

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th December at Ramsbury Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Sheila Glass, Chairman (SG), Gillian Woodward, Clerk (GW)
 Diann Barnett (DB), Terry Brown (TB), Denise Edwards (DE), Graeme Fearon (GF),
 Erica Hodgson (EH), Helen Lloyd (HL), Christopher Morgan (CM), Christopher Payne (CP) and
 Simon Smith (SS)

There were no members of the public present

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE and DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

Apologies were received from Ron Young (RY) and George Hawes (GH)
 There was 1 disclosure of interest.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th November 2017 in Axford (document PC 11/12/17/01
 prev circulated):

The Chairman asked if there were any amendments to any of the pages before approval.

Page 1344:

CP suggested that a comment regarding trees in the Hop House garden had been unrecorded. He was unwilling to expand on the matter so it was left in abeyance.

Page 1346:

CP asked that the words ‘properties in the High Street’ be inserted in point 11 Bins in Streets rather than Burdett Street.

The minutes were passed as accurate with these amendments. Proposed by EH and seconded by DE. 10 in favour
 1 opposed

3. Matters Arising from last meeting on 20th November 2017:

SG reported that the Whittonditch path works had been signed off by Highways with just a few snaggings.
 Optimistic of receiving the £5,000 open space contribution soon. Debbie Evans from WC planning indicated that the developer would be invoiced this week

4. NEW CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION (document PC 11/12/2017/02 prev circulated):

The document had been circulated with the Agenda prior to the meeting and the Chairman ran through the items highlighted for discussion.

			December 2017	PC 11/12/17/01	Action
A2517	20/11/17	Wilts C	Notice of Temp Closure of Swans Bottom	F/wd to S. Glass and on Ramsbury Notice Board	Fire hydrant being installed as not having one constituted a fire risk.
A2525	23/11/17	Wilts C	Temp closure of The Square.	F/wd to Councillors	The Chairman was now at liberty to disclose that HRH The Prince of Wales will visit the village on Dec 15 th .
A2533	1/12/17	Jennifer Bowley	MAB’s agreement to mobile youth club. Now looking for venues.	F/wd to S. Glass	JB has had details of local advertising as well as local clubs and societies.
A2541	6/12/17	Nigel Smith	Photo of cenotaph requesting a clean.	F/wd to S. Glass	It was agreed not to have it professionally cleaned at present. Chairman to write to Mr Smith.
LATE					
A2453	6/12/17	Swans Bottom residents	Swans Bottom residents’ concerns about state of the byway asking if the PC can help.		Chairman has spoken to WC Rights of Way officer. He is happy for residents to organise a contractor to grade the track between Crowood Lane and Chapel lane. Chairman to write to residents suggesting they organise this.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) **Planning:** **Chairman: Helen Lloyd**
The Planning Report (PC 11/12/17/03) had been circulated prior to the meeting.
HL reported just one new application since the report: installation of photovoltaic cells in the south, east and west elevations of the pre-school building. **Action: HL to check to see if the same rules on solar panels apply to school buildings as for private houses.**
- b) **Finance:** **Chairman: Erica Hodgson**
E. Hodgson asked for approval of the 2018/19 precept request. SS proposed, DE seconded. All in favour.
- c) **Rights of Way:** **Chairman: Terry Brown**
Chairman has yet to meet up with TB about the horses on Springs Hill. TB reported that there was a dangerous manhole outside Oakes House in the High Street and that he had put some board over it. **Action: TB to report to Thames Water.**
- d) **Play Area and Seats:** **Chairman: Simon Smith**
SS reported that everything was quiet but that he is intending to put the picnic table back where it should be this week.
- e) **Emergency Committee:** **Chairman: Diann Barnett**
Chairman and DB to meet.
- f) **Recreation Centre:** **George Hawes**
GH not present at the meeting so nothing to report.
- g) **Policy Committee:** **Chairman: Sheila Glass**
Nothing to report since the last meeting.
6. **PUBLIC FORUM - Standing Orders suspended for this item**
There were no members of the public present.
7. **Parish Council – future proceedings and practices – item requested by CP.**
CP was concerned that some decisions appear to go through ‘on the nod’ and he requested a little more formality with regard to decision making. On the other hand he felt that some things could be less formal, like abbreviating councillors’ name to initials rather than using initial and surname. The latter change was agreed by all. It was agreed by all to continue to take a formal vote *if* a councillor requests it.
8. **AXFORD:** **Diann Barratt**
DB reported that the broadband voucher scheme has been extended to end March 2018 and individuals who have signed up and paid their proportion of the scheme are eligible for a voucher reimbursing £350 from Wilts Online. There is plenty of salt in Axford. Stocks of salt at the Recreation Centre car park in Ramsbury and there is a bin in the Memorial Hall car park for use on nearby footpaths and the hall car park. The recent concert in Axford church had been a great success and the church was full.
9. **MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD (MAB):** **Sheila Glass**
Chairman hadn’t been able to attend the November meeting but there was nothing on the agenda that was relevant to Ramsbury.
10. **CATG MEETNG:** **Sheila Glass**
Chairman unable to attend the December 14th meeting. Nothing on the agenda relevant to Ramsbury.
11. **WW1 ANNIVERSARY 2018:**
Ongoing arrangements will be discussed further after Christmas. Poppy knitting continues apace and 76 wooden crosses ordered to place on the doors at addresses where the fallen lived.
12. **PARISH STEWARD SCHEME:**
The December steward’s visit was actually at the end of November and the Chairman hasn’t heard from him since in spite of sending a log to WC

