

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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**You are invited to attend a meeting of the Parish Council
on Monday 19th January in Ramsbury Memorial Hall at 7.45pm**

Apologies to the Clerk please

A G E N D A

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - D Gill;
- 2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - Councillors to declare interests
- 3 MINUTES of the meeting held on 15th December (circulated) - for approval
- 4 MATTERS ARISING not included in the Agenda
- 5 NEW CORRESPONDENCE – items highlighted for discussion

Ref. No	Date Received	December 2025 – January 2026 From :	Subject *Highlighted for Discussion
A8456	05 Dec	WCC Traffic Order Team	Experimental Union Street one-day traffic order implementation w.e.f. 20 Jan. Fwd to Cllrs.
A8457	05 Dec	Steve Oakey	CCTV demo postponed till New Year. Fwd to Cllrs. see item 11
A8458	05 Dec	Richard Holman, Ridgway Barns Events Manager	Ramsbury quiz teams invited to charity quiz night on 19 th March 2026. Fwd to Cllrs.
A8464	11 Dec	Resident	Frequent problems when large vehicles are unable to get through at the pinch point around 18 High Street caused by parked cars. Discussed at November meeting. SG has responded.
A8466	15 Dec	Emma Chaplin, Dickins Hopgood Chidley (ii)	Formalities re. completion of new lease on allotments.
A8469	19 Dec	Wiltshire CC News	Future waste and recycling plans, etc. Fwd. to Cllrs. See item 11
A8471	22 Dec	Lee Smitten, Firefighter with Dorset & Wilts Fire & Rescue Service	Planned fire station closures may include Ramsbury Fire Station. Fwd. to Cllrs. See item 13
A8473	23 Dec	Emma Morton, Wilts PCC	Policing facing untenable pressures due to lack of detail in funding settlement. Fwd. to Cllrs.
A8474	29 Dec	Kieran Elliott, Wilts CC Democratic Services	Community Governance Review 2025/26 – proposals sought from councils, individuals and residents. Fwd. to Cllrs. See item 12

A8477	01 Jan	Resident	Convoy of giant tractors going down the High Street today. SG has replied.
A8478	02 Jan	Alistair Ewing, Ramsbury Estates	Confirming tractors on High Street not theirs, but may have been to do with a charity rally in Aldbourne.
A8483	09 Jan	Resident	Saxon Forge wheelie bins. See item 11
A8484	09 Jan	Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner	Public consultation about proposed £15p.a. increase to the police precept in 2026. Fwd to Cllrs.
A8485	10-12 Jan	Various residents	Requests for a salt/grit bin for Chapel Lane. Fwd. to Cllrs.
A8486	11 Jan	Danny Austin, CPRE Wiltshire	Invitation to enter centenary Best Kept Village Competition. Fwd to Cllrs. See item 11
A8487	12 Jan	Colin McMillan, SSE	Confirming payment of grant for hall generators. Fwd to Cllrs. See item 10

*The full list of incoming correspondence from 5th Dec-12th Jan can be viewed on the parish council website

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Erica Hodgson

- Q3 report for approval
- 2026-27 precept request form has been submitted
- Spending proposal to fence Ashley Piece play area
- Reviews of Standing Orders, Asset Register and Financial Risk Analysis to be done
- SSJ was done last year
- Quote for grasscutting 2026 (circulated to Finance Committee)

7 PLAY AREAS AND SEATS REPORT

Denise Edwards

- Remedial work at Whittonditchplay area - committee meeting to be arranged

8 ALLOTMENTS REPORT

Denise Edwards

9 RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE REPORT

Doug Greenway

- Dates for circular walks in 2026
- Closure of Lofts Bridge – any update from Stephen Leonard?
- Hedges on bridleway 28
- Preparations for Boundary walk on Sunday 3rd May

10 EMERGENCY COMMITTEE REPORT

Alison Foale

- SSE Grant for new generators for Memorial Hall and Axford Village Hall
- Emergency database – DB's review of progress
- Quotes for new defibrillator for Whittonditch Road phone box
- Walkie talkies
- Suggestion Emergency Wardens be asked to do a monthly check of the drains/gullies in their “patch” and report blockages to Clerk. Also potholes.

