

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2016 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Diann Barnett, Terence Brown, Denise Edwards, Susan Findlay, Erica Hodgson, Sheila Glass (Chairman), George Hawes, Helen Lloyd, Christopher Payne, Simon Smith, Michael Waite, Ron Young, and 3 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for absence for approval:** Graeme Fearon, Chris Morgan
- 2. Disclosures of interest:** Susan Findlay – Item 14.
- 3. The minutes of the meeting held on 21st November** were approved. Proposed –S. Findlay, Seconded – G. Hawes.

4. NEW CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION

A1593	05/12/16	WC	Copy of Footpath Officer's letter to Mr P. Wilson asking him to consider making changes to management of land at Springs Hill following reports of horses chasing walkers.
A1596	05/12/16	WC	It's not an offence for a vehicle to wait partially covering a 20mph roundel on the road, but persistent offenders can be reported to the police in the interest of highway safety.
A1597	05/12/16	Aster	Responding to S. Glass's report of flooding in Swan's Close. Maintenance team will attend. Aster and WC are working together on this - a tanker pumped out the flooded area where the soakaway is poorly maintained.
A1602	05/12/16	MADT	Can't help with current problems with Wi-Fi in Memorial Hall. Action: Clerk to purchase new modem/router. (Fault is also affecting PC's internet and email services.)
A1605	05/12/16	TLG	Posts for SIDs delivered. Will arrange to concrete them in and attach SIDs w/c 05/12/16. The SIDs are to be attached to the poles on 14/12/16. Commissioning date to be confirmed by Messagemaker. The insurance has been updated to include the SIDs from 12/12/16
A1614	05/12/16	Ramsbury Lambs	Responding to PC's query regarding grant cheque which has not yet been cashed. Will chase it up. Forwarded to S. Glass & E. Hodgson
A1615	05/12/16	Mr C. Roberts	Can store goal posts offered to PC for a couple of months. Asking PC to get in touch in the new year with a decision. Forwarded to S. Glass & S. Smith
A1616	05/12/16	Ramsbury Memorial Hall	Confirmation of booking of Lychgate Room for March meeting to allow Ravensbury Plays to rehearse in the Memorial Hall.
A1620	05/12/16	Ramsbury Greenfield Group	Copy of Appeal and Appeal Rebuttal Statement re Appeal APP/Y3940/W/16/3156940 on behalf of Rectory Homes (land at Newtown Road, Ramsbury). The Housing Needs Statement is not included in The Greenfield Group's document.
A1627	05/12/16	Savills	Land agent for Salisbury Diocese – accepting PC's suggestion that increase of rent of Glebe Land should start in May 2017. Rent will be £425 p.a.
A1630	05/12/16	British Gas	New contract – changing VAT charged from 5% to 20% unless VAT certificate completed and returned. Action: Clerk to contact BG.

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A1631	05/12/16	Ramsbury Surgery	Telephone call re-iterating objection to proposal of skate park near surgery as noise will impact quality of care for patients. Requests previous letter of objection passed to skate park group with request for a personal invitation to proposed presentation by the group. Done.
A1632	05/12/16	C. Morgan	Instructions for battery charger for emergency generator at Memorial Hall. In filing cabinet under Emergency Planning. A trickle charger is to be added to maintain the battery's charge. Action: PC to run the generator for a few minutes prior to each PC meeting.
A1638	05/12/16	SSE	Acknowledging order of Winter Readiness leaflets. Currently being reprinted. Will send when available.
A1641	05/12/16	MAB	Invitation to interested parties to attend Marlborough Local Youth Network meeting on 03/01/17 at 6.00 at former Youth Centre at St Margaret's Mead. Also asking for ideas for funding round. Forwarded to S. Glass and H. Lloyd

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A Planning

Chairman: Susan Findlay

a. Planning Applications Processed since November 2016 Report

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	No objection
16/09656/FUL	Bolstridge Farm Hilldrop Ramsbury Two storey extension
PC Comment WC	No objection Withdrawn
16/08914/LBC 16/08913/FUL	Whittonditch House Whittonditch Ramsbury Single storey link between back entrance and existing pool house
PC Comment WC	No objection
16/10580/TCA	8 Back Lane Ramsbury Reduce Norway Maple, 2 Cypress, Silver Birch & Alder
PC Comment WC	No objection No objection
16/10483/FUL	Woodlands Farm Whittonditch Ramsbury Demolish bungalow and re-build new house
PC Comment WC	No objection
16/09823/FUL	11 Ashley Piece Ramsbury Proposed two storey side extension & single storey rear extension
PC Comment WC	No objection Approve with conditions
16/09897/CLPLB	3 Back Lane Ramsbury Installation of a flue to NW elevation
PC Comment WC	No objection Approved
16/10596/FUL	Laurel Garage Back Lane Ramsbury Demolition of house and redevelopment of garage site to provide 7 dwellings
PC Comment WC	To be discussed at public meeting
16/10866/FUL	4 Union Street Ramsbury Erection of Garden Shed
PC Comment WC	In circulation

