

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday MAY 16th 2022 in the Memorial Hall, High Street, Ramsbury after the Annual Parish Assembly at 7.45pm

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Present - D Barnett Vice Chair (DB), D Edwards (DE), S Glass (SG) Chairman, G Hawes (GH), R Young (RY), L Jauncey (LJ), A Foale (AF), M Waugh (MW), M Tester (MT), E Hodgson (EH), H Lloyd (HL), R Greasley (RG) C Standage (Clerk), M Holdsworth (Minute clerk) 2 members of the public

- 1 APOLOGIES D Gill, Councillor J Sheppard C Morgan **approved**
- 2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN – there had been 14 nominations for SG. There had been no other nominations. EH proposed and MT seconded that SG be elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for another year. **All councillors agreed**
- 3 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN - there had been 14 nominations for DB. There had been no other nominations. SG proposed and HL seconded that DB be elected as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for another year. **All councillors agreed.**
SG asked the councillors if they would like to stay on the committees they were on or would like to change **Action-Councillors to let SG know preferences**
- 4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST-None
- 5 MINUTES of the meeting held April 11th 2022 · DB prop and RY sec. **All approved**
- 6 MATTERS ARISING not included in the agenda -MT reported that he had asked Nextdoor whether anyone was interested in a local street party on Saturday or Sunday but had had no response.
- 5 NEW CORRESPONDENCE

		MAY 2022	Highlighted entries FOR DISCUSSION	Actions
A6893	06/04/22	Democratic and Member Services	RE: Briefing Note 22-10: Electric Vehicle Charging Points. F/w to Councillors	After discussion it was decided to form a Green committee to discuss such matters.
A6895	08/04/22	Steve Hind Wiltshire Council	RE: Traffic survey request - C6 Ramsbury	See item 17 (iii)
A6896	08/04/22	Emma Painter Wiltshire Council	RE: Traffic survey request - C6 Ramsbury	See Item 17 (iii)
A6899	11/04/22	Steve Hind (2)	RE: Traffic survey request - C6 Ramsbury	See item 17 (iii)

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A6900	12/04/22	Nick Lee	RE: Ramsbury - Scapa Site	After a meeting held earlier this year there has been no more contact. There will be no further action until contacted.
A6907		Flood Wessex Environment Agency	RE: Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) - 2022 Resilient Communities Fund (South Central England)	AF has walkie talkies. If new ones needed then PC may apply for a grant.
A6908	19/04/22	Resident	RE: B4192 Improvements	Noted See item 17 (i)
A6910	20/04/22	Nigel Parke	RE: Ramsbury Faults & Upgrades	See Item 17 (v)
A6911	20/04/22	Resident	RE: B4192 Improvements	See item 17 (I)
A6912	21/04/22	Resident	RE: Whittonditch Update	
A6913	21/04/22	Resident	RE: Bonfires	SG had replied to this and resident had sent a further email. This matter will be referred to the new Green committee
A6914	22/04/22	Resident	RE: Barbury Shooting school clay pigeon site	Resident still felt this should not be happening. SG and DE had spoken to the resident. Barbury School has sent out dates when this will happen.
A6920	26/04/22	Andrew Mourant	RE: Query re Ramsbury Manor. F/w to Councillors	SG referred him to the Trustees of Ramsbury Manor.
A6922	27/04/22	Alistair Ewing	RE: Barbed wire fence on Boundary Walk route	Ramsbury Estates has put in a proper stile with a cushioned top. SG had thanked A Ewing.
A6923	27/04/22	Derek Bale Openreach	RE: trench at Ramsbury manor	See item 17 (vi).
A6924	27/04/22	Elections Wiltshire Council	RE: Councillor Vacancy - Ramsbury Parish Council (Axford Ward)	No one has requested an election so PC is able to co-opt a new member
A6926	03/05/22	Catherine George Isles Crt Manager	RE: Blocked drain - Isles Road	SG will report it.
A6928	03/05/22	Emma Painter	RE: Traffic Survey Results - 034-005 C6 Newtown Road, Ramsbury. F/w to Councillors	See item 17 (iii)
A6931	05/05/22	Democratic and Member Services	RE: Briefing Note 22-11 - Solar Together Wiltshire. F/w to Councillors	WC will give grants to members of the public who apply. After discussion it was decided to refer this to the Green committee

