toddler swing is not swinging freely.

DE has sprayed WD40 on both

F Emergency Committee

Alison Foale

AF was not present at the meeting

Public Forum -Parish Council Standing Orders temporarily suspended for this item No members of the public were present

7 AXFORD

Diann Barnett

(i) Red Lion – The Red Lion is up for sale at the moment as a pub. Several people have registered an interest. The building work that has been carried out inside is in breach of planning regulations. The pub needs to be on the market for at least six months before a planning application for change of use can be made.

(ii) The war memorial that is in the Red Lion car park can now be renovated and removed. It will be re – located at the top end of Stone Lane.

8 RESIGNATION OF CLERK

CS has resigned. She has agreed to remain in position until another Clerk is appointed and she has completed the handover. **Action -Advertisements for the job vacancy have been posted on the website, Facebook ,PC noticeboard, Whitton Ways and the Diary, Adverts have also been placed in P.O and Midway Stores and on Marlborough online news**

9 NEW GREEN COMMITTEE

MT, MW and DG would be willing to form a Green Committee and will be holding a meeting on Thurs 23rd June

10. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

See Item 10 at the beginning of the meeting.

11. WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Denise Edwards/Sheila Glass

The website is now live but there are some glitches which will be sorted out. All planning applications in the area which are live can be viewed as can a streetscene of the village.

12.COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP

Sheila Glass

Next meeting 15/9/22

13.MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD

Sheila Glass

At the meeting on 22/6/22 Jane Davies Wilts Councillor and also Town Councillor for Marlborough West was elected Chairman and Caroline Thomas Wilts Councillor and Town Councillor for Marlborough East was elected Vice Chairman. The number of County Councillors on the Board has been reduced to three under new regulations . James Sheppard is the third Councillor.

The PCC reported that he is targeting rural crime and speeding and is using data from SIDS installed by Parish Councils(he is looking to have WC policy on these changed). The funding process has been changed PCs can now only apply for revenue grants. All the changes can be seen in the Area Board handbook which is on the Wiltshire Council website.

14.ALLOTMENTS

Denise Edwards

All is well we have empty plots for anyone looking to grow their own flowers and vegetables
Robert Copp has cut the grass in the last week

15. UKRAINIAN FAMILIES IN THE VILLAGE

All seems to be working well. Bus passes for two elderly members are needed in Axford. There are five Ukrainian refugees in Axford, seven in a house on the Halfway and three at Ravensfield. Four children are at Ramsbury School. Two Ramsbury residents are helping the family at the Halfway with their English and one resident (Russian speaking) is helping the family in Axford.

16. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE JUNE 2022

The cream teas on Thursday were well attended, the Country Fair on Friday was brilliant. The Street parties went well on Saturday and Sunday. The Street Fair on the 18th June went well despite the weather. The floral decorations in the church were beautiful. Thank you to all the florists for all the hard work involved.

Commemorative Medals – SG had given 201 medals to the Primary School and 44 to the Pre-School.

17. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- (i) Road layout at Whittonditch -quotes for white gates. This is an ongoing project
- (ii) "20 for a reason" signs in Back Lane – these will be made of lightweight plastic and fixed to posts for two or three weeks and then removed . This will then be repeated later. **Action** SG to obtain signs
- (iii) Best Kept Village – Karen and Mark Rees are working very hard to keep the village tidy. The road sweeper lorry has been around the village this week.
- (iv) SIDS – see Item 5 A6991
- (v) Fence on Manor footpath – does this fence need replacing? After discussion it was decided that does not and that the broken piece should be removed **Action – SG to contact R Copp.**
- (vi) Pavements – Should we repair more pavements that need repairing ? **Action -Councillors to report back at July meeting.**
- (vii) Noticeboard in Square – LJ suggested at the last meeting that there should be triangular notice boards around the tree for advertisements of forthcoming events. This would do away with the need for A boards. **Action – LJ to contact a carpenter**
- (viii) Trees are overgrowing along the path in front of the tennis club. **Action – SG to contact I Smith.**

18. MEMORIAL GARDEN

New bench -SG is still awaiting a reply
Garden now planted

19. PARISH STEWARDS ROTA

Next visit 18th 19th July – any jobs – please report to SG

20. LIBRARY

Looking for more volunteers

21. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

There was a proposal to change use of the public conveniences and leave only the disabled loo. (The PC owns the public conveniences) This was discussed and in principle the Councillors agreed.

