RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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# MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

**MONDAY 16th October 2017 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall**

**PRESENT:** Sheila Glass (Chairman), Gillian Woodward (Clerk)

Diann Barnett, Christopher Payne , Denise Edwards, George Hawes, Helen Lloyd, Ron Young, Terry

Brown and Erica Hodgson

1 member of the public

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

Apologies were received from Simon Smith, Christopher Morgan and Graeme Fearon.

There was 1 disclosure of interest.

1. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th September 2017** (document PC 18/09/17/01)**:**

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

There were no amendments and the minutes were passed as accurate.

Proposed by R. Young and seconded by E. Hodgson. All in favour.

1. **NEW CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION** (document PC 16/10/2017/02)**:**

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

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|  | | | | **comment/action** |
| A2395 | 20/9/17 | A Wigram | Thanks for PC input to his planning application which was approved. | Noted |
| A2399 | 21/9/17 | Alistair Ewing | Thank you on behalf of Axford residents for PC’s financial support towards broadband. | Noted |
| A2401 | 22/9/17 | Wilts C | Council Tax Setting Timetable and Referendum Principles 2018/19. **F/wd to Councillors** | Noted by Finance Committee Precept will be discussed at Nov meeting and presented for approval in Dec to meet deadline. |
| A2405 | 25/9/17 | Wilts C | Feedback from recent Parish Steward visit. **F/wd to S. Glass** | Chairman asked if any matters to be included in next visit at beg of November – weeds, potholes, road signage. **Chairman will raise the issues next visit Nov 1st & 2nd** |
| A2408 | 26/9/17 | Mark Petit (Fowler Architecture & Planning Ltd) | Re attending next PC meeting to be available to answer questions about his planning application. **F/wd to Planning Committee** | No objections |
| A2418 | 2/10/17 | Wilts C | Letter re 1 Swans Close planning application and ‘rustic bricks’ query.  **H Lloyd f/wd to Planning application . Lloyd f/wd to planning Committee** | There is no problem with the bricks. |
| A2419 | 2/10/17 | Wilts C | Letter re Red Lion disposal of asset. **Simon Day of Wilts C sent direct to Councillors** | Discussed and it is hoped the Red Lion will be bought as a going concern. |
| A2423 | 4/10/17 | Lucy Stonestreet | Wilts Police report October 2017 **F/wd to S. Glass** | No issues relating to Ramsbury. |
| A2426 | 4/10/17 | Wilts C | WWI Commemorative Trees email **F/wd to Councillors** | Discussed with item A2436. All agreed it was a nice idea but location would have to be very carefully chosen - maintenance, etc. If anyone has any suggestions to let the Chairman know before end of Oct. **Chairman to talk to Ian Smith re Recreation Site location**. |

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| A2431 | 10/10/17 | Wilts C | Challenges & Opps meetings **F/wd to Councillors** | Chairman hadn’t attended last meeting but essentially there is no money available and many services are to be curtailed. |
| A2432 | 10/10/17 | Wilts C | Briefing Note 332 Expectation on Councillors to notify as Data Controllers **F/wd to Councillors** | This is probably only relevant to the Parish Clerk so will be looked at again. |
| A2435 | 14/10/17 | Marilyn Fremlin | Concern about permission for the felled trees at Watersmeet, Mill Lane, Ramsbury. | The tree in question was classed as dangerous after an inspection visit by Wilts C and permission was granted to fell it. **Parish Clerk to respond.** |
| A2436 | 14/10/17 | Claire Costello | WW2 commemorative tree planting and remembrance walk proposal tying in with Littlecote Park as an obvious place given its links with WW2. | See above item A2426 |

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**a) Planning: Chairman: Helen Lloyd**

## The Planning Report (PC 16/10/17/03) had been circulated prior to the meeting.

## H. Lloyd reported on the trees in Townfield. It was agreed that the 2 ash trees should not be touched at all because of ash die-back, but that the willow tree could be removed so long as it was replaced with another tree.

## Action: HL to respond to Wilts C accordingly.

The Red Lion planning meeting has been re-arranged for November 2nd.

9 Ashley Piece – a site visit is being organised this week with final comments by October 25th.

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

E. Hodgson reported that the external Audit had been successful . Notices have been put on the notice boards..

Finance Committee met on October 9th to discuss the 2018/19 budget including an increase in the precept amount

to take into account pavement repairs , Axford broadband, Ramsbury Flyer and village WW2 commemorative

events.and a draft P&L Budget has been sent to all councillors. Actual figures will be drawn up in November ready

for approval at the December council meeting.

**c) Rights of Way:**   **Chairman: Terry Brown**

Fairly quiet although Steve Alder had asked about the trees around the public conveniences being overgrown The

Chairman agreed to talk to the Parish Steward about this although it is known that they will not go up ladders, so

the Chairman will talk to R. Copp about doing this work if Parish stewards are unable to do it. The track going from The Triangle up the hill is also becoming very overgrown. This is mainly because not so many walkers are using that route now because of the horses grazing in the area. **Action: T. Brown and the Chairman agreed to walk the route again and see what the situation is and the Chairman will talk to farmer Peter Wilson about the horses again.**

A problem has been reported about the number of cars parking in front of The Bell at weekends – agreed to just

keep an eye on this for the time being. Faulty drain in Axford has also been noticed with bollards along the road

thereby preventing parking. **Action: D. Barnett agreed to have a look at this.**

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

Rhino Play are scheduled to complete the Whittonditch play area on Monday 23rd October.

