**RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**

**MONDAY 16th JULY 2018 at Ramsbury Memorial Hall**

**PRESENT:** Sheila Glass, Chairman (SG), Carol Standage, Clerk (CS), M Holdsworth, Minutes Secretary (MH) , Erica Hodgson (EH), Christopher Payne (CP), George Hawes (GH), Simon Smith (SS), H Lloyd (HL) , G Fearon (GF).

There were 2 members of the public present

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE and DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:**

Apologies were received from R Young, D Barnett , D Edwards, C Morgan

There was 1 disclosure of interest from GH –Item15 on agenda – Church lighting

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th June 2018**  (prev circulated)**:**The Chairman asked if

there were any amendments to any of the pages before approval.

p 1378 Item 13 4th line Remove “lower end” and replace with “west end” all agreed

The minutes were then approved and signed. Pro. EH , sec GH. All agreed

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING on 18th June 2018:**

(i) GDPR notice had been sent to all Minute requesters with the June minutes.

(ii) The Youth Club in Ramsbury is unlikely to continue due to lack of numbers**. SG to contact A Bowley**

**4. NEW CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION** (document PC 16/07/18/01) prev circulated:

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|  |  | |  |  | **ACTION** |
| A2835 | 19/06/18 | | Wilts C | Changes to Kerbside Recycling Collections. | From 30th July more kinds of plastic will be collected in the blue topped bins   |  | | --- | | **F/wd to Councillors** | | **Clerk to put notice on board** | |
| A2836 | 19/06/18 | | Community First | Clinical Commissioning Group, The Right Healthcare. | **F/w to Councillors** |
| A2840 | 21/06/18 | WC | | Planning Appeal Decision – Red Lion Axford. | .  **F/w to Planning.** The planning appeal- Red Lion had been granted and is now on the market |
| A2841 | 21/06/18 | Splash - WC | | Splash – Summer Activities programme | All children’s activities are in the South of the County. Transport is said to be available, but very difficult to find on website**. SG had contacted Splash and had no response** |
| A2843 | 21/06/18 | Silviculture | | Hazel Plantation, Eastridge Est. | Discussed by Council. **There were no objections**  **SG to contact Silviculture tomorrow** |

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| A2844 | 22/06/18 | WC | Temporary Road Closure B4192, Aldbourne and Ramsbury10th July to 12th July. | The road had not been closed. **New closure 2nd – 5th Aug** |
| A 2845 | 22/06/18 |  | Marlborough, Our Community Matters, Newsletter 22/06/2018. | .  **F/w to Councillors** |
| A2846 | 24/06/18 | Diann Barrnett | Oak Tree, TPO on Oak tree in village of Axford. | Enquiry from D Barnett- To put a TPO order on an Oak Tree at the Red Lion. |
| A2848 | 25/06/18 | Debby Hollis | Fly Tipped Rubbish, Ramsbury Road above Crowood farm. | SG had reported this but it was already being dealt with by WC |
| A2851 | 28/06/18 | WC | TTRN Hilldrop Lane (part) Closure 09th July 2018. | **F/w to Councillors**  Pot holes in Hilldrop Lane have been fixed **SeeA2875** |
| A2857 | 02/07/18 | B Tottenham | Metal Seat at Springs Hill. Ben suggested it should be shot blasted and painted. | **SG thanked Ben for cutting down the nettles around the seat.** |
| A2858 | 02/07/18 | B Tottenham | Letter from Ben regarding The Poppies. Ben thanked all those concerned for the Poppies round the War memorial. He was very impressed. |  |
| A2861 | 02/07/18 | Chris Herridge | Gas Works to Flat 1 Oakes House | This has now been completed |
| A2862 | 02/07/18 | DennisWWB | Footpath 39 from 20 acre over to the byway to Aldbourne | **SG to send a map to Mr Dennis to show where it is overgrown.** |
| A2868 | 09/07/18 | House of Commons | Letter from Claire Perry congratulating Ramsbury for winning the 1st round of the Best kept Village competition. |  |

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| A2872 | 16/07/18 | Donald Sherlock | Springs Hill. Mr Sherlock stated that it was Open Access land and that it was illegal to erect an electric fence | SG had already discussed with Mr P Wilson ( June Minutes A2831) – He had made the stile more user friendly and covered the fence near it. Mr Wilson (who attended the meeting) stated that he was able to erect an electric fence on Open Access land if it was temporary. He also said the land needed to be grazed and managed. He could not have cows there as there was a large badger set, dogs worry sheep, so there are horses. There is a colony of Duke of Burgundy butterflies which are increasing due to the management of the land. The horses will be there until November. The Council agreed to leave the fence where it is . **SG to reply to Mr Sherlock** |
| A2873 | 16/07/18 | A Browne WC | Localism Act 2011 – follow up email 17 May | The NALC Code of Conduct was adopted  In 2012 see Item 10b Aug 2012 minutes. **Clerk to notify** |
| A2874 | 16/07/18 | R Laming – One Com | New Tariff Proposal BT Openreach | Council will not take up this offer. |
| A2875 | 16/07/18 | S Eliot- Cohen | Hilldrop Lane - Thank you | See A 2851 |
| A2876 | 16/07/18 | tim.gauntlett27@gmail.com | SSID at Whites Hill Ramsbury- Emitting an irritating \*Beeping Sound\* | The SSID is also not coming on.  \* **SG contacted electrician on 13.7.18 to inspect it.**  **\*SG to contact WC to turn SSID**  **Trees are overgrown near it. GH to ask Rec Centre to trim** |
| A2879 | 16/07/18 | Farrhenry10@gmail.com | Fish & Chip unit in Ramsbury. **F/w to R Osmond** | This would be in Memorial hall car park. **Awaiting a reply from R Osmond** |

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**a) Planning:** (document PC 16/07/18/02) previously circulated) **Chairman: Helen Lloyd**

HL went though the planning report .There was nothing to report further to the planning report except that 18/03390/FUL and 18/03827/FUL had both been approved with conditions on 13/07/18

**b) Finance:**  **Chairman: Erica Hodgson**

The Clerk CS will work on comments from the internal audit

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**c) Rights of Way: Chairman: Graham Fearon**

(i) There had been 2 reports about the footpath from Swan’s Bottom up to Twenty Acres. It is very overgrown. SG contacted Crowood Estates**. SG to send Crowood Estates map - see A2862**

**(ii**) SG has contacted Mr Coplestone– The trees along the track at Bolstridge need cutting.

(iii) Robert Copp contacted SG about the permissive footpath at the bottom of Whittonditch Rd. The grass and the hedges have to be cut by hand and will need cutting 3 times a year. The cost will be higher than first agreed .

The council all agreed.

**d) Play Area and Seats: Chairman: Simon Smith**

(i). It was suggested that a member of the Boot camp should demonstrate the use of some of the equipment on the Whittonditch play area. - ongoing

iii.RY had bought and fixed pigeon deterrent plastic to the top of the swings on Knowledge Crescent play area.This seems to be working

(iv) Ramsbury Parish Charities will replace the bench by the bridge on the Froxfield Rd.

**e) Emergency Committee: Chairman: Diann Barnett**

Nothing to report

**f) Recreation Centre:**   **George Hawes**

AGM to be held on 17th July.

**g) Policy Committee: Chairman: Sheila Glass**

Nothing to report.

**6. PUBLIC FORUM - Standing Orders suspended for this item –**

Mrs Pollock talked about the speed of traffic along Newtown Rd. She asked if the PC could help with the cost of a Speed Watch pack - £391.50. After discussion it was decided that **SG would contact L Stonestreet (Community Police) to see if it was possible to borrow a “gun” from Police to assess the problem. SG also to contact Chair of Aldbourne to see if it was possible to borrow their “gun”.**

A Traffic Survey was carried out in Ramsbury a few years ago. It stated that white lines painted down the sides of the road visually narrows the road and slows down the traffic.**SG to pursue this with WC**

**7. AXFORD: Diann Barnett**

The Beer Festival held on 7th July went well, over 200 people through the gate.

**8. MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD (MAB): Sheila Glass**

Meeting on 24th July.

**9. CATG MEETNG: Sheila Glass**

SG attended. Nothing pertinent to Ramsbury. This meeting is becoming very Marlborough centric, this was brought up at the meeting.

**10. PARISH STEWARD SCHEME:**

i. 2 holes outside the Bell had been filled in.

**11. REVIEW OF MINUTES PROCEDURE: Christopher Payne**

The Clerk had returned to the previous agenda format as it was felt to be more informative.

SG proposed that after the six month trial of sending draft minutes to Councillors for an accuracy check before publication, they return to the system whereby the minutes, marked Draft, be published a few days after the meeting and approved at the next meeting at which point the minutes will become final. After discussion this proposal was seconded by GH. 6 members voted for the proposal and 1 against.

**12. WW1 ANNIVERSARY 2018: Diann Barnett**

(i.) WW1 book has sold 53 copies and is now can be bought in the Post Office.

(ii) The WW1 Exhibition was very good and well received. It is proposed to repeat this in November with more artefacts. There will also be a flower festival in Holy Cross Church at the same time and the poppies will be round the War memorial.

(iii) The Street fair went well.

**13. PRE – SCHOOL:**

The bollards have been replaced and the Isles Rd sign resited.

**14. BINS IN STREETS: Christopher Payne**

The vegetation had been moved from the West end of the High St.

More bins and boxes had been left on the street at the West end and the crews are monitoring the situation.

**15. CHURCH LIGHTING: George Hawes**

GH reported that quotes for work on the path, disabled access and lighting were being obtained as one job,

This would be improvement work.

**16. WEBSITE:**

SG continues to update the website.

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**17. LIBRARY:**

No report

**18. ALLOTMENTS: Denise Edwards**

Nothing to report. **.**

**19. NATURE RESERVE: Chris Morgan**

Nothing to report**.**

**20**. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE:**

Ramsbury won the first round of the completion, now awaiting the second round.

**21. MEMORIAL HALL: George Hawes**

The AGM had been held

**22. POLICE REPORT:**

No police report this month.

