

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting which took take place virtually on Zoom Monday May 18th at 7pm

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, C Standage (CS) Clerk, M Holdsworth (Minutes clerk)

- 1 APOLOGIES – S Smith- approved
- 2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST- None
- 3 MINUTES of the meeting held April 20th 2020 Pro. RY, sec.GH - approved
- 4 MATTERS ARISING not included in agenda: None
- 5 NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:

		MAY 2020	Highlighted entries FOR DISCUSSION	Actions
A3889	24/04/20	Caro Strover	RE: Enquiry regarding electric car charging in Ramsbury. Response given Sheila Glass	Letter from C Strover thanking PC for consideration
A3892	01/05/20	Dawn Gill	RE: Ashley Piece Drains – blocked with blossom and overflowed Sheila Glass	SG has contacted WC Gully team
A3893	04/05/20	Steve Hind - Wiltshire	RE: Ramsbury – crossing point on C6 Sheila Glass	Manor Crossing. – SG waiting to hear back about the quote for signs
A3894	04/05/20	Martin Cook	RE: Blocked Gully in Preston Ramsbury Sheila Glass	The gully had been cleared very quickly and a 3m piece of piping replaced. Problem solved.S Glass has thanked WC for excellent service
A3896	05/05/20	Just Giving	RE: Thank you for your Donation to Association of NHS Charities. Sheila Glass	Donation sent from Chairman’s allowance. Re Boundary Walk. See Item 6C
A3897	05/05/20	Democratic and member services	RE Briefing Note 20 – 15 Changes to chargeable Garden Waste Collection Service Renewal Process. F/w to Councillors	Noted. Garden waste payments deferred to June
A3898	06/05/20	Democratic and member services	RE Briefing Note 20 – 18 Community Governance Review Consultation. F/w to Councillors	Noted

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A3901	08/05/20	Kieran Elliott – Wilts Council	RE: Town & Parish community Update F/w to Councillors	Update on skype meeting re Parish Councils' problems also included letter from Robert Jenrick Minister for Communities and local gov congratulating PC's on their response to the Covid situation
A3903	08/05/20	Wiltshire Council	RE: 1st Tranche of Precept Sheila Glass	Received and banked
A3904	08/05/20	PKF Littlejohn	RE: AGAR PKF Littlejohn On- Instructions re external audit Sheila Glass	Accounts do not have to be sent until Aug/Sept. CS has completed Accounts
A3906	08/05/20	PKF Littlejohn	RE: 2019 – 20 Limited assurance reporting season Sheila Glass	Documents for AGAR for completion
A3910	08/05/20	Kim Glenister – Wilts Police	RE: Former Marlborough Police Station – Contactless Community Engagement Event. F/w to Councillors	May 18th last date for comments
A3911	08/05/20	NHS Bath and North East Somerset CCG	RE: Article for Parish Magazine or Website on importance of continuing to access healthcare Sheila Glass	Noted.sent to WW and Diary precis contained in leaflet sent to residents on 15/5/20
A3912	08/05/20	Verity Beaumont PA to Bear Grylls	RE: Response to Blocked Gully in Preston , Ramsbury Sheila Glass	Letter thanking PC for swift service
A3914	08/05/20	Katie Fielding – Community first	RE: CORONAVIRUS — INFORMATION FOR PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS F/w to Councillors	
A3917	11/05/20	Laura Leighfield – Shield Wiltshire	RE: Shield Wiltshire – regarding the services that Shield Wiltshire are able to provide asking for PC to suggest volunteer to advise on businesses which may require their product F/w to Councillors	Councillors agreed not to use
A3920	12/05/20	Community first Katie Fielding	RE: Community First Membership Renewal F/w to Councillors	Renewal authorised see accounts

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A3921	12/05/20	Danny Mair	RE: Back Lane Lighting – any feedback from Wiltshire Highways or indeed the Parish Council Sheila Glass	SG has contacted M Cook requesting survey for wires under the pavement
A3923	12/05/20	Wiltshire Council	RE: latest news and advice on COVID-19 Stay Alert Household recycling Centres F/w to Councillors	Recycling Centres are open, information has been sent out, check postcodes for dates and check for opening times
A3924	18/5/20	Karen & Mark Rees	Report of BKV - May 2020	Forwarded to all Councillors

6 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Diann Barnett

PLANNING REPORT RAMSBURY AND AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL – Apr 2020

Planning Applications Processed since Apr 2020 Report –

NEW ITEMS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Comments REQ. date
20.4.2020	20/02753/OUT	Sawyers Cottage, Axford	Replacement dwelling house - PC has objected	18.5.2020
25.4.2020	20/03079/FUL	3 Kennet Mews, Axford	Rear conservatory	16.5.2020
27.4.2020	20/03300/FUL	2 The Shute, Axford	2 storey infill extension	25.5..2020
30.4.2020	20/02953/FUL	Burney Farm	Demolish redundant building and erection of visitors center.	28.5.2020
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 11.5.2020

STILL AWAITED:

Report date w/e	App Number	Site location	Proposal	status
24.2.2020	20/00864/FUL	15 Back Lane, Ramsbury	2 storey side extension (Re submission) no objection	20.4.2020
26.3.2020	20/02039/LBC	Ramsbury Manor, Ramsbury	Reinstate doorway in courtyard building	7.5.2020
30.3.2020	20/02820/FUL	51, High Street, Ramsbury	Single storey rear extension	16.5.2020

w/e 11.5.2020

DECISIONS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Decision
28.2.2020	20/01235/FUL	Beenham House, Ramsbury	Replacement garden outbuilding/office studio no objection	Approved with conditions
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	Approved with conditions
27.3.2020	20/02694/TCA	The Bell, Ramsbury	Fell Leylandii	Approved
2.4.2020	20/02909/TCA	The Rectory, Back Lane, Ramsbury	Work to trees in a conservation area.	Approved

*w/e 11.5.2020

B Finance*Sheila Glass***Internal auditor** – Accounts are completed and waiting to go to the Internal Auditor**PKF Littlejohn LLP** – see A 3904**Confidential item** - discussed**Insurance premium** should be paid this month. SG has heard nothing from Community First**Action** – SG asked for authorisation to pay this up to £1500 if it is sent. Pro DB, sec HL **all agreed.****HL - Family Loans** – Wiltshire and Swindon Credit Union. Another source of funding if needed during this time**C Rights of Way****Virtual Boundary Walk** - Harry Edwards had raised £535 for NHS (his target had been £250). Thanks to the PC for donating £50. Harry has also received his Level 5 Hikers Badge from Beavers. Well done Harry!**D Play Areas & Seats***Denise Edwards*

Play areas closed

F Recreation Centre*George Hawes*

Closed

G Emergency Committee*Helen Lloyd/Sheila Glass***Covid-19 report** – all the volunteers are really good and working well. There are no problems at the moment. New up to date information leaflets have been delivered to all households in Ramsbury and Axford and SG thanked all those who had delivered them.**H Policy Committee***Sheila Glass*7 **AXFORD***Diann Barnett*

All is fine in Axford. Nick Swan and Ashley de Safrin are coping well with shopping and prescriptions, all leaflets have been delivered by Nick & Ashley, Di Barnett and Simon Smith

8 **ALLOTMENTS***Denise Edwards*Plant sale – see the allotments website www.ramsburyallotments.co.uk

Site is thriving.

Plot 3 where theft was reported plothead has not visited recently unsure when theft occurred

The Allotment Association and the Horticultural Society are providing 2 raised beds for the Beavers and Scouts to work on and gain their Gardening badges.

9 **PARISH STEWARDS** No report10 **MEMORIAL HALL***George Hawes*

Hall is closed

11 **NATURE RESERVE***Chris Morgan*12 **WEBSITE**

Updated regularly

13 **VANDALISM**14 **PATIENTS REP***George Hawes*

15 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

	Accounts for May 2020		PC 18/05/20		DD/BACS/DEB/FPI/ CASH/BGC	
		TOTAL	NET	VAT		S137
I3241	Post Office High Street - PAPER FOR OFFICE - Consumables	15.98	13.32	2.66	DC(CS)	No
I3242	JustGiving - Organisations, Charitable and Social Services Boundary walk ** Donation from Chairman's Allowance **	50.00	50.00	0.00	DC (SG)	No
I3243	British Gas - Electricity for Public Toilets for APRIL 2020 - Electric and Water Charges Notification of Increase to Direct Payment to £27 pm	27.00	22.50	4.50	DD	No
I3244	PlusNet Broadband Service APRIL 2020 - Broadband	14.99	12.49	2.50	DD	No
I3245	I&I IONOS Web Package Basic Fee APRIL 2020 - website hosting service	8.39	6.99	1.40	DD	No
I3246	BT Business Bill - Quarter 1 - Telephone Charges	146.16	121.80	24.36	DD	No
I3247	Carol Standage APRIL 2020 Salary - Clerk Salary	405.19	405.19	0.00	BACS	No
I3248	Mary Holdsworth APRIL 2020 Minute Taking - Staff Costs Other	91.25	91.25	0.00	BACS	No
I3249	WALC - Annual Subscription 2020 - 21	761.63	634.69	126.94	BACS	No
I3250	Community First - Annual Subscription 2020 - 21	40.00	40.00	0.00	BACS	No

