

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting which took place virtually on zoom on Monday June 15th at 7.45pm

Present- H Lloyd (HL), D Barnett Vice Chair (DB), K Abbot (KA), E Hodgson (EH), G Hawes (GH), R Greasley (RG), D Edwards (DE), C Morgan (CM), R Young (RY), S Glass (SG) Chairman, M Holdsworth (Minutes clerk)

- 1 APOLOGIES – C Standage, S Smith- approved
- 2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST- None
- 3 MINUTES of the meeting held May 18th 2020 for approval Prop. RY, sec DE, **All agreed**
- 4 MATTERS ARISING not included in agenda: None
- 5 NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:

		JUNE 2020	Highlighted entries FOR DISCUSSION	Actions
A3930	18/05/20	Tony Newman	RE: Assistance with Family Search. Sheila Glass	SG to contact.
A3937	28/05/20	Neil Stevens	RE: Guidance needed on WW2 US plane crash memorial in the car park of the Red Lion in Axford. Diann Barnett	It has been suggested that the Memorial be moved to either the Bank by the Village Hall or to the bank by the seat in front of Ashley de Safrin/Nick Swan's home. This land actually belongs to I Dunbar. DB to contact I Dunbar
A3941	01/06/20	Martin Cook	RE: Light in Back Lane Ramsbury Sheila Glass	M Cook has confirmed there never has been a street light on the pole. Unfortunately putting a light there would be prohibitively expensive. Agreed not to progress.
A3943	01/06/20	Kieran Elliott – Wilts Council	RE: Parish/Town/City Council Community Update 26 May and 9 June 1300. F/w to Councillors	Noted
A3949	04/06/20	Democratic and Members Services – Wilts Committee	RE: UPDATED: Briefing Note 20-19 Phased return to school and early years settings 1 June onwards F/w to Councillors	Very detailed document 87 children now in school. Pre-school is now open too.
A3965	05/06/20	Linda Griffiths	RE: Enquiry for Ramsbury Parish offices. Family Research. Sheila Glass	SG to contact

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A3966	08/06/20	Jane Palmer	RE: Request for tree in Knowledge Hill to be removed	DE has visited site. The tree needs to come down. Astor cuts the grass around it. Is it Astor's tree? DE to contact Astor DE suggested apple trees be planted on the grass above R Copp's garden
A3968	08/06/20	National Association of Local Councils	RE: NALC LAUNCHES NEW PUBLICATION ON WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY F/w to Councillors	Noted. S Glass will follow up re our website accessibility
A3969	08/06/20	Previous Parish Council Clerk	RE: Abandoned vehicles at the surgery car park Sheila Glass	This car park belongs to the PC. 3 cars have been there for months. 2 are SORNed and 1 white van has no MOT or insurance. SG to write to Mr Morley & Mr Hibberd and state that the PC will keep a watching brief on the situation.
A3970	08/06/20	Mr Hibberd – Telephone Message left	RE: Dangerous Traffic – Car Park near surgery – Cars and Lorries Sheila Glass	See above

6 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Diann Barnett

PLANNING REPORT RAMSBURY AND AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL – June 2020

Planning Applications Processed since May 2020 Report –

NEW ITEMS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Comments REQ. date
21.5.2020	20/03951/FUL	35 Oxford Street, Ramsbury SN8 2PS	Erection of single storey boot room at rear of dwelling with part glazed roof.	18.6.2020
27.5.2020	20/03481/FUL	Watersmeet, Mill Lane, Ramsbury	Demolition of existing rear conservatory and construction of rear single storey kitchen extension	24.6.2020

* w/e 14.6.2020

STILL AWAITED:

Report date w/e	App Number	Site location	Proposal	status
27.4.2020	20/03300/FUL	2 The Shute, Axford	2 storey infill extension	25.5.2020
20.4.2020	20/02753/OUT	Sawyers Cottage, Axford	Replacement dwelling house	18.5.2020
25.4.2020	20/03079/FUL	3 Kennet Mews, Axford	Rear conservatory	16.5.2020
5.5.2020	20/03271/FUL 20/03743/LBC	Ravensfield Cottage, 16 High Street, Ramsbury	Insertion of dormer window, erect additional chimney, alterations to front and rear openings and internal alterations.	4.6.2020

w/e 14.6.2020

DECISIONS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Decision
24.2.20	20/00864/FUL	15 Back Lane, Ramsbury	2 storey side extension (Re submission) no objection	withdrawn
26.3.20	20/02039/LB C	Ramsbury Manor, Ramsbury	Reinstate doorway in courtyard building	approved
30.4.20	20/02953/FUL	Burney Farm	Demolish redundant building and erection of visitors center.	approved
30.3.20	20/02820/FUL	51, High Street, Ramsbury	Single storey rear extension	approved

*w/e 14.6.2020

The Planning Inspectorate decision on Fosbury Field has not been decided as yet

B Finance*Sheila Glass*

- (i) CS is to meet with the Internal Auditor on 29th June with the PC Accounts. She has forwarded all documents to him so that he can familiarise himself with them before the meeting.
- (ii) Insurance premium has been paid, as agreed last month – see Item 18 – I3270
- (iii) A new heading for the accounts has been created - Covid Expenses- for money spent over this time.
- (iv) PC has received an invoice for cleaning the public toilets April – June. The toilets have been locked since the start of Covid-19 and contractor was notified on April 14th **Action – SG to contact contractors**
- (v) Free school dinner vouchers during the school summer holidays. There are six children in the school who have free school meals. It appears that the Government will not fund vouchers during the school summer holidays £90 a week for 6 weeks. **Action SG proposed that the PC/Parish Charities fund this or if necessary reimburse school. Sec DB, all councillors agreed**
- (vi) Helen Vass from SSE had said there were grants available for emergencies **Action – SG to contact her and follow up.**

C Rights of Way

- (i) Many people are walking the Manor path. SG asked if she should get the sign for the Manor Crossing previously agreed by the Council as the highway sign is now on hold, **All councillors agreed. Action- SG to obtain sign for the road crossing at the Manor**
- (ii) There seem to be many more HGV s up and down the High St at the moment

D Play Areas & Seats*Denise Edwards*

Play areas are closed

SG suggested that they should put new tape around the equipment on the Play areas. The swings on the Knowledge Crescent play area need tying up again. **Action- SG to purchase yellow/black tape****F Recreation Centre***George Hawes*

The Rec centre is open for singles tennis and for Bowls. Coaching is being set up. The Rec Centre is being well used by people who do not have much outdoor space to walk and play

**G Emergency Committee
Covid update June 2020***Helen Lloyd/Sheila Glass*

Week 11

Not a lot seems to have changed in the village, even though things are supposed to be opening up nationally.

Lots of VE day socially distanced (SD'd) groups got together. Weather is definitely on our side so far and lots of outside activities possible.

Post Office and Midway Stores continue to open full hours (plus in the case of the P.O. on Bank Holidays)

The school is now open for yrs reception, 1 and 6. The maximum number of children in school has been 80 which must be pretty much 100% for the years involved.

The volunteer group has been called on less than in the first few weeks, the dust seems to have settled. We are hoping that some of the volunteers may transfer to the LINK scheme in the future. One has already done so.

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Wiltshire Council has cancelled all meetings in the near future and all CATG projects have been shelved-they didn't have much money before now it appears that there's none.

Recycling Centres which reopened last month are now going to online booking.

Garden bins to be paid by August

We have bought Zoom pro on a monthly basis so there will be no time limit on PC meetings.

Wilts Council are doing a grant for businesses with property expenses which cannot be defrayed. I have notified the British Legion and they are applying for one because the central Legion is insisting on them paying rent to the branch in spite of the branch saying that they do not require it.

Through Penny Willetts I have asked several people in the village who sew to make masks so we have a supply available if anyone needs one as it becomes obvious that more situations are requiring them.

Another lockdown? If there is another spike then there could be another lockdown without benefit of the good weather.

Forward planning? Advice from Councillors would be appreciated. It was suggested that there could be another newsletter in about 3 weeks time and that leaflets for application to SSE for priority as a vulnerable person could be attached to it. **Action:SG to contact SSE re supply of leaflets**

The British Legion organised a socially distanced Bike Ride on Sat 12th June – very successful £860 raised + some donations.

Holy Cross church is now open 2pm-3pm every day for private prayer.

H Policy Committee

7. AXFORD Axford report for June 2020 meeting-

*Sheila Glass
Diann Barnett*

In general not quite as quiet as usual.

- There has been a problem with large groups of people meeting near the Hatches on river along Hoppers footpath. It has been listed on a wild swimming website and quite a bit of damage has been done to the banks as well as upsetting those that live in the vicinity. The majority of the land belongs to a local person who is not in a position to do much about it. Large amounts of cars had been parked along Kings Drive but the waterkeeper has now had several large tree trunks put along the verge to deter further parking.
- The road at Stitchcombe off the C6 has been closed for some sort of work, but a diversion has been signed down Stone Lane and across to top end of Stitchcombe. This has been signed from both directions, it is a single track and there is not the possibility of passing oncoming vehicles, not heavily used, but could cause a problem.
- Neil Stevens has been in touch with PC and myself with concerns over access etc to the WW2 American Memorial that stands in the former Red Lion car park. We have discussed the Land Registry covenant regarding it which states-

"The Transferee hereby covenants with the Transferor with intent to bind himself and his successors in title not to move obstruct or destroy the War Memorial situate on the property on the south side of the car park in the approximate position marked X on the plan annexed hereto."

There is no mention of granting access, although when the current owner had the roadside fence erected, he did have a gate put in at the far end, but this is tied closed. I have spoken to Neil and both himself and a friend tried to get to the memorial but could not. An alternative position is being looked at.

- There are people moving into the new house next to pub as you read this.
- The manhole repair by the Old Post Office has still got signage over it, seems to have been abandoned at beginning of lockdown and forgotten, Sheila is reporting it.
- M Cook was going to look at the roof of the Bus Stop shelter **Action: SG to remind him**

7 MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD

Meeting online June 16th 2.30pm **Action – SG to attend via Zoom**-update meeting was only open to WC Councillors and officers.

8 ALLOTMENTS

Denise Edwards

- (i) Plant sale – is continuing online. £1200 made so far. This will be split between Treloar/Charity Shop/ Allotments. There has been another enquiry for a plot.
- (ii) All is growing well. Beavers/Cubs/Scouts are all working hard on their bed.

9 PARISH STEWARDS **Action: SG to contact**

10 CATG

Next meeting cancelled. All projects put on hold

11 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE (BKV)

Mark & Karen Rees - update for June is as follows:-

BKV Wildflower Meadows:

1. We are monitoring the trial meadows with varying success. The small meadow at the top of the surgery car park allocated to us by Sarah Black is doing really well. We planted the seeds early May and we have been watering each day. This is a red, white and blue seed mix, fingers crossed we get a display.

Note: Sarah's daughters were given sun flower plants that we'd grown from seed. Her girls Ria and Kyla planted the sun flowers by the surgery sign and the girls are watering them in the evening after they have finished their school work. We really appreciate this help.

2. The meadow by the edge of the Whittonditch playing field and adjacent to Chris and Linda Martin's fence was planted in the autumn with yellow rattle and wildflower seed mix with a few poppy seeds thrown in for good measure. We have some small poppies and we've spotted 1 yellow rattle plant (just wandering about the quality of the seed we purchased).

3. The meadow on Springs Hill by the first bench is also sparse. A couple of poppies, but not much else. The ground is pretty dry and is exposed to quite a bit of sun.

We have strimmed the nettles around the 2 boxes over the road and tidied up the verge as best as we can.

Whilst tidying on Sunday afternoon, a young lad on his bike stopped, thanked us for tidying and asked if he could come back the next day and help in any way.

4. The bank of yellow rattle at Newtown is completely overgrown with grass, so we don't know if the rattle is working or not. Again, the area around the pot was strimmed, we assume this is DE helping hand.

5. Meadow at the Crown & Anchor is also red, white and blue and has been watered daily. Hoping for a good display.

Other tasks undertaken:

1. Tidied the planters at the top of Whittonditch. Sun flowers have been given to the children living at Kennet House - George, Emily and Tom have planted the sun flowers outside and are taking care of them. Hoping for a lovely display that we can all enjoy as we go past.

2. We borrowed a drill from John Jacobs and have made two holes in the wall at the back of the service room for the public loos. Extra piping, joins and brackets are on order so we can connect the pipes onto the cold water tap.

3. Public phone box on the High Street is broken, this has been reported to BT.

4. Rob Wheeler has been strimming the area around the Whittonditch Road information box and we'd like to thank him for helping us keep it looking tidy.

Plans for next month:

1. Finish the pipework so we can get the Memorial beds watering started.

2. Continue to manage the meadows.

Of Note:

1. Boxes outside the British Legion, beautifully presented in red, white and blue. Many homes have flowering pots outside which certainly brightens the place up.

2. The bottom drain on the road up to the Surgery has been cleaned, but there is also another totally blocked drain a few meters up on the same road leading to the surgery car park which was left blocked.

