

# RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
**Monday MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 at 7.45pm on Zoom**

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

**\_ 1 member of the public**

**SG asked members of the Council to remember the people of Ukraine.**

**This was Simon Smith's last meeting .He is going to Jersey to work. SG thanked him for everything that he had done as a Councillor and said he would be missed.**

- 1 APOLOGIES C Morgan, Councillor J Sheppard -approved
- 2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST- None
- 3 MINUTES of the meeting held February 21<sup>st</sup> 2022. Prop DE, sec RG. All councillors approved.
- 4 MATTERS ARISING -None
- 5 NEW CORRESPONDENCE

		<b>MARCH 2022</b>		<b>Actions</b>
<b>A6807</b>	21/02/22	Traffic Surveys – Wiltshire Council	RE: Traffic Survey form	WC stated that they would not do a traffic survey on the B1492 at Whittonditch as the 60mph speed limit could not be reduced. <b>SG replied that she had asked for the survey to be completed to gauge the speed of the traffic along that stretch of road not to change the speed limit. (See item 15)</b>
<b>A6809</b>	22/02/22	Rob Audritt - Resident	RE: Traffic Survey form	See above
<b>A6811</b>	24/02/22	Cllr James Sheppard	RE: Street light in Ramsbury	The street light in Swans Close had been fixed. The light at the Library in the High St has not been fixed yet WC says it needs traffic management when it is done Axford lights not fixed <b>Action: SG to follow up with street lighting</b>
<b>A6817</b>	27/02/22	William Dennis	RE: RAMS 70 footpath	The landowner would flatten the ploughing at the edge of the field.

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<b>A6820</b>	28/02/22	John Herbertson - Diary	RE: Invoice for the Printing of the Ramsbury & Axford Diary - <b>S137</b>	Noted
<b>A6821</b>	01/03/22	Bilaterals – Castle Water	RE: Leak allowance 2313095	Castle Water states that the leak is internal. SG has written to say that leak is external and wastewater did not enter sewer
<b>A6824</b>	03/03/22	Democratic Member Services	RE: Briefing Note No. 22-02: Update on possible disruption to waste collection services due to planned industrial action from 7 March. <b>F/w to Councillors</b>	Waste collections of blue lidded bins are back to normal.
<b>A6825</b>	04/03/22	Simon Smith Parish Councillor	RE: Resignation notice as Parish Councillor.	Acknowledged <b>Action: Clerk to notify WC</b>
<b>A6829</b>	05/03/22	Flood Wessex environment agency	RE: Flood Wardens and Community Volunteers - Join us 7-11 March for Dorset Prepared Online Community Resilience Event. <b>F/w to Councillors</b>	AF attended the meeting via Zoom. The meeting was mainly about flooding. She was able to discuss in a group with other parish councillors about their own emergency plans.
<b>A6831</b>	07/03/22	Bilaterals – Castle Water	RE: Acknowledgment of form sent	Noted. See A6821. They have two months to reply.
<b>A6833</b>	08/03/22	Janet Rule – Scapa Group	RE: Ramsbury collections for UKRAINE	SG replied that Ramsbury/Axford had recently had a huge collection.
<b>A6836</b>	09/03/22	Richard Williams – Wiltshire Council	RE: Land Ownership Query regarding drainage from C6 highway.	WC had cleared the grips along the road edge but needed to get in touch with the land owner to finish the work. <b>Action- SG supplied details.</b>
<b>A6837</b>	09/03/22	NALC	RE: NALC newsletter. <b>F/w to Councillors</b>	Noted
<b>A6838</b>	10/03/22	Emily Wadman – Wiltshire Police	RE: Community Policing (with amended graphics). <b>F/w to Councillors</b>	Noted
<b>A6839</b>	11/03/22	Resident	RE: Clay shooting in the valley <b>.F/w to Councillors</b>	Barbury Shooting School have been contacted The sites for the shooting will be moved nearer to Littlecote they apologised for any concern.