There is a need to form a working party if agreed. This will be discussed at the July meeting.

22. MEMORIAL HALL

Sheila Glass/George Hawes

The trustees have agreed to the proposal to investigate CCTV in car park

23. NATURE RESERVE

Chris Morgan

No report

24. RECREATION CENTRE

George Hawes

There is a meeting on 20th June

25. RAMSBURY SCHOOL

Roger Greasley

School is getting back to something like normal after 2 years of disruption.

Currently there are 201 pupils in school, and it looks likely that that will be the number come September. There is one particularly small year group passing through school (next year Y5)

There are now 4 Ukrainian children in the School, they appear to have settled in brilliantly, and their command of English is fantastic already.

Term ends on Friday 22nd July. New term begins on Thursday 1st September.

For the first time in quite a while the school was able to make use of The Flyer, to take a group to a cricket competition in Marlborough. Ramsbury won the competition and should appear in the

County Finals later this month. The School have booked the Flyer again for 17th June for another sporting competition.

26. VANDALISM

- (i) An envelope with "Genrous tip" written on it was put through the Charity Shop door on 16th June. The envelope contained 2 counterfeit £50 notes. **Action- SG to report to 101**
- (ii) A light post had been kicked over in the churchyard.

27. PATIENTS REP

George Hawes

Building work will last until November 2022.

28. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE 2022

Invoice No	Accounts For June 2022	Amount	Net	VAT	Payment	S137
I3636	Reviewed Community First Insurance Premium Agreed in May	1510.87	1348.99	161.88	BACS	No
I3657	Amazon – Decorations for Platinum Jubilee	32.97	27.48	5.49	Deb (SG)	No
I3658	A1 Trophy Company – Medals & Ribbons school & preschool – Platinum Jubilee	512.50	427.08	85.42	Deb (SG)	No
I3659	Tesco Stores – Jubilee Provisions	20.10	16.75	3.35	Deb (SG)	No
I3660	HP Instant Ink Monthly Charge	9.99	8.33	1.66	Deb (SG)	No
I3661	British Gas P – Loo Elec 18 th May to 17 th June	20.00	19.05	0.95	DD	No
I3662	1&1 IONOS website Package	18.00	15.00	3.00	DD	No
I3663	1&1 IONOS website Hosting	8.39	6.99	1.40	DD	No
I3664	Zoom PRO for PC Meetings	14.39	11.99	2.40	DD	No
I3665	C Standage May Salary	423.58	423.58	0.00	BACS	No
I3666	C Standage Voucher for Internal Audit	50.00	50.00	0.00	BACS	No
I3667	M Holdsworth May Minute Taking	97.56	97.56	0.00	BACS	No
I3668	C Westall Cleaning Pub Loo June	165.00	165.00	0.00	BACS	No
I3669	C Westall 1 st Quarter PC Office Cleaning	34.00	34.00	0.00	BACS	No
I3670	Idverde Monthly Charge Bin Empty	15.00	12.50	2.50	BACS	No
I3671	Ramsbury PO – Cleaning Material for Pub Loo	150.80	150.80	0.00	BACS	No

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I3672	R Copp – Cut paths at Swans Bottom and Whittonditch	197.00	197.00	0.00	BACS	No
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	3280.15	3012.10	268.05		
	PAYMENTS RECEIVED					
	None This Month	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	Bank Balance at 31.05.2022					
	Current account: £ 81,494.82					

Final accounts Prop MT, sec. LJ. All agreed

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 18th July 2022
7.45pm in the Memorial Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME