

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 16th March 2020 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall at 7.45pm
(Venue changed from Lychgate Room as hall became available due to cancelled
booking)**

Present -: D Barnett (DB), D Edwards (DE), S Glass (Chairman) (SG), R Greasley (RG), G Hawes (GH), C Morgan (CM), S Smith (SS), C Standage (Clerk).

- 1 APOLOGIES – K Abbot, R Young, H Lloyd, E Hodgson, M Holdsworth – approved.
- 2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – None
- 3 Ashley de Safrin, Chairman of Ramsbury School Governors spoke about the School Community Involvement. They hope to integrate more with the community, not immediately with the present situation, but would like ideas on what might be needed, possibly IT assistance, visits, shopping and deliveries. All of which would be closely monitored and supervised. Ashley would be the liaison with the school in the future. He was sent a copy of the plastic pollution request the Parish Council had received (see item A3830).
SG and council thanked A de Safrin for his presentation, agreed to put thought into his request. A de Safrin left the meeting.
- 4 MINUTES of the meeting held 17th February 2020 were approved and signed Pro SS sec DE – **all agreed.**
- 5 MATTERS ARISING -
Dog poo bag dispensers have been put in place by SG.
The forms and glow stick safety lights were received from Helen Vass.
Leaflets have been put in the post office, a note will go in the diary and on the website.
- 6 NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:

A3795	14/2/20	Highways- Wilts	It appears the Parish Stewards are currently working on potholes, SG has submitted work as they are available.
A3802	21/2/20	Stagecoach R Middleton	Replying to our letter re timing and overcrowding on the morning bus in term time. There was a misinterpretation of the timetable, the bus usually goes on time or late. Action: clerk to reply
A3812	24/2/20	Spatial Planning Policy - Wilts	A survey regarding village amenities and green spaces that everyone is encouraged to do, to be put on the website. Circulated to Councillors

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A3814	24/2/20	Ramsbury Parish Charities	RPC asking if PC have any objection to them refurbishing the seat on the Froxfield Road by Ambrose Farm and would we make a donation. Action:Clerk to write to RPC agreeing in principle asking for details
A3815	24/2/20	A de Safrin	Requesting Ramsbury School presentation (see above)
A3817	25/2/20	Area Board 24/3/20	Agenda for meeting
A3821	26/2/20	Democratic and Members Services WC	Carrying out rural facilities survey, important. Action: Chairman and clerk to complete
A3830	04/3/20	Sian Haynes	Sent to all councillors, plastic pollution throughout the countryside, tree guards, feed bags, bale wraps. PC to write to all landowners within the parish to highlight problem. Action:clerk to write to landowners
A3842	09/3/20	Rowan Whimster	RW took a photo of the PC for his forthcoming book and asked PC if Ramsbury logo could be used on the book. Agreed
A3843	09/2/20	Public Health Wilts CC	Updates daily on Coronavirus (Covid 19) Forwarded to Councillors
A3844	10/3/20	D & M Services WC	Asking for suggestions to improve rural bus services Recommend that hedges and trees be cut back to improve bus routes so that double deckers can be used.

7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Planning

PLANNING REPORT RAMSBURY AND AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL – Mar 2020

Planning Applications Processed since Feb 2020 Report –

NEW ITEMS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Comments REQ. date
24.2.2020	20/00864/FUL	15 Back Lane, Ramsbury	2 storey side extension (Re submission)	23.3.2020
26.2.2020	20/01006/FUL	Crowood Farm, Ramsbury, SN8 2HE	Conversion of lofts into open plan office space with replacement cladding and replacement windows.	25.3.2020
28.2.2020	20/01235/FUL	Beenham House, Ramsbury	Replacement garden outbuilding/office studio	27.3.2020
27.2.2020	20/01240/FUL	Hails Copse, Marrison Hill, Ramsbury	Application for erection of mobile home on agricultural site as an agricultural dwelling	26.3.2020

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16.3.2020	20/01671/FUL	Richmond Cottage, 44 Oxford St, Ramsbury	Demolition of single storey extension and replacement with single and 2 storey extension	13.4.2020
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* w/e 16.3.2020

STILL AWAITED:

Report date w/e	App Number	Site location	Proposal	Status
2.10.19	19/09164/ful	Hilldrop Corner Hilldrop Lane Ramsbury SN8 2RB	Retrospective application for the installation of replacement air-conditioning external fan coil units to the eastern elevation at Hilldrop Corner. No objection	Still waiting
22.1.2020	20/00443/TCA	The Old Vicarage Back Lane Ramsbury Marlborough Wiltshire SN8 2QH	Fell 1 Dangerous Unknown Species of Tree (T1). and Fell 1 Larch (T2) No objection	1.02.2020
23.1.2020	20/00238/FU	Shellswood Dairy, Marrison Hill Lane, Preston, Wiltshire, Ramsbury, SN8 2QA	Erection of single pitch shed to house dairy sheep and to provide dry storage for bulk feedstuffs and some additional yard area for fodder storage. No objection	20.02.2020

w/e 16.3.2020

DECISIONS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Decision
19.12.20	19/12049/FUL	23 Oxford Street, Ramsbury	2 storey rear extension and internal alterations PC has no objection	Approved.

*w/e 16.3.2020

There has been an appeal lodged with the Planning Inspectorate regarding the refusal of the application for the stable conversion at Fosbury Field, Crowood Lane, an objection report is being prepared.