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16/09617/FUL	52 Whittonditch Road Ramsbury Erection of two storey extension & new detached garage.
PC Comment WC	No objection
16/10380/FUL	Fingal, Newtown Road Ramsbury Detached garage and garden store (amendment to 15/04050/FUL)
PC Comment WC	No objection Approve with conditions

- b. **Appeal APP/Y3940/W/16/3156940 – Land at Newtown Road.** The Greenfield Group had requested a public hearing for the appeal, and received the response from Planning Appeals that ‘WC and the Planning Inspector feel that written representations are the right procedure. The Inspector said that the matters in the hearing are clear and well defined therefore a hearing in these circumstances is not required, and written representations is the correct procedure.’
- c. **Planning application 16/10596/FUL for 7 dwellings at White’s Yard (site of former Laurel Garage), Back Lane.** At the public meeting prior to the main PC meeting people were generally in favour of the development, but had concerns over the proximity of the houses to the road, and road access. In addition some felt that there were too many houses for the site. The plans are to be resubmitted with changes that include moving the houses 2m back from the road and the provision of a pavement along the road. The PC will comment when the new plans are submitted.
- d. **Planning Application 16/10866/FUL – Erection of garden shed at 4 Union Street.** The original plans received do not show the proposed site of the shed. The applicant will e-mail clarification to the PC of the height of the proposed shed. The lower 2 m. will be obscured by existing fencing. .
- e. **Glenafon, High Street.** The applicant has appealed against the refusal of the application for the replacement dwelling. **Action: S. Findlay to reiterate PC’s comments on the original application that the proposed dwelling is too large and inappropriate for the site.**
- f. **Neighbourhood Plan.** Nothing to report.

B Finance

Chairman: Erica Hodgson

- a. **2017 – 8 Budget.** Version 6 of the budget was proposed for approval. It includes 2 significant additions - £500 for training and £300 for contingency. The additional £25 for Glebe Land rent in 2017/8 will be taken from contingency. Proposed - E. Hodgson, Seconded – D. Edwards. All in favour – approved.
- b. **Pavement repairs.** The Landscape Group now known as Idverde will quote for repairs to the pavement outside The Church Rooms.

C Rights of way.

Chairman: Terry Brown

- a. **Footpath 8C – Park Farm.** The path is not marked. It looks as though the path has been diverted as part of preparation for demolition and re-building, and that no signage has been provided. **Action: Clerk to e-mail Ramsbury Estates to query the situation.**
- b. **Clarification of status of footpaths.** The footpath from Isles Road to Swan’s Bottom and the path from Whitehill Close to Ashley Piece are not on the Rights Of Way map because they are both the responsibility of WC Highways.

D Play Areas and Seats.

Chairman: Simon Smith

New equipment. S. Smith has circulated information on more adult play equipment options for The Whittonditch Play Area. All are weatherproof with the potential to be covered. He proposed the purchase of 4 or 5 pieces of equipment which could be strung together as a series. They could potentially be sited on the field beyond the existing play area. The current grass surface is suitable. Newbury & Alton Barnes/ Alton Priors have similar equipment which is always being used. It was felt that a single multi-gym type piece of equipment may not be so user-friendly for >1 simultaneous user. **Actions: 1. S. Smith to request quote for the equipment. 2. S. Smith to request quote for tower for Whittonditch Play Area.**

E Emergency Committee.

Chairman: Diann Barnett

- a. **Emergency Plan.** Still in progress. **Action: S. Glass and D. Barnett to update the plan including the lists of emergency wardens and first aiders.**
- b. **Generators.** The Axford generator has been removed for servicing. The Memorial Hall generator is now in working order.

F Recreation Centre.**George Hawes**

- a. **Planting.** A new hedge has been planted using Tesco's bag money.
- b. **Fundraising.** Ambitious plans are in hand for fundraising next year.

G Policy Committee. Nothing to report**Chairman: Sheila Glass****Public Forum - Standing Orders Suspended for this item.**

Play Area. Mr R. Daniel suggested an area to facilitate picnics at the Whittonditch Play Area would encourage use of the area. **Action: S. Smith to get quotes for another couple of picnic benches.**

6. Axford.

- a. **Broadband.** WWU has had a meeting with BT to understand the potential for running fibre though their obsolete pipe. BT now needs to decide if this is a suitable solution. WWU is willing to give BT usage for a peppercorn rent.
- b. **Vandalism.** – See item 20.

