

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2016 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Diann Barnett, Terence Brown, Denise Edwards. S Glass(Chairman), George Hawes, Michael Waite, Helen Lloyd, ,Erica Hodgson, Mary Holdsworth (Acting Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

ABSENT: John Peck

1. **Apologies for absence for approval:** Chris Morgan, Ron Young, Councillor Sue Findlay, Graham Fearon, Sue Arnold (Clerk) and Simon Smith. Approved.
2. **Disclosures of interest:** None.
3. **The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2016** were approved . Proposed Terry Brown, seconded Denise Edwards
4. **Matters arising.** None
5. **NEW CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION**

A0701	08/02/16	Mr N. Swan	Forwarding copy of decision to list The Red Lion Axford as an Asset of Community Value
A0704	08/02/16	Mr H. Watson	Copy of e-mail to interested parties suggesting setting up a Community Interest Company
A0710	08/02/16	RAMPAIG	Does PC see a need for this fund-raising company in the near future? Currently has funds of approx £500 which could be passed to PC. This fund raising company has charitable status. Action S Glass to contact G Fearon to check how much work is involved to keep it running
A0713	08/02/16	CPRE	Notification of Best Kept Village Competition 2016. Forwarded to S. Glass & D. Barnett
A0720	08/02/16	WC	Notification of owner's notice to dispose of Asset of Community Value (land at The Red Lion, Axford)
A0721	08/02/16	MAB	Re disposal of Community Asset (land at The Red Lion, Axford) – the owner cannot sell the asset for at least 6 weeks to give a community group the chance to put in an expression of interest to buy. If that happens there is a further 6 month period for the community group to raise funds and put in a bid to purchase.
A0736	08/02/16	D. Leake	PowerPoint slide show to illustrate data structure for new village website. .Is there anything that needs to be added. All organisations to be encouraged to have their own web page which they can update themselves. There should be a front page where organisations can put up coming events with a link to their own webpage. Action: S Glass to send to all councillors for their comments.
A0737	08/02/16	Mrs E. Fowler	Copy of objection sent to WC re planning application 16/00161/FUL – replacement dwelling at Glenafon, High Street. Forwarded to Planning Committee. See 6. Planning applications
A0738	08/02/16	Ms R. Winter	Re permission granted by WC for removal of shop window at 77 High Street. This is chipping away at the charm of the High Street. Queries the value of Conservation Area status. Forwarded to Planning Committee
A0742	08/02/16	PlusNet	Broadband speeds have been reduced as the PC's limit for the month has been exceeded.. There is currently a 2GB limit – cost of increase is £1 per further GB. (NB Exceeding use is becoming more regular and adversely affects mail and web services to the PC office.) PC has bought a further 3 GB (£3). S Glass suggested that PC should purchase unlimited Broadband(20 minutes at a time) and that the PC should pay for this. All councillors agreed to this.

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A0744	08/02/16	Mr S. Alder	Regular dog-fouling on the pavement outside his house in the High Street
A0745	08/02/16	MAB	'Clean for the Queen' campaign in run up to Queen's 90 th birthday celebrations. WC can provide kit incl Hi-Viz coats, gloves, bags etc. Target date is weekend of 4 th , 5 th and 6 th March. See http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/cleanforthequeen to register. Should get the Scouts and Primary School involved. Action - S Glass to register for Sat 12th March, G Hawes to approach Primary School, S Glass to put date etc in Village Diary and Whitton Ways.
A0746	08/02/16	Axford Community Interest Company	Copy of e-mail to WC asking for the Axford Community Interest Company to be treated as a potential bidder for the land at The Red Lion Axford.
A0748	08/02/16	WC	Copy of e-mail to owners of The Red Lion Axford notifying them of 6 month moratorium on the sale being triggered by the receipt of an intentions to bid for the asset from Axford Community Interest Company
A0756	14/2/16	Robert Copp	Quote for grass cutting summer 2016
A0761	14/2/16	Jonathon Causebrook	Copy of email sent to service @ leelonglands.com. A huge delivery lorry driving up Union St with great difficulty(not delivering)
A0762	14/2/16	Bus Users UK	"Your Bus Matters" events in Chippenham 19/2/16 and Devizes 3/03/16 proposed cuts to bus services in Wilts. Posters. WC is doing a survey to find out bus users views .Copies of the survey are in the Library and the Post office.
A0765	14/2/16	H Lloyd	Financial Planning Standing Orders v 19 February 2016 and Risk Assessment V2 2016 docs. See 6B (a)
A0767	15/2/16	Post Office	Changes to Ramsbury Post office. PO closed Wed 02/03/16 13.00hrs, open Mon 14/03/16 13.00hrs. nearest branches Hungerford and Aldbourne
A0769	15/02/16	J Causebrook	Reply from Lee Longlands apologising and driver disciplined - seeAO761
A0770	15/02/16	Jane Davies	Local councillor selection West Selkley asking PC to outline key issues in Parish Action – S Glass to circulate to all councillors

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A Planning

Chairman: Susan Findlay

Planning Applications Processed since January 2016 Report

15/07232/OUT	Land at Newtown Road Ramsbury Outline residential development for 25 dwellings, including layout and access (Resubmission of 14/09660/OUT)
PC Comment	Objected. See WC web-site for full report
15/11169/FUL	Land to South of Ramsbury Primary School Erection of new pre-school building
PC Comment WC	No objection but expressed concerns about parking and traffic Approve with conditions
15/12346/FUL	6 The Square Ramsbury Proposed single-storey rear extension
PC Comment WC	No objection Approve with conditions
15/12520/FUL	Knighton Farmhouse, Eastridge Crossroads Ramsbury Erection of barn, construction of outdoor swimming pool and relocation of existing tennis court
PC Comment WC	In circulation

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15/12652/FUL	Woodlands Farm Witch Ramsbury Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement dwelling with associated garaging etc.
PC Comment WC	In circulation
16/00119/FUL	The House on the Hill Hilldrop Lane Ramsbury Amendments to approved elevations of barn being converted to dwelling (see 14/08822/FUL)
PC Comment WC	In circulation
16/00222/TPO	13 High Street Ramsbury Removal of Yew Tree to fence height
PC Comment WC	No objection
15/12614/FUL	Barn at Whittonditch Ramsbury Agricultural Barn
PC Comment WC	In circulation
16/00502/FUL	14 Burdett Street Ramsbury Construction of new pedestrian access from Burdett Street at south west corner of garden
PC Comment WC	In circulation
16/00650/FUL	Brookside Newtown Ramsbury Demolition of existing outbuilding & construction of new replacement garden room
PC Comment WC	In circulation
16/00651/FUL	Brookside Newtown Ramsbury Demolition of existing conservatory & construction of extension to form new kitchen. Internal ground floor alterations.
PC Comment WC	In circulation
16/00784/LBC	Brookside Newtown Ramsbury Demolition of existing outbuilding & construction of new replacement garden room
PC Comment WC	In circulation
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PC Comment WC	In circulation
16/00161/FUL	Glenafon High Street Ramsbury Replacement dwelling
PC Comment WC	Objected on grounds of size, position of new building, design and effect on Conservation Area and nearby listed buildings
16/00732/TCA	Isles Court Ramsbury Reduce Flowering Cherry by 15% and shape crown Reduce Norway Maple by 30% and reduce crown
PC Comment WC	No objection
16/01150/FUL	Beenham House Whittonditch Road Ramsbury Replacement garden outbuilding
PC Comment WC	In circulation

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16/00690/VAR	Whittonditch Farm Whittonditch Ramsbury Removal of conditions 7,8 & 9 and variation of condition 2 of outline approval E/2013/0171/OUT – to allow for removal of required kerbed footway to highway and resurfacing of existing permissive path near Whittonditch crossroad and amended wording for condition 2
PC Comment	Objection being sent to WC with explanation that these conditions were not the terms requested by the Parish Council. The PC were asking for ‘softer’ pathways S Glass to contact WC Highways and Planning re type of footway. Update: Done presently in conversation with Highways and Planning re footpath and maintenance of same.
15/12614/FUL	Barn at Whittonditch Ramsbury Agricultural Barn
PC Comment WC	In circulation

Neighbourhood Plan update. No further information. There is to be a meeting on 15/03/16

B Finance

Chairman: Erica Hodgson

- (a) **Annual Review of Risk Assessment and Standing Orders.** Many thanks to Helen Lloyd for her work on these. The Risk Assessment was adopted and signed. **Action: An amendment needs to be made to the Standing Orders as a result of new legislation and will be brought to the March meeting**

C Rights of way.

Chairman: Terry Brown

- a. **Mill Lane Bridges.** S Glass had sent email to S Leonard re funding as the access to the bridges needs the camber lifting to enable prams and mobility scooters to access it safely.
- b. **Loft Bridge** – there is a hole in this bridge. Action- S Glass to email Terry Barrett to ask if he would repair it and the PC would pay for the repairs
- c. **Boundary Walk.** E Hodgson to ask Matt Hodgson if he will lead the walk. S Smith is unable to do it this year. The route is on GPS. S Glass to ask Scouts if they will do the bacon butties again this year. Pre - school will do the teas/cakes. **Action: E Hodgson and S Glass to investigate alternative leaders. S Glass to send list of walkers from last year to E Hodgson**

D Play Areas and Seats.

Chairman: Simon Smith

Axford Play Area. D Barnett reported S Smith had carried out a survey of villagers and she will liaise with him re future action.

E Emergency Committee.

Chairman: Diann Barnett

- a. **Emergency Plan.** D. Barnett is updating Plan. She had attended a MAB Emergency Workshop which was informative. She had requested a list with contact details which she will put on the Emergency Plan.

F School Governor

S. Findlay

Nothing to report

G Recreation Centre.

George Hawes

The bank behind the tennis courts has been cleared so that the path should dry out more easily.

H Policy Committee. Nothing to report

Chairman: Sheila Glass

Public Forum. Standing orders suspended for this item. No items were raised.

7. Axford.

- a. **Superfast Broadband.** Nothing had been heard from BT
- b. **The Red Lion.** There is now a Marlborough & Axford Community Interest group, D Barnett is one of the directors who have said they wish to make an offer for the land beside the Red Lion.
- c. The street light on Kennet Rise has not been repaired yet. D Barnett to follow up.
8. **Marlborough Area Board:** D. Barnett attended the meeting which included an Emergency Planning workshop. See 6Ea.

Congratulations were offered to S Glass (unable to attend meeting) for the award of the BEM medal in the New Years' Honours list.

9. **Chairman's Forum.** Nothing to report.

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10. CATG Meeting.

- a. **20mph Limit in Back Lane.** S Glass will contact Andrew Jack re the funding for this.
- b. **Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS).** At the meeting on 17/12/15 WC said it would not quote for the installation of SIDs, as it doesn't have the resources to undertake the work. TLG has agreed to quote. Minal PC have indicated that they would be interested in buying two the same as ours. **Action: S Glass to liaise with John Bevan at Minal PC and to seek a further quote for installation.**

11. **Pre-School.** Planning Application 15/11169/FUL for a Pre-School on the site of the School has been approved..

12. **Post Office** – Changes going ahead. PO to be closed Wed 2nd March 13.00hrs to Mon 14th march 13.00hrs

13. **Housing Association House Sales.** Nothing to report.

14. **Website.** D Leake has sent a Power point presentation to illustrate the structure of the new website. **Action S Glass to circulate to all councillors and ask for their comments.**

15. **Library.** Nothing to report.

16. Allotments.

Denise Edwards

D Edwards to ask Josh Talmage if there will be any manure this spring. Plots are available.

17. **Telephone Kiosks.** Nothing to report

Graeme Fearon

18. **Nature Reserve.** No report

Chris Morgan

19. **Tree Lights.** More lights have been ordered for next year. **Action: S. Glass to follow up**

20. **Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration. Suggestions from PC** – Clean up in March see AO745. June 12th Open gardens, bunting and marquees in Square, teas and cakes, church tower open

21. **Parking in High St** T Brown commented on parking between Oakes House and Lorraine's, should the white lines be extended? D Edwards commented on parking at Saxon Forge and the bungalows. **S Glass to make enquiries about both**

22. **Vandalism.** None this month.

23. **Memorial Hall.**

Maintenance. Work has been undertaken on the roof to repair tiles and remove moss. The courtyard and gutters have been pressure washed.

24. **Memorial Garden.** Nothing to report

25. **Public Conveniences.** Nothing to report.

26. **Kennet Triangle.** This is wet, but not flooded at present.

27. Patients' Rep.

George Hawes

CQC inspection completed recently –marked as outstanding

28. Accounts for Payment

Ref	Item	Total	VAT	S137	Incl in budget
I2463	British Gas- Electricity for Public Conveniences. (DD2) (from Dec 14 – Nov 15)	29.00	1.38	No	Y
I2464	PlusNet - Broadband Service(DD4)	9.99	1.66	No	Y
I2465	S. Arnold – 1 book first class stamps	7.56	0	No	Y
I2466	The Community Heartbeat Trust 4 x defibrillation electrodes set	105.00	0	No	Y
I2467	Glasdon – litter / dog bin	157.64	26.27	No	N
I2468	Thames Water (DD6)	56.44	0	No	Y

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I2469	BT phone bill (DD3)	72.50	12.08	No	Y
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Total payments = £438.13 of which £41.39 is VAT. Proposed H Lloyd, seconded E Hodgson

29. Payments Received

R408	Santander – Interest on Business Savings account on 01/02/16	15.89	01/02/16	Direct Transfer
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TOTAL PAYMENTS RECEIVED = £15.89

30. Bank Balance ON 04/02/16 CURRENT ACCOUNT **£8,900.43**

ON 06/02/16 BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT - **£51,377.79**

£12,000.00 transferred from Current Account to Business Savings Account on 25/01/16 is reflected in Business Savings Account total .

These figures include ring-fenced funds of £1,540.81 from defibrillator fund, plus allocated budget for year, funds for long-term capital projects and contingency.

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 21st MARCH

at 7.45pm

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RAMSBURY MEMORIAL HALL

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