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

Nothing new to report since the last meeting.

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

AGM to be held 21st Oct.

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

Nothing to report since the last meeting.

1. **PUBLIC FORUM - Standing Orders suspended for this item** 1 member of the public had been present.

Mr Springfield asked if that had been any comments from parishioners last year when the precept amounts were being discussed. He was advised that there had been no issues.

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1. **AXFORD: Diann Barratt**

D. Barnett reported that the trenching work for the broadband was taking place.

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

Nothing to report.

1. **CATG MEETNG: Sheila Glass**

Nothing to report this month.

1. **WW1 ANNIVERSARY 2018:**

The Chairman reported on her meeting with the British Legion at the beginning of the week. There have been some personnel changes in the BL recently and the BL is thinking about changing the format of the Remembrance Sunday ceremony in terms of the hymns to include something for the RAF, and the focus from next year will be on more recent conflicts. The Chairman has spoken to the WI and 355 poppies are being knitted.

1. **PARISH STEWARD SCHEME:**

Already discussed.

1. **BINS IN STREETS:**

Ongoing from last meeting **Action: S Glass to write to those residents identified as leaving bins on the highway including Theatre Place.**

1. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE:**

Nothing to report

1. **PRE-SCHOOL:**

The work is proceeding well with early starts and weekend working.

1. **WEBSITE:**

S. Glass is keeping it up to date

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1. **BRITISH LEGION BRANCH:**

See above point 9.

1. **LIBRARY:**

Nothing to report at this time.

1. **ALLOTMENTS:**

Nothing to report at this time.

1. **TELEPHONE KIOSKS:**

Nothing to report at this time..

1. **NATURE RESERVE:**

C. Morgan had nothing to report

1. **POLICE REPORT:**

Nothing relating to Ramsbury this month.

1. **MEMORIAL HALL:**

A new boiler is due to be installed in the next few weeks. It was noted that a light is ‘out’ in the ladies loos. **Action: S. Glass to speak to Tim Pope.**

1. **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES:**

Quote for repair of door on the disabled toilet not yet received. **Action: Clerk will follow up again..**

1. **KENNET TRIANGLE:**

Nothing to report.

**24. PATIENTS’ REP:**

Nothing to report.

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1. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT** (document PC 16/10/17/03)**:**

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|  | **Accounts for October 2017 meeting** | **TOTAL** | Net amount | VAT | CQ/DD  **PC 16/10/17/03** | S137 | Inc in Budget |
| I2774 | British Gas- Electricity for Public Conveniences 5% VAT (a/c £25.67 in credit) | **23.00** | 21.90 | 1.10 | DD | No | Y |
| I2775 | PlusNet - Broadband Service | **12.99** | 10.83 | 2.16 | DD | No | Y |
| I2776 | 1&1 Internet Ltd WP package | **4.79** | 3.99 | 0.80 | DD | No | Y |
| I2777 | 1&1 Internet Ltd (web hosting 6 monthly charge)  3/10/17 | **86.33** | 71.94 | 14.39 | DD | No | Y |
| I2778 | British Gas – electricity for public conveniences (5% VAT) | **23.00** | 21.93 | 1.07 | DD | No | Y |
| I2779 | Thusanish Ltd (newspapers for Library) | **11.60** | 11.60 | 0 | CQ | No | Y |
| I2780 | Coral Westall (office cleaning) | **32.50** | 32.50 | 0 | CQ | No | Y |
| I2781 | G. Woodward (clerk salary October 2017) | **465.36** | 465.36 | 0 | CQ | No | Y |
| I2782 | ROSPA Play Safety | **302.40** | 252.00 | 50.40 | CQ | No | Y |
| I2783 | Idverde Ltd 3 months loo cleaning | **844.92** | 704.10 | 140.82 | CQ | No | Y |
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|  | **As at 16th October** | **1,806.89** | 1,596.15 | 210.74 |  |  |  |
|  | **LATES:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I2784 | The Church of England Diocese of Salisbury rent on Playing Field, Ramsbury – half year from 1/11/17 | **212.50** | 212.50 | 0 | CQ | No | Y |
| I2785 | Mary Holdsworth (hol cover for Clerk Sept 2017) | **115.96** | 115.96 | 0 | CQ | No | Y |
|  |  | **2135.35** | 1924.61 | 210.74 |  |  |  |

Proposed for payment: D. Barnett and seconded by R. Young. All in favour

**Bank Balance:**

As at 3rd October 2017

**Current A/C: £40,632.47**

As at 3rd October 2017

**Savings A/C £31,535.03**

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm**

1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**Parish Council Monday November 20th at 19.45 in the Village Hall, Axford (might be worth highlighting this**

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