3. A tree at the Manor crossing was leaning across the road with the strong winds we'd had. It was deemed unsafe and was chopped down by employees of Mr Persson.

4. With the warm spell and lots of folks out walking over the bank holidays, our public bin on Springs Hill was left full to overflowing with dog poo bags just discarded by the overflowing bin.

5. Again, with the warmer weather and pubs and clubs shut, we have noticed more visitors across the 7 Bridges, most well behaved, some however couldn't be bothered to take their litter home with them. Luckily Ramsbury has many local residents who have kindly walked past and have collected the litter and disposed of it sensibly - big thanks to all who cleared up.

6. The footpath at the bottom of Whittonditch is completely overgrown and can't be used currently by the public.

7. The tubs are replanted and back in the square; they provide an uplifting display in red, white and blue.

Thank you Sheila and Paul New for the lovely petunias he's managed to supply us with.

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- 12 MEMORIAL GARDEN- SG & MH will take out the poppies and plant up the borders on Wed 17th June
Planters –SG to plant up Memorial Hall tubs and to plant bedding plants in the village planters
There is no grass cutting being done at the moment.
Bins on the Street – people seem to be putting their own household waste into the waste bins around the village. **Action- Councillors to keep an eye on the situation**
- 13 MEMORIAL HALL *George Hawes*
Hall is closed
- 14 NATURE RESERVE *Chris Morgan*
All is fine
- 15 WEBSITE
Updated regularly SG will check NALC information re accessibility
- 16 VANDALISM
EH reported meeting some strangers by the field at Ambrose Farm and some with fishing rods came up the path on Mr Arbib's land, she noted car reg. **Action – SG reported to E Starr.**
HL reported that her next door neighbour had had people knocking on the door saying they were tree cutting and would return next day. They were in an unmarked white van. All neighbours kept a look out next day but they did not return. **Everyone should be extra vigilant at the moment**
- 16 PATIENTS REP *George Hawes*
There have been no Patient Reps meetings
All visitors to the Surgery **MUST** wear masks
5 working days wait for prescriptions at the moment.

17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

			PC 15/06/20			
	Accounts for JUNE 2020	TOTAL	Net	VAT	DEB/FPI/CASH/BGC	S137
I3266	British Gas - Electricity for Public Toilets for MAY 2020	27.00	25.71	1.29	DD	No
I3267	PlusNet Broadband Service MAY 2020 - Broadband	14.99	12.49	2.50	DD	No
I3268	I&I IONOS Web Package Basic Fee MAY 2020 - website hosting service	8.39	6.99	1.40	DD	No
I3269	Castle Water x 6 Months	71.06	71.06	0.00	DD	No
I3270	Community First Zurich Insurance Renewal - Authorised in May Meeting, already paid as agreed	1362.65	1216.65	146.00	BACS	No

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I3271	Coral Westall - Office Cleaning Q1	32.5	32.50	0.00	BACS	No
I3272	Carol Standage MAY 2020 Salary - Clerk Salary	405.19	405.19	0.00	BACS	No
I3273	Mary Holdsworth MAY 2020 Minute Taking - Staff Costs Other	91.25	91.25	0.00	BACS	No
I3274	ZOOM Pro for Parish Council Meetings - ongoing Debit Card payment (SG)	14.39	11.99	2.40	DEB (SG)	No
I3275	Community Heartbeat (replacement defib pads) from ringfenced funds	171.60	143.00	28.60	BACS	Yes
		2199.02	2016.83	182.19		

Accounts for payment Pro DB, sec KA. All agreed

	<u>Payments received:</u>				DD/BACS/DEC/FPI/CASH/BGC	S137
R531	HMRC VAT Reclaim	6462.29	6462.29	0.00		No
R532	Purchase of Walking Around Ramsbury	5	5	0.00		No
R533	Ramsbury Hort Society - Planters for BKV	80	80	0.00		No
	<u>TOTAL</u>	6547.29	6547.29	0.00		

BANK BALANCE on 31st May 2020:

CURRENT ACCOUNT £88315.29

NB This figure includes ring fenced funds of **£41,635.00** for long term capital projects, **£227.00** for defibrillators plus allocated budget for the year and contingency

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY JULY 20th 2020 at 7.45pm

**IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT COVID-19 SITUATION THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL
CONDUCT BUSINESS ONLINE. DETAILS OF BUSINESS WILL BE PUBLISHED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES**

Public meetings are suspended until further notice.