13. BINS IN STREETS:

Unless bins are actually on the highway then the PC has no jurisdiction. Friendly letters to two properties on the High Street which leave bins on the highway in Burdett Street have had no effect. There are other properties which leave bins out, at the bottom of Union Street, weekender properties, etc.. The Chairman proposed writing again in a stronger tone saying the matter has been discussed at the Parish Council meetings to see if this produces a result.

Action: Chairman will send a draft to all councillors first.

14. BEST KEPT VILLAGE:

Nothing to report

15. PRE-SCHOOL:

Work is progressing rapidly.

16. WEBSITE:

Nothing to report.

17. BRITISH LEGION BRANCH:

Clerk to chase Charles Vere-Whiting for promised money.

18. ALLOTMENTS:

DE reported on the AGM which took place on December 1st and that there were some allotments available.

19. TELEPHONE KIOSKS:

Nothing to report at this time..

20. NATURE RESERVE:

CM will be getting quotes for a new brush cutter.

21. POLICE REPORT:

No report had been received prior to this meeting.

22. MEMORIAL HALL:

The stain on the floor had been tested and no reason can be found as to why it has happened. The wood looks solid and is completely dry underneath. The matter is to be pursued further.

23. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES:

A quote for repairing the disabled loo door (and lock) has been received from A. Phazackerley for a maximum £300.00. It was agreed that this work should go ahead, early in the New Year when weather permits.. CM proposed, SS seconded and all in favour. **Action: Clerk to contact Mr. Phazackerley.**

24. KENNET TRIANGLE:

Nothing to report.

24. PATIENTS' REP:

G. Hawes not present so no report.

25. TREE LIGHTS:

Chairman reported on the saga of the tree lights. Basically they worked for a few hours and then they went out. The transformer which had been purchased through SSE in order to test the lights had failed. SSE obtained two new transformers reinstalled two separate circuits. One of these failed within hours but the other is working. SSE have been informed. **Action: Clerk to query the SSE invoice when it is submitted as the service quoted was not what was delivered.**

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26. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (document PC 11/12/17/03):

	ACCOUNTS for December 2017	TOTAL	Net	VAT	CQ/DD	S137	Incl in Budget
I2806	British Gas - electricity for Pub Convs	in credit £28.77					
I2807	PlusNet - Broadband Service	9.99	8.33	1.66	DD	No	Yes
I2808	1&1 Internet Ltd WP package	8.39	6.99	1.40	DD	No	Yes
I2809	G. Woodward - Clerk's Dec salary	465.36	465.36	0	CQ	No	Yes
I2810	G. Woodward - stamps	11.16	11.16	0	CQ	No	Yes
I2811	S. Glass - poo bags	5.00	4.17	0.83	CQ	No	Yes
I2812	S. Glass - door bell for PC office	27.00	22.50	4.50	CQ	No	Yes
	Total	526.90	518.51	8.39			

Payments received:

R470	Santander - interest on Business Savings a/c on 2nd December	2.59	Direct transfer
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Bank Balances as at 1st December 2017

Current account: £23,408.68

Savings account: £31,540.30

EH proposed, CM seconded and all in favour.

27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday January 15th at Ramsbury Memorial Hall at 19.45

Members of the Public very welcome to attend.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

* All documents can be found on <https://ramsbury.org.uk/parish-council-minutes>