11 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Sheila Glass

- Redeployable CCTV demonstration
- Wilts CC new plans for recycling 2026-2030
- Bin storage at Saxon Forge
- Best Kept Village Competition

12 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW (circulated)*Sheila Glass***13 POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF RAMSBURY FIRE STATION***Sheila Glass*

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

14 AXFORD*Di Barnett***15 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT***Di Barnett***PLANNING REPORT RAMSBURY AND AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL – Jan 2026**

Planning Applications Processed since December 2025 report

New applications-

• PL/2025/09823	1 High St, Ramsbury	Change of use, remodel and conservatory
• PL/2025/09620	19 Isles Road	Treework

Still awaiting-

• PL/2025/06883	Coombe Farm, Axford	Self-build house, garaging, tennis court with landscaping, demolishing modern farm buildings.
• PL/2025/01559	Upcott Field, Whittonditch Rd	9 houses and associated works. This application layout has been amended.
• PL/2025/08376	Crown and Anchor	De-liscence, change of use.
• PL/2025/08684	Land at rear of 36 Oxford St	Detached 3-bed bungalow.
• PL/2025/09209	9 Union Street	Create off-street parking
• PL/2025/09169	West House, Ramsbury	Internal alterations, window change
• PL/2025/09011	West House, Ramsbury	Swimming pool and garden shed
• PL/2025/09502	The Old Tannery, High St	Treework
PL/2025/09376	42/43 Oxford Street	Proposed garage.

Decisions-

• PL/2025/08514	Windsor House, Square	Treework. APPROVED
• PL/2025/08591	Richmond Cottage	Treework. APPROVED
• PL/2025/08738	Westfield Farmhouse	Treework. APPROVED
• PL/2025/08861	Stone House, Axford	Treework. APPROVED
• PI/2025/08332	Chandlers Barn, Hilldrop centre	Change of use to 8-bedroomed, conference/event APPROVED
• 3357357	Red Lion enforcement appeal	NC
• 3362810	Red Lion planning appeal	NC
	Land at Lamplands,	enforcement notified, but no response to date.

16 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT*Maggie Waugh*

- 3 more apple trees planted in Community Orchard

17 MEMORIAL HALL*Helen Lloyd*

18	LOCAL HIGHWAYS & FOOTWAYS IMPROVEMENT GROUP	<i>Sheila Glass</i>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial one-way system in Union Street commencing 20th Jan. • Next meeting will be held on 05/02/26 					
19	MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD	<i>Sheila Glass</i>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting will be held on 10/02/26 					
20	TOWN & PARISH CLERKS MEETING	<i>Sheila Glass</i>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of meeting held on 18/12/25 					
21	PARISH STEWARD'S ROTA					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of next visit: 4th February (weather permitting) 					
22	NATURE RESERVE	<i>Chris Morgan</i>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood risk meeting to be arranged 					
23	VANDALISM/CRIME					
24	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT IN JANUARY					
Inv. No	Payments to Suppliers – January 2026	Amount	Net	VAT	Paid By	S137
I4410	JRB Enterprises Ltd – dog poo bags. Paid in Dec.	100.74	83.95	16.79	VisaDebit	No
I4411	M J Baker Accountancy – payroll fee for December	11.25	11.25	0.00	DD	No
I4412	Idverde Ltd - Bin emptying in December	22.20	18.50	3.70	BACS	No
I4413	Coral Westall – public loo cleaning in January	200.00	200.00	0.00	BACS	No
I4414	Paul New – pansies and violas for the Memorial Garden	96.00	96.00	0.00	BACS	No
I4415	Janet Talmage – annual rent for allotments	700.00	700.00	0.00	BACS	No
I4416	Ramsbury Memorial Hall – Electricity supply to PC office, public loo and charity shop 1 st Oct – 31 st Dec. 2025	235.54	235.54	0.00	BACS	No
I4417	Ramsbury Shop – 2026 desk diary for clerk	3.99	3.32	0.67	VisaDebit	No
I4418	Value Products Ltd. – 500 medical face masks	17.76	14.80	2.96	VisaDebit	No
I4419	Lloyds Business Banking – Bank Charges in Jan	4.25	4.25	0.00	DD	No
I4420	Castle Water – water charges for public loo in Dec	34.40	34.40	0.00	BACS	No
I4421	HP Instant Ink 28 th Dec – 27 th Jan	13.49	11.24	2.25	VisaDebit	No
I4422	Robert Copp – planting new apple trees in orchard?	150.00	150.00	0.00	BACS	No
I4423	Galleon Supplies Ltd. – Bulk pack of toilet rolls for public loo	30.00	25.00	5.00	VisaDebit	No
	TOTAL TO PAY (excluding Clerk's salary I4424)	£1,619.62	£1,588.25	£31.37		
	TOTAL AMOUNT ON DEPOSIT on 31st December 2025*	£102,362.45				
	incl. gross interest earned Dec 2022 to 31 st Dec 2025	£6,362.45				

INCOME				
Charity shop rent	£320.00			
December SO for Memorial Hall broadband	9.60			
TOTAL INCOME	£329.60			
Current A/c balance at 31st December 2025	£5,300.03			

*This includes monies held in reserve for parish initiatives such as the Ramsbury Flyer, defibrillators, provision of play equipment, pavement and road repairs, etc.

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2026 at 7.45pm at RAMSBURY MEMORIAL HALL

ALL ARE WELCOME