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<b>A6842</b>	11/03/22	Democratic and Member Services	RE: Briefing Note 22-04 - Update on industrial action causing disruption to waste services. <b>F/w to Councillors</b>	Noted
<b>A6843</b>	11/03/22	Green Lane Association	RE: Countryside access: setting the record straight	Noted
<b>A6846</b>	13/03/22	Resident	RE: Ukraine – sponsor a refugee family	See Item 12
<b>A6848</b>	14/03/22	Martin Cook – Wilts Council	RE: site meeting Whittonditch	See item 15 (i)
<b>A6850</b>	15/03/22	NALC	RE: NALC - Ukraine	Noted
<b>A6851</b>	15/03/22	Resident	RE: potentially dangerous parking at the C&A	SG has spoken to landlord and he will speak to the owners of the cars <b>Action: monitor the situation</b>
<b>A6852</b>	18/03/22	Wiltshire Street Lighting	RE: Axford and Ramsbury Faulty Street lighting. <b>F/w to Councillors</b>	See A6811

## 6 Committee Reports:

### A Planning

*Diann Barnett*

Report on Planning Committee meeting 4/3/22 – Meeting attended by 5 members of the public. The application PL/2022/00916 Land South of Back Lane was discussed and comments from the attendees noted,

The Planning Committee discussed the matter and decided that they did not object to the application, DB to send comment to WC

#### **New applications-**

- PL/2022/01845      Methodist School Room      Change of use to dwelling.  
Oxford St, Ramsbury.
  - PL/2022/00367      Chandlers Barn at Hilldrop      Associated operational development.
- Still awaiting –**
- PL/2021/11212      42/44 Oxford Street      Change entrance, parking, garage with  
Ramsbury      access and outbuildings. N/O
  - PL/2021/11390/LBC      Ramsbury Tennis Club      New tennis court and enclosure, revised. N/O
  - PL/2022/01044      Land south of Back Lane      Single storey eco house, access and rebuild. N/O
  - PL/2022/00916      Chandlers Barn      Change of use from barn to Class E and alterations.  
Hilldrop Lane. SN8 2HB      N/O
  - PL/2021/10698      Land adjacent to Whitton      Erection of new dwelling, car parking and  
Lodge, Whittonditch Road      landscaping etc OBJECTION

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- PL/2021/11182 Meadow Far Stud, Halfway Lane, Ramsbury. SN8 2PP Erection of replacement dwelling, car port etc N/O

### Decisions-

- PL/2021/11933 Former Laurel Garage Back Lane redevelopment and change of use to C3 residential, detached outbuilding. APPROVED- front curtilage across entire site must not be more than 600mm in height.

The Enforcement Officer had informed the owners of the Red Lion in Axford that none of the bar area could be used as residential. He is waiting to hear from them.

Planning permission to replace the wall in front of Parliament Piece on Back Lane runs out on 26/5/22. A site visit to be arranged for the planning committee to view PL/ 2022/ 01845 Methodist School room.

### **B Finance**

*Erica Hodgson*

Audit preparations are underway.

### **C Rights of Way**

*Lynn Jauncey*

(i) RAMS 70 -see A6817. The sign post is back . The edges of the field have also been flattened by walkers. Walkers are also able to walk around the fallen tree.

(ii) Boundary Walk – M Hodgson has submitted changes to walk leaflet back markers and leaders have been appointed. Walkers are to bring own water bottles to be refilled at refreshment stops. Requested to bring coffee cups to cut down on use.

Loos- SG has checked and all are ordered and ready to go.

At the new Boundary Stone Harry Edwards and family to be given rosette for their virtual walk in 2020.

**Action - SG to source cup for Heart Attack Hill.**

### **D Play Areas and Seats**

*Denise Edwards*

Visual inspection of Knowledge Crescent Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March, nothing to report. Skip is still at Knowledge Cres No problems have been reported else where. Strutt and Parker have taken over management of the Glebe land and cannot find a copy of the lease. **Actions: DE to email Rhinoplay re skip SG to send over a copy of lease on Glebe land to new management company.**

### **F Emergency Committee**

*Alison Foale*

Warden list almost complete. A meeting for wardens is to be arranged when list is complete.

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

#### **The member of the public had left the meeting**

### **7 AXFORD**

*Diann Barnett/Simon Smith*

Simon Smith has resigned. SG thanked him for his service and wished him well.

All is well in Axford.

Someone (not known) has applied for the footpaths 16 and 9B to become bridleways. The Parish Council has not yet been notified.

The Ukraine collection sent 4 large vans of goods and a large horsebox is going on 26<sup>th</sup> March. £78,000 has been raised and spent on supplies that were needed.

## 8 WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

*Denise Edwards/Sheila Glass*

We are close to going live with new website. TEEC have been extremely helpful.

SG and DE had a meeting with TEEC on 21/03/22. Training meeting to be organised when final changes have been implemented

Social media ticking along nicely. DE has put out a plea for photos of parish for new website.

The 2 Ukraine related posts are from legit sources. Residents can make own decisions from those.

## 9 COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP

*Sheila Glass*

White lining in Back lane may take place soon. The work at Whittonditch is on a very long list.

## 10 MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD

*Sheila Glass*

Next meeting 22/3/22- SG has sent apologies because she is isolating

## 11 ALLOTMENTS

*Denise Edwards*

A lot of interest from people due to move into the village which is great news. The Allotments are looking as they should for this time of year. Compost delivery soon Sinclair Multi Purpose 75 Litre bags please email [allotments@ramsbury.org](mailto:allotments@ramsbury.org) to order.

## 12 SITUATION IN UKRAINE

After discussion it was agreed that the refugee situation is still in flux and offers of accommodation must come from individuals. Parish Council will offer help as necessary if any refugees are housed in the village **Action – SG to reply that this is a matter for individuals and not the Parish Council at this time.**

## 13 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE JUNE 2022

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** cream teas under the Tree. A beacon will be lit in the evening.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** The British Legion are organising a Country Fair and Fancy Dress Dog Show on the field on Loves Lane.

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June** Residents are encouraged to organise their own street parties.

## 14 VILLAGE FRESHERS DAY/VOLUNTEER EVENT 2022

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** 11am – 3pm. There will be a volunteers event in the evening 6pm – 7.30pm. **Action – SG to contact organisations to ask for numbers. There will be drinks and sandwiches.**

## 15 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

**Road layout at Whittonditch** – SG and AF met with M Cooke (WC) and R Audritt. There are 3 ways forward.

1. White gates with sign “Whittonditch please drive carefully” to make drivers aware that there are buildings and people there - PC to purchase, WC to install.

2. Patching in road surfaces at the junction with new white lines

3. Signage improvement -Advance direction sign.

After discussion it was noted that the first option is the most likely to be achieved in the near future with the other options to be followed up.

SG proposed that she should make enquiries to Mildenhall, Aldbourne and Chilton Foliat about the cost of white gates and report to next meeting. All councillors agreed.

**Action - SG to ask for previously requested traffic survey to be re-instated to confirm the speed of traffic along that stretch of the B1492 not to have the speed limit reduced – see A6807.**

**SG to contact Mildenhall, Chilton Foliat, Aldbourne**

**Best kept Village** –The entry form is to be completed by the end of May and Ramsbury will be judged in July. **Action: Karen Rees**

Karen and Mark Rees hope to clear the brambles etc from the land between Ashley Piece and the play area. They will then plant wild flower seeds. The councillors all agreed. **Action – SG to contact Mark and Karen.**

It was also agreed that the Parish Council would look at the railings at the Whittonditch Road end of the path.

**16 MEMORIAL GARDEN**

SG has not heard from the resident who requested a bench in the Memorial Garden yet. Mark Rees explained to SG where the watering system runs.

**17 PARISH STEWARDS ROTA**

Next visit is 12/13 April. The ivy on the Public Conveniences needs cutting back. **Action - SG to put on Parish Steward rota**

**18 LIBRARY -nothing to report****19 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

**Leak claim** - see A6821

C Glass is continuing to source materials to cover the front door. The soap dispenser will be replaced. One toilet to remain open.

**20 MEMORIAL HALL**

*Sheila Glass/George Hawes*

**Trustees meeting 2/3/22** – An upgrade to the sound system was approved. The fees for hiring the Hall would be raised. The booking system is to be changed so that those who hire the hall know who is booking it. 8 more tea tables have been purchased. Hall Wifi - **Action SG to investigate if she can purchase a wifi extender disc so the hall can use the Parish Council office wifi**

**21 NATURE RESERVE**

*Chris Morgan*

No report

**22 RECREATION CENTRE**

*George Hawes*

No report

**23 RAMSBURY SCHOOL**

*Roger Greasley*

The school have had high numbers of Covid cases but now this is reducing.

197 on roll. Term ends 8<sup>th</sup> April. There will be an Easter service in Holy Cross Church, the first service for the whole school for two years.

**24 VANDALISM – the soap dispenser was ripped off the wall in the public toilet and the waste pipe on the hand basin loosened.**

Stickers are put up round the village “Free the beagles”

**25 PATIENTS REP**

*George Hawes*

The Surgery will roll out a programme for vaccinations for the over 75s and vulnerable people, but there are no details yet.

**26 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT****PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR March 2022**

	TOTAL	Net	VAT	DD/BACS DEB/FPI/CA SH/BGC	S137
<b>Accounts for MARCH 2022</b>					
<b>TEEC – 12 months website Hosting and Security. Transfer of Domain. On February agenda but held payment back until Mar 21st</b>	<b>496.79</b>	413.99	<b>82.80</b>	<b>BACS</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>I3578</b>					
<b>I3586 JRB Enterprises – Dispenser Dog Bags</b>	<b>91.98</b>	76.65	<b>15.33</b>	<b>Deb (SG)</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>I3587 Zoom PRO for Parish Council Meetings</b>	<b>14.39</b>	11.99	<b>2.40</b>	<b>Deb (SG)</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>I3588 Amazon – 2 way Extension Lead and Printer Paper</b>	<b>45.46</b>	37.87	<b>7.59</b>	<b>Deb (CS)</b>	<b>No</b>

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I3589	British Gas - Elec for <b>Public</b> Toilets 18th FEB to MAR 17th 2022	20.00	19.05	0.95 DD	No
I3590	I&I IONOS Web Package March 2022 - website	18.00	15.00	3.00 DD	No
I3591	IONOS Web Hosting March 2022	8.39	6.99	1.40 DD	No
I3592	Whitton PCC – Printing of the Ramsbury Diary as S137	106.00	106.00	0.00 BACS	Yes
I3593	Carol Standage February Salary 2022	416.22	416.22	0.00 BACS	No
I3594	Mary Holdsworth February Minute Taking	95.85	95.85	0.00 BACS	No
I3595	Coral Westall – February Public Conveniences Cleaning	160.00	160.00	0.00 BACS	No
I3596	Coral Westall Q4 Parish Council Office Cleaning	32.50	32.50	0.00 BACS	No
I3597	Idverde – Monthly Charge Bin Empty	15.00	12.50	2.50 BACS	No
I3598	Quintessential - Railings works between Ashley Piece and Play Area	860.32	860.32	0.00 BACS	No
I3599	Graham Curtis - Broadband set up and printer	165.00	165.00	0.00 BACS	No
I3600	TEEC Full Migration to new compliant template	588.00	490.00	98.00 BACS	No
I3601	P New – Supplying Plants for Memorial Hall and Tubs in Square and Memorial Hall	307.00	307.00	0.00 CH	No
		<b>2944.11</b>	<b>2812.94</b>	<b>131.17</b>	

Payments Received

DD/BACS/DEC/FPI/ S137  
CASH/BGC

NONE THIS MONTH

NO

**Final accounts Prop. DE, sec. SS . All approved.**

**Bank Balance at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Current Account **£50694.08****

**DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 (N.B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)  
7.45pm in the Memorial Hall**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

