

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

Monday 9TH December 2019 in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

Present - : D Barnett (DB), D Edwards (DE), S Glass (Chairman) (SG), R Greasley (RG), G Hawes (GH), H Lloyd (HL), G Fearon (GF), C Payne (CP), E Hodgson (EH), C Morgan (CM), R Young (RY), C Standage (Clerk), M Holdsworth (Minutes Secretary) .

Retirement of Councillor Graeme Fearon – On behalf of all the Councillors SG thanked GF for all his hard work both as a Councillor and as the Town Crier and wished him and his family well in the future in Australia. SG presented him with a bottle of wine and a card.

- 1 APOLOGIES – K Abbott, S Smith - approved
- 2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST- None
- 3 MINUTES of the meeting held November 18th 2019. Prop. GH, sec EH all agreed, the minutes were then signed
- 4 MATTERS ARISING not included in agenda -None
- 5 NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:

		DECEMBER 2019	Highlighted entries FOR DISCUSSION	Actions
A3671	13/11/19	Danny Mair	RE: Back Lane Lighting – Poor Lighting in Back Lane Between pre - School and the Square. - update F/w to Sheila Glass	A street light had been removed some time ago and had not been replaced – the wiring should still be there. Action – SG to speak to M Cook at the CATG meeting on Thurs 12th Dec
A3672	13/11/19	Marilyn Fremlin	RE: Ashley Piece Street Lighting – Poor lighting between No 36 and 37 - update F/w to Sheila Glass	The lighting in the cul-de – sac is poor. Action – SG asked MF to speak to the neighbours about this before SG asked for new lighting.
A3673	13/11/19	Emma Jeffery	RE: Diary entry – Town Crier’s Retirement F/w to Sheila Glass	

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A3674	14/11/19	Fiona Waind	<p>RE: Waste Bin in Ramsbury – Remaining bins scheduled for first week in December. F/w to Sheila Glass</p>	<p>Green bin from the Memorial Hall to be removed and to replace the old bin on the Knowledge Cres. Play area. The post to be removed and Mem Hall bin to stand on the ground. New black bin for the Memorial Hall and for the Whittonditch play area. Action – this will happen this week.</p>
A3676	15/11/19	Jason Barnett	<p>RE: Quote for park benches in The Square and Back Lane F/w to Sheila Glass</p>	<p>See Item 24</p>
A3678	16/11/19	Karen Rees	<p>RE: BKV October update. Sheila Glass to update F/w to Councillors</p>	
A3681	18/11/19	Hugo Mackenzie Smith	<p>RE: Tree on Newtown Road - update F/e to Sheila Glass</p>	<p>SG asked Mr Mackenzie Smith to get in touch with WC Highways to establish ownership of the tree.</p>
A3682	18/11/19	Anthony Setter	<p>RE: Swans Bottom & Back Lane – virtually impassable on foot. - - also stability of the brick wall bounding Parliament Piece F/w to Sheila Glass</p>	<p>Brick wall at Parliament Piece – SG has spoken to P Campbell Gordon and they have had it surveyed and it is fine Action - SG has replied to A Setter reply been acknowledged.</p>
A3686	20/11/19	Nick Waite	<p>RE: Quote for Bench Slat Replacement – Square Ramsbury. F/e to Sheila Glass</p>	<p>See Item 24</p>
A3689	21/11/19	Assets of Community Value - Wilts	<p>RE: Nomination for listing as an asset of community value - update F/w to Sheila Glass</p>	<p>The Allotments – The application has been acknowledged is going through the process.</p>
A3691	22/11/19	Paul Metcalfe	<p>RE: Application to affix festive lighting Ramsbury Square F/w to Sheila Glass</p>	<p>Appendix 3 - SG has to let WC know about the wire across the street. Action – SG has completed and despatched the form</p>
A3693	23/11/19	Diana Rawstron	<p>RE: The Ramsbury Manor Foundation / Ramsbury Manor GDLAW – D FID630533. F/w to Sheila Glass</p>	<p>See Item 19</p>

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A3694	27/11/19	Dee Edwards	RE: Proposal for individual beds to go up for rental on Allotments F/w to Sheila Glass	See Item 29
A3697	28/11/19	Kate Abbot	RE: Resurfacing or patch repairing the road / footpath that runs between Springs Hill & Mill Lane F/w to Sheila Glass	This has been noted.
A3698	28/11/19	Katie Fielding - Community First	RE: Councillor Training Dates F/w to Sheila Glass	Dates given 23rd and 27th Jan. Councillors indicated that either date would be suitable-see item 26
A3700	28/11/19	Renate Malton	RE: Operational Flood Working Groups News – November F/w to Councillors	Noted
A3701	28/11/19	Graeme Fearon	RE: Councillor Notice of Resignation from Parish Council F/w to Sheila Glass	Action – vacancy has been advertised on the PC notice boards
A3704	01/12/19	Keep Britain Tidy	RE: Great British Clean 2020 F/w to Councillors	Action- forward to K Rees.
A3705	01/12/19	David Stoye (R & A LCC)	RE: Ramsbury & Axford Whitton Ways magazine – proposal for Ramsbury Parish Council to give sponsorship to the magazine on an annual basis. F/w to Sheila Glass	See Item 9
A3708	03/12/19	Marilyn Fremlin	RE: Ashley Piece Street Lighting – for discussion F/w to Sheila Glass	
A3709	04/12/19	Wiltshire Council - Elections	RE: Councillor Vacancy – Ramsbury Parish Council F/w to Sheila Glass	Advertised on the notice boards

A3711		C Payne	RE: Condition of Walled Garden wall in Burdett St	<p>“Late during the afternoon of Sat 7th Dec 2019 CP had become aware that a part of the wall had collapsed onto private property – the garden next to the driveway of 10 Burdett St. The matter was discussed with the owners of 10 Burdett St and there was concern that another part of the wall (around the Walled garden) might collapse into Burdett St itself.</p> <p>The following morning (Sun 8th Dec 2019) the wall was looked at again in good daylight and (in agreement with the owners of 10 Burdett St) CP contacted WC Building Control Dept on the basis that the wall might be a dangerous structure. A staff member of the Building Control Dept. visited that afternoon and said he would report the matter for action the next day to the WC Senior District Surveyor.</p> <p>During the morning of Mon 9th Dec 2019 the Senior District Surveyor Mr Graham Haddrell and his designated successor John Fuggle inspected the wall and spoke with CP. They said they were concerned that the wall along Burdett St had moved and noted it was cracked and that they would be advising the owner to seek the advice of a structural engineer and act upon any recommendation”</p>
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6 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Diann Barnett

PLANNING REPORT RAMSBURY AND AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL – DECEMBER 2019

Planning Applications Processed since NOVEMBER 2019 Report

NEW ITEMS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Comments REQ. date
1.12.19	19/11471/TCA	32 High Street	Fell 2 cherry trees	26.12.19
9.12.19	19/113994/FUL	1 Swans Close	Single storey rear extension and loft conversion.	6.1.20

* w/e 9.12.19

STILL AWAITED:

2.10	