7. **Marlborough Area Board.** The meeting on 22/11/16 focused on child safety. A play was shown which is to be used in schools to inform children about 'grooming'. CRB checking will only identify if someone already has a record. The play's target audience is children and it explains behaviour that is unacceptable and should be reported.

8. CATG

- a. **Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS).** See item 4 no A1605. The signs will operate for limited hours, targeting busy times during the morning and late afternoon/evening. The operating times can be changed / increased.
- b. **Next Meeting.** This is on 5/12/16.

9. **Councillor Training.** Nothing to report.

10. **Parish Steward Scheme.** The next visit is on 05/01/17. **Action: PC to request clearing of leaves from pavements in Crowood Lane and Scholards Lane.** Last month the end of Crowood Lane was repaired.

11. **Bins in Streets.** This has been publicised in the December Parish Magazine and picked up by the Gazette and Herald.

12. **Pre-School.** Nothing to report

13. **Website.** **Action: S. Glass to approach the owner of another new local website to see if the PC can link with them.**

14. **ARK Projects.** The planting of a yew hedge at the Rec. Centre has been completed. Further Tesco bag money is now available and it was suggested that a retaining bank similar to the one already installed at another of the Mill Lane bridges, should be built at the 1st Bridge down the path from the High Street.

15. **Library.** The Library needs more volunteers – drop in for more information.

16. Allotments.

- a. **The AGM** took place on 28/11/16. **Denise Edwards**
- b. **Vacant Plot.** A half plot with fruit cage is available. Anyone interested should contact Dave Arnold on 520322, dave@darnold.co.uk.

17. Telephone Kiosks.**Graeme Fearon**

BT has included the kiosk outside the Memorial Hall on their consultation list of kiosks proposed for decommissioning. It was noted that the box was used for 10 calls over the past year. When Vodaphone and EE were down in Marlborough for >1 week, useage of kiosks increased. While BT set the end of the consultation period as 20/01/17, WC needs a response by 09/12/16. A response was sent to WC on 10/12/16. **Action: S. Glass to send response to BT. Update: Response accepted.**

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18. **Nature Reserve.** No report

Chris Morgan

19. **Tree Lights.** The new tree lights have been put up and they have been on since the start of December.

20. **Vandalism.** Cars have been keyed and car tyres have been let down in Axford. **Action: Clerk to add to Vandalism register.**

21. **Memorial Hall.** New uplighters have been fitted.

22. **Public Conveniences.** Nothing to report

23. **Kennet Triangle.** Further work will be done in Spring.

24. **Patients' Rep.** See item 4 no A1631

George Hawes

25. Accounts for Payment

Ref	Item	Total	VAT	S137	Incl in budget
I2608	British Gas- Electricity for Public Conveniences. (DD2) (from Dec 14 – Nov 15).Account is £27.54 in credit	29.00	1.38	No	Y
I2609	PlusNet - Broadband Service(DD4)	12.99	2.16	No	Y
I2610	Mrs J. Talmage – Rent for allotment land	600.00	0	No	Y
I2611	Midway Stores – Newspapers for Library w/e 05/11/16 – 26/11/16	10.00	0	No	Y
I2612	Green Machines – Service of Memorial Hall generator	251.66	0	No	Partial*
I2613	Abbey Electrical UK – installation of tree lights	534.66	89.11	No	Partial*
I2614	S. Arnold – Word Press package for Ramsbury.co.uk website	4.79	0.80	No	Y
I2615	S. Arnold – Clerk's salary – September – December 2016	1,450.00	0	No	Y
I2616	C. Morgan – Charger / conditioner for Memorial Hall's emergency generator	57.95	9.66	No	Y

*This payment will be covered from reserves carried forward from last year.

TOTAL PAYMENTS = £2,951.06 of which £103.11 is VAT. Proposed –E. Hodgson, seconded –H. Lloyd.
All in favour.

26. Payments Received

R448	Ramsbury Roxy– hire of cinema equipment and photocopying autumn season 2016	600.84	05/12/16	Cheque	R448
R449	Ramsbury Allotment Association – rent for allotment site for 2017	600.00	05/12/16	Cheque	
R450	Ramsbury British Legion	12.00	05/12/16	Cash	

TOTAL PAYMENTS RECEIVED = £1,212.84

27. **Bank Balance ON 03/12/16 CURRENT ACCOUNT £30,713.85**

ON 07/11/16 BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT - **£31,506.01 (Nov figure – awaiting Dec statement.)**

These figures include ring-fenced funds of £792.05 from defibrillator fund, plus allocated budget for year, funds for long-term capital projects and contingency.

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 16th January 2017

at 7.45pm

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RAMSBURY MEMORIAL HALL

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