**23. BRITISH LEGION:**

Nothing to report

**24. VANDALISM:**

Bowls Club – the Police did come and investigate 2/3 days later.. They have DNA.

**25. MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Poppies were well received by all and will be “planted” again in November

Watering has been a problem in this weather.

Thanks to S Alder and R Osmond for watering the tubs in front of the Memorial hall and thanks to K Lloyd

who waters the tubs under the tree

**26. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES:**

(i) Robert Copp to cut the greenery around the toilets.

(ii) **SG to get quotes to paint them. HL to give SG name of handyman.**

**27. KENNET TRIANGLE:**

Nothing to report.

**28. PATIENTS’ REP:** **George Hawes**

A surprise walk in inspection held on 21st May resulted in an outstanding report.

**29. ACCOUNTS:**

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|  | **Accounts for July 2018** | Total | Net | **VAT** | CQ/DD | S137 | Incl in Budget |
|  | **S137 Grants 2018** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I2892 | RAG Village Diary | **215** | **215** | **0.00** | CQ | yes | yes |
| I2893 | Ramsbury School PTA | **400.00** | **400.00** | **0.00** | CQ | yes | yes |
| I2894 | Ramsbury Pre - School | **400.00** | **400.00** | **0.00** | CQ | yes | yes |
| I2895 | Scouts Cubs and Beavers | **400** | **400** | **0.00** | CQ | yes | yes |
| I2896 | Silver Band | **150.00** | **150.00** | **0.00** | CQ | yes | yes |
| I2897 | Meals On Wheels | **250.00** | **250.00** | **0.00** | CQ | yes | yes |
| I2898 | Baby & Toddler Group | **110.00** | **110.00** | **0.00** | CQ | yes | yes |
| I2899 | Axford Village Hall | **400.00** | **400.00** | **0.00** | CQ | yes | yes |
| I2900 | Cricket Club | **250.00** | **250.00** | **0.00** | CQ | yes | yes |
| I2901 | Junior Football Club | **400.00** | **400.00** | **0.00** | CQ | yes | yes |
| I2902 | Bella Voce | **275.00** | **275.00** | **0.00** | CQ | yes | Yes |

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| I2903 | Memorial Hall | **400.00** | **400.00** | **0.00** | CQ | yes | Yes |
| I2904 | Ravensbury Players | **200.00** | **200.00** | **0.00** | CQ | yes | yes |
| I2905 | LINK | **300.00** | **300.00** | **0.00** | CQ | yes | yes |
| I2906 | Tennis Club | **400.00** | **400.00** | **0.00** | CQ | yes | yes |
| I2907 | PCC Grass Cutting (Ramsbury & Axford) | **700.00** | **700.00** | **0.00** | CQ | yes | yes |
|  | TOTAL S137 Grants £5250.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I2908 | Mary Holdsworth (June Salary) | **90.83** | **90.83** | **0.00** | CQ | No | Yes |
| I2909 | Carol Standage (June Salary) | **393.34** | **393.34** | **0.00** | CQ | No | Yes |
| I2910 | Idverde Limited (Grounds Maintenance June 2018) Public Loo | **844.92** | **704.10** | **140.82** | CQ | No | Yes |
| I2911 | Chris Morgan - Petrol for Nature Reserve Brush Cutter | **6.56** | **5.47** | **1.09** | CQ | No | Yes |
| I2912 | R Young (Bird Spokes for Play Areas) | **40.50** | **32.40** | **8.10** | CQ | No | Yes |
| I2913 | PlusNet - Broadband Service | **2.49** | **1.99** | **0.50** | DD | No | Yes |
| I2914 | British Gas | **19.00** | **15.20** | **3.80** | DD | No | Yes |
| I2915 | Chris Morgan - Washer for Brushcutter, Gator Speedload refills, Sharpen Rip Hook | **12.00** | **10.00** | **2.00** | CQ | No | Yes |
|  | Totals | **6659.64** | **6503.33** | **156.31** |  |  |  |
| 30 | PAYMENTS RECEIVED |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Interest on Business savings Account – Bank Statement still to arrive |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| R486 | Ramsbury Parish Council (Sale of WW1 books) 6.7.18 | **30.00** |  |  |  |  |  |
| R487 | Ramsbury Parish Council (Sale of WW1 books) 6.7.18 | **465.00** |  |  |  |  |  |

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| R488 | Ramsbury Parish Council (Sale of WW1 books) 9.7.18 | **20.00** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | TOTAL | **£515** |  |  |  |  |  |

Proposed by SS, seconded byHL . All in favour.

The WW1 books have already raised over £500 towards £1500 costs.

1. **BANK BALANCE** ON **3rd July 2018** CURRENT ACCOUNT – **£**36808.86.

**BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT** BALANCE **ON 3RD June –** £31587.34

NB These figures include ring-fenced funds of **£669.00** from defibrillator fund, plus allocated budget for the year, funds for long term capital projects and contingency.

Defibrillators need to be kept cleaned and maintained, Ambulance service will not use them if they are dirty.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**Monday 20th Aug 2018 at Ramsbury Memorial Hall**

Members of the Public very welcome to attend.

**The meeting closed at 21.15**

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