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	S137 GRANTS DFOR 2020					
I3251	RAMSBURY PRIMARY PTA	500.00	500.00	0.00	BACS	Yes
I3252	RAMSBURY PRE SCHOOL	250.00	250.00	0.00	BACS	Yes
I3253	BABY & TODDLER GROUP (Ramsbury Lambs)	100.00	100.00	0.00	BACS	Yes
I3254	SCOUTS CLUBS & BEAVERS	500.00	500.00	0.00	BACS	Yes
I3255	MEALS ON WHEELS	250.00	250.00	0.00	BACS	Yes
I3256	BOWLS CLUB	500.00	500.00	0.00	BACS	Yes
I3257	JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB	500.00	500.00	0.00	BACS	Yes
I3258	BELLA VOCE	500.00	500.00	0.00	BACS	Yes
I3259	MEMORIAL HALL	500.00	500.00	0.00	BACS	Yes
I3260	RAVENSBURY PLAYERS	200.00	200.00	0.00	BACS	Yes
I3261	LINK	300.00	300.00	0.00	BACS	Yes
I3262	TENNIS CLUB	500.00	500.00	0.00	BACS	Yes
I3263	AXFORD VILLAGE HALL	500.00	500.00	0.00	BACS	Yes
I3264	LCC GRASS CUTTING(Ramsbury & Axford)	750.00	750.00	0.00	BACS	Yes
I3265	DEFIBRILLATORS	200.00	200.00	0.00	BACS	Yes
	TOTAL	7610.59	7448.23	162.36		

Accounts –Pro CM, sec. HL **all
agreed**

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	Payments received:	MAY 2020			DD/BACS/FPI/CASH/BGC	S137
R529	WILTSHIRE COUNCIL - 1st Tranche Precept	27422.5	27422.5	0.00		No
R530	Ramsbury WI - Planters for BKV	80	80	0.00		No
	TOTAL	27502.5	27502.5	0.00		

BANK BALANCE on 30th April 2020:

CURRENT ACCOUNT £89183.59

NB This figure includes ring fenced funds of **£41,635.00** for long term capital projects, **£434** for defibrillators plus allocated budget for the year and contingency

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY JUNE 15th 2020

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 THERE WILL BE NO ANNUAL MEETING IN MAY 2020

Public meetings are suspended until further notice.

Due to an unstable internet connection the meeting was truncated. The following items are produced for note:

The school is probably going to admit some pupils from June 1st but this is still open to national and local discussion

Should we purchase the sign which was discussed some time ago to go at the end of Manor footpath indicating the danger of traffic?

Mark and Karen Rees continue to work to improve the village environment. Their report follows:

BKV Wildflower Meadows

1. We are now working with the gardener at the surgery, Sarah Black. She prepared a small bed for us at the top end of the staff car park and we were able to put some meadow seed in. We are now watering daily and hoping the seeds will provide a very small meadow for the summer months.

Sarah has said, if we're successful she'll work with us to find a larger patch for next year.

Note: our first plot on the right as you drive into the surgery was strimmed despite us having communicated with the surgery team and their gardener last year. I fair, we won't see the yellow rattle coming up where we planted the seeds last autumn.

2. The wildflower meadow by the edge of the playing field next the Chris Martin's fence seems to be doing well.

3. The meadow by the bench on Springs Hill also seems to be okay, we will keep tidying the area, strimming and cutting the brambles back. Mark also strimmed around the planters over the road so it all looks smart.

4. The bank at Newtown is very overgrown, so we'll just wait and see if any yellow rattle comes up. I think Dee strimmed around the planters so they look nice and tidy.

5. We put in a wildflower bed at the Crown & Anchor in front of the car park. We've been watering daily and hopefully we'll get a good display going.

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All the above, except Newtown have a small sign to nudge passers by if they look closely enough.

6. The phone box on the High Street has an intermittent fault. We tried making a call on 14th May and there was no dial tone, we rang the box number to have the call fail on the first attempt but get through on the second attempt. Mark will report this to BT. The door also sticks terrible, so not sure if they might want to help fix the door as well? Otherwise we'll need to get some sandpaper to it and see what we can do.

Both boxes have rainbows on the top windows.7. Thinking of the memorial hall now. We will await a plumber putting a pipe in place at the back of the public conveniences so we can hook up to water.

Plans for next month:-

1. Water and look after the meadows, keep the areas tidy.

Of Note:-

The bench at the bottom end of Back Lane looks brilliant! We have seen folks sat on it watching the world go by.

The poppies at the War Memorial look splendid and have been the subject matter of many photographs on social media.

Midway Stores are now managing their waste in a responsible way.

The pots in the square and outside the hall have provided a wonderful display of colour over the winter months. The time taken to plan and then plant them up does our village proud.