The planning committee had a pre planning meeting on the 2nd March regarding a forthcoming application t by Ramsbury Estates for an Education Centre.

B Finance

Sheila Glass

The Clerk is meeting with the internal auditor on Fri 20th March. **Update: meeting postponed**

C Rights of Way

The boundary walk may or may not go ahead **Update postponed with current COVID-19**

In future will no longer provide single use water bottles, walkers will bring their own containers

which can be refilled. Will use assorted existing badges.

An application has been made to record a restricted byway in Axford **Action:** DB & SS to look into.

D Play Areas and Seats

Denise Edwards

SS has sent play area contacts to DE. Swing seat and matting will be installed when weather better. It is hoped to apply to Area Board for funding toward a disabled roundabout, work in progress.

F Recreation Centre

George Hawes

No meeting recently, refurbishment of football pavilion is completed.

G Emergency Committee*Helen Lloyd*

Given the COVID-19 pandemic the PC has utilized the Emergency Response Plan. Wardens have been asked to check on vulnerable and isolated within their area. There has been an amazing number of offers of help from younger parishioners in both villages due to an appeal by Alison Foale and Ashley de Safrin and in response to a leaflet circulated by the PC last week. Most people are self sufficient, but help is available for those on their own. With the current 'panic' buying trend supplies can be low. The Post Office has been selling more and availability is very important. The Flyer is looking at ways it can assist with the situation. **Action: Committee to continue to monitor the situation and react accordingly**

H Policy Committee*Sheila Glass*

It was agreed that following recommendations by WC and the government no further Council meetings will take place face to face. Arrangements will be put in place to correspond by email or some other electronic format.

It was proposed that standing orders be amended because of the present pandemic to make emergency payments as necessary should the need arise up to £1,000. Proposed SG, Sec RG **All in favour**

PUBLIC FORUM – Parish Council Standing Orders temporarily suspended for this item.**There were no items from the public.**

- 8 AXFORD *-Diann Barnett*
All good.
- 9 COMMUNITY ASSETS ongoing
- 10 AREA BOARD *– Sheila Glass*
Next meeting 24/3/20 **Update: meeting cancelled**
- 11 CATG *–Sheila Glass*
SG went to meeting on 12/2/20 , very little was achieved and Froxfield have been awarded bulk of the annual fund for their 5 yr traffic plan. In view of this Chairmen were requested to write to WC requesting an increase in the grant to CATG for 2020-21. **Action; Chairman to write to WC**
SG requested permission to put up Manor corner signs and advise on where to put them, this was not very fruitful. It is hoped to talk to Ramsbury Manor Trust regarding this.
- 12 GREAT BRITISH CLEAN UP Village clean up 28/3/20
Update:postponed
- 13 ALLOTMENTS *– Denise Edwards*
All is well and there is now a waiting list. There was a nice piece in WW about them.
- 14 PARISH STEWARDS – List has been sent, but will wait and see
stewards are currently repairing potholes
- 15 VILLAGE OPEN DAY 18/4/20 **Update: cancelled**
- 16 MEMORIAL HALL *- George Hawes*
Update all events cancelled hall closed

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- 17 NATURE RESERVE – Chris Morgan
Tree down on right by river, WWT advised and had cleared within 2/3 days.
- 18 WEBSITE – Continually being updated on the Corona virus details.
- 19 BEST KEPT VILLAGE– Sheila Glass/Denise Edwards
Update: Event cancelled
- 20 POLICE REPORT – none received.
- 21 HIGHWAYS REPORT – circulated.
- 22 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES – SG has put a big piece in WW referencing what PC does and also an advert for councillors.
- 23 BINS IN STREETS – The new collection arrangements are somewhat confusing as different areas of the villages have collections on different days.
- 24 VANDALISM-None
- 25 LIBRARY – no report
- 26 PATIENT'S REP – George Hawes
Meeting due next week
- 27 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

			PC 16/03/2020		DD/BACS	
	Accounts for MARCH 2020	TOTAL	Net	VAT	DEB/FPI/CASH/BGC	S137
I3214	British Gas - Electricity for Public Toilets for FEBRUARY 2020 - Electric and Water Charges	12.00	11.43	0.57	DD	No
I3215	PlusNet Broadband Service FEBRUARY 2020 - Broadband	14.99	12.49	2.50	DD	No

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I3216	I&I IONOS Web Package Basic Fee FEBRUARY 2020 - website hosting service	8.39	6.99	1.40	DD	No
I3217	Castle Water FEBRUARY 2020 - Water Rates	11.27	11.27	0.00	DD	No
I3218	JRB Enterprise Ltd - Dog Bag Dispensers & Tamtorque Clamp Sets - Dog Poo	528.48	440.40	88.08	BACS	No
I3219	Chris Morgan - (Coop) Nature Reserve - Unleaded Petrol for Brush Cutter	6.50	5.42	1.08	BACS	No
I3220	Carol Standage JANUARY 2020 Salary - Clerk Salary	405.19	405.19	0.00	BACS	No
I3221	Mary Holdsworth JANUARY 2020 Minute Taking - Staff Costs Other	91.25	91.25	0.00	BACS	No
I3222	Coral Westall - Office Cleaning	27.50	27.5	0.00	BACS	No
I3223	NAMESCO - 2 year DOMAIN Renewal - Website	52.79	43.99	8.80	DC (SG)	No

In view of COVID-19 situation public meetings are suspended until further notice.