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A6932	06/05/22	Resident	RE: Bin left by Memorial garden	A black bin has been left outside by the memorial Garden. It is not a WC bin. SG to ask WC to remove it.
A6936	09/05/22	TEEC	RE: Download Completed	SG to contact TEEC for website to be up and running.
A6937	09/05/22	Cllr James Sheppard	RE: Painting Bridges in Ramsbury	SG had written to Coun J Sheppard about WC painting the bridges on the Froxfield Rd. The bridges are SSSI sites. It is not a simple job. Hammocks need to be positioned under the bridges to catch flakes of paint when rubbing down and drips of paint. Special paint must be used. PC is liable to a fine from the Environment Agency if this is not done
A6938	09/05/22	Rhys Schell (2)	RE: Town and Parish Clerks/ Wiltshire Council Notes 08.04.22. F/w to Councillors	Wiltshire police are conducting a pilot scheme. They will collect data from SIDs to monitor traffic safety.
		LATES		
A6939	13/05/22	Sarah Simpkins – Ramsbury Surgery	RE: Ramsbury Surgery Refurbishment. F/w to Councillors	Ramsbury Surgery are going to have major building work They would like to use the PC land to park staff cars whilst this is happening.
A6940	14/05/22	Resident	RE: Ramsbury Jubilee Activities. F/w to Councillors	SG has written to the resident telling her where to find the relevant details eg. Whitton Ways, Whatson Ramsbury, website
A6941	14/5/22	I Smith Friends of Holy Cross	RE: Requesting grant for printing Newcomers Welcome Pack	See item 6B (vi)

6 **Committee Reports:**
A **Planning**

Diann Barnett

PLANNING REPORT RAMSBURY AND AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL -April 2022
Planning Applications Processed since March 2022 Report –

New applications-

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|-----------------|----------------------------|--|
| • PL/2022/02954 | Ridgeway Cott, 57, High St | tree work |
| • PL/2022/02709 | 47, Whittonditch Rd | 2 storey kitchen and bedroom ext + porch |
| • PL/2022/02695 | Vine Cott, 18 Union St | restore/repoint 3 chimney pots. |
| • PL/2022/03548 | 10 Oxford St, Ramsbury | tree work, reduce silver birch. |
| • PL/2022/03504 | 35 Oxford St, Ramsbury | tree work, remove willow. |
| • PL/2022/03302 | Springmead, Back Lane. | Car port and timber shed in lieu of garage approved
PL/2021/08870 |

Still awaiting –

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| • 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. |
| • PL/2021/11212 | 42/44 Oxford Street | Change entrance, parking, garage with access and outbuildings. N/O |
| • PL/2021/11390/LBC | Ramsbury | access and outbuildings. N/O |
| • PL/2022/00916 | Land south of Back Lane | Single storey eco house, access and rebuild. N/O |
| • PL/2021/10698 | Land adjacent to Whitton Lodge, Whittonditch Road | Erection of new dwelling, car parking and landscaping etc OBJECTION |

Decisions-

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| • PL/2022/01845 | Methodist School Room
Oxford St, Ramsbury. | Change of use to dwelling. N/O |
| • PL/2022/00367 | Chandlers Barn at Hilldrop | Associated operational development. N/O |

B Finance

Erica Hodgson

- (i) Precept first tranche has been received -£35,000
- (ii) VAT refund - £10,000 has been received
- (iii) Insurance quote has been received from Community First. The new roundabout at Knowledge Crescent needs to be added- £16,000 and the brush cutter can be removed so a new quote is needed. SG proposed that the insurance renewal premium be taken off the accounts payable this month and that appropriate premium be paid when the new quote is received provided that this is reasonable as the premium must be paid by June 1st **All agreed Action: new premium to be paid before June 1st when quote is received**
- (iv) Report on reserves – Report shows transfers of funds for various works and references for minutes when these were sanctioned
- (v) Audit work is proceeding
- (vi) Request from Friends of Holy Cross for grant for Newcomers Welcome Pack. This does not exist at the moment. Friends of Holy Cross are willing to start it up again. They have requested a grant for printing it.SG proposed that this be granted under S137 **All agreed Action-SG to reply that reasonable costs will be met**

C Rights of Way*Lynn Jauncey*

LJ and SG met Matt Hodgson on 15th May for a Boundary Walk de-briefing meeting. The Boundary Walk went well this year. Next year it will be walked in reverse. Matt suggested that we should find a female walk leader to join the team **Action-LJ to pursue this**

D Play Areas and Seats*Denise Edwards*

Play areas well used again this month. One incident at Knowledge Crescent site, a young man got rather stuck in a toddler swing seat and the Fire Brigade were called to release him. No damage to the equipment has been caused. Thank you to Ron Young for promptly de-tangling the chains after the fire service attendance. Dog poo bag dispenser is currently out of stock we will install as and when available to order. Work in the area at the bottom of the steps to the Whittonditch site has been progressing well in recent weeks. I have asked a company to quote for tree stump removal at Whittonditch so we can plan that into our funding.

F Emergency Committee*Alison Foale*

Emergency committee to hold a meeting to check the wardens' list and then a meeting of the wardens will be called. **Action-AF to arrange committee meeting**

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

The 2 members of the public had left the meeting.

7 AXFORD

Diann Barnett

Everything is fine in Axford. On Sat 4th June there will be a Jubilee picnic on the Jubilee field at 2pm. Ramsbury Estates are to give Axford a new noticeboard for the Village hall.

8 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

No request for election has been received so the Parish Council will co-opt a new Councillor. It was agreed that ideally a new Councillor should reside in Axford. **Action-D Barnett to investigate**

9 WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Denise Edwards/Sheila Glass

Going live this month, SG/DE to monitor

10 COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP

Sheila Glass

Next meeting 26/5/22. AF to attend on Teams if possible -10am to 12 noon

11 MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD

Sheila Glass

Report on meeting 22/3/22 – SG was unable to attend. There was discussion about climate change. A grant of £2,500 was given to Chilton Chicks, a toddler group and £3,500 given to Kennet Valley hall for an outside gym.

12 ALLOTMENTS

Denise Edwards

Allotments are progressing well. Touch wood the risk of frost has now passed We had a slight issue With one of our water troughs but they are 10 years old so to be expected

13 MEETING WITH TRUSTEES OF RAMSBURY MANOR

DB/SG/DE

Report on meeting attended 29/4/22 by SG, DB, DE. It will take 5 years to complete renovation. There is a big problem with moths which are devastating the soft furnishings. Everything has to be removed to fumigate each room. All rooms have to be photographed to be able to replace everything exactly as it was. The contents of all rooms have to be catalogued.

They are building a Visitors Centre but had to change the planning application which held them up. The roof has been repaired. They will dredge the lake. There is an 8 acre walled garden which is being returned to its former glory. SG/DB/DE suggested that there would be interest in this being opened so that the public could follow progress. Trustees agreed to discuss this.

14 UKRAINIAN FAMILIES IN THE VILLAGE

There are a family of 5 in Axford. A family of 8 in Ramsbury and another family soon to arrive in Ramsbury.

Families are coming to the Lychgate room for clothes etc. All going well at the moment. One

Russian speaking Ukrainian boy from Axford has started at Ramsbury Primary School

15 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE JUNE 2022

Jubilee in Ramsbury

Bunting in the High Street and Square

Thursday June 2nd

Tea and Scones jam and cream in the Square 2pm -4pm (Memorial Hall if wet)

Ramsbury Estates will build and light a beacon on Spring Hill 9.45 pm (this is not an attended event)

The Bell is doing a special Jubilee dinner based on the Coronation luncheon alongside their normal menu-

Friday June 3rd

Royal British Legion Country Fair 10am-late Rookery Field Loves Lane Car boot

sale ,dog fancy dress show, music, food (7pm to midnight) beer tent,craft stalls,tug of war, children's chair planes, vintage vehicles, etc.

Full cream teas at the Bell 3-5pm

Peal of bells

Saturday June 4th

Crown & Anchor garden barbeque with 2 bands

Full cream teas at the Bell 3-5pm

Sunday June 5th

Crown & Anchor regular band "Pulse" in the garden

Saturday and Sunday local steet parties arranged in neighbourhood groups

The Parish Council will present commemorative medals to all the pupils at the school and the Preschool after the half term holiday

16 VILLAGE FRESHERS DAY/VOLUNTEER EVENT 2022

SG reported that it went well and thanked all the Councillors who were there on the day. There were about 80 volunteers at the event in the evening. SG thanked all who helped during the day and the evening.

17 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

(i) Road layout at Whittonditch -quotes for white gates -on the agenda next month

(ii) "20 for a reason" signs in Back Lane – on the agenda next month.

(iii) Speed survey results Newtown Road – there was a mean average speed of 47.9mph which means WC will not reduce the speed limit.

(iv) Best Kept Village - It's been a busy month. Wildflowers were planted and we have help with watering some of the meadows when necessary. We have won a prize and assistance from Dobbies so we can improve on the scrub land next to the Whittonditch play area at the Ashley Piece entrance. Local helpers were on hand to help clear up during the month. The cubs will be planting sunflowers at the start of June so that will make a huge difference and Wendy Allen has given me some cornflowers to put in (focusing on yellow and blue).

Helen Foley will help with a wildflower patch on Chapel Lane this year. Great to see people getting involved in growing wildflowers for our local insect population to enjoy!

The WI are going to decorate the Whittonditch information/phone box for us ready for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and the BKV judging in July.

We have a good crop of sunflowers to plant around the village. Thanks to Diann B for providing us with seeds. Hoping for a vibrant display.

(v) SIDS these will be repaired-awaiting engineer appointment

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(vi) Fence on Manor footpath. R Copp is going to repair the fence along the Manor footpath but before he did this he needed to know where Openreach had laid the cables for the Broadband to the Manor. See Correspondence item A6923

(vii) LJ suggested that a notice board should be put in the Square around the Tree to advertise events. The A boards could then be removed. **Action-suitable notice boards to be investigated**

18 MEMORIAL GARDEN

New bench - SG has heard nothing from the family.

The Memorial Garden will be planted up before the Jubilee.

19 PARISH STEWARDS ROTA

Next visit TBA

20 LIBRARY no reports

21 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES see item 26

22 MEMORIAL HALL

Sheila Glass/George Hawes

Trustees meeting Wed 18th May. **Action- SG to suggest CCTV in the car park** see item 26

23 NATURE RESERVE

Chris Morgan

No report

24 RECREATION CENTRE

George Hawes

There is coaching for Junior members of the Cricket club. 8 week sessions.

25 RAMSBURY SCHOOL

Roger Greasley

198 on roll. One Ukrainian child at the school.

SG has ordered 250 Jubilee medals for the school and pre-school.

26 VANDALISM

During the Easter weekend vandals unrolled and wet the toilet rolls and then screwed them up and threw the wet paper all over the walls and the skylight. It all dried and stuck fast to everything.

27 PATIENTS REP

George Hawes

Nothing to report

28 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR MAY 2022

		TOTAL	Net	VAT	DD/BACS DEB/FPI/ CASH/BG C	S137
	Accounts for MAY 2022					
I3619	Amazon – A board for Boundary Walk	53.5	44.58	8.92	Deb (SG)	No
I3620	Trophy StoreCup/medals BW	23.49	19.5	3.99	Deb (SG)	No
I3621	Amazon(Greenfeel) Drink cups BW	39.54	32.95	6.59	Deb (SG)	No
I3622	Amazon Water Carrier – BW	13.48	11.23	2.25	Deb (SG)	No

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I3623	JRB Enterprises – Dog Disposal Bags	65.16	54.3	10.86	Deb (SG)	No
I3624	Tesco – Volunteer/ Freshers Day	37.45	31.21	6.24	Deb (SG)	No
I3625	Tesco – Volunteer/ Freshers Day	54.85	45.71	9.14	Deb (SG)	No
I3626	HP Instant Ink – Monthly Charge	9.99	8.33	1.66	Deb (SG)	No
I3627	Zoom PRO for Parish Council Meetings	14.39	11.99	2.40	Deb (SG)	No
I3628	British Gas - Elec for Public Toilets 18th APR to MAY 17th 2022	20.00	19.05	0.95	DD	No
I3629	I&I IONOS Web Package 2022 -website	18.00	15.00	3.00	DD	No
I3630	IONOS Web Hosting 2022	8.39	6.99	1.40	DD	No
I3631	BT - 1st Quarter phone/Broadband	152.41	127.01	25.40	DD	No
I3632	Sheila Glass –Travel Boundary Walk	45.00	45.00	0.00	BACS	No
I3633	Carol Standage April Salary 2022	423.58	423.58	0.00	BACS	No
I3634	Mary Holdsworth April Minute Taking	97.56	97.56	0.00	BACS	No
I3635	Coral Westall – May Public Loo Cleaning	165.00	165.00	0.00	BACS	No
I3637	Ab – Fab Loos – Boundary Walk	744.00	620.00	124.00	BACS	No
I3638	Ramsbury Mem Hall Period 1 – April to September rent	641.25	641.25	0.00	BACS	No
I3639	Ian Smith – Volunteer event Drinks	150.00	150.00	0.00	BACS	No
I3640	Idverde -Monthly Charge to Empty Bin	12.00	10.00	2.00	BACS	No
I3641	WALC – Annual Subscription	759.49	632.91	126.58	BACS	No
I3642	Ramsbury PreSchool–Donation for Boundary Walk teas	150.00	150.00	0.00	BACS	No
I3643	Fiona Kimber – B W Supplies	29.48	29.48	0.00	BACS	No
	S137 – GRANTS					
I3644	Ramsbury School PTA	500.00	500.00	0.00	BACS	YES
I3645	Ramsbury Pre School	220.00	220.00	0.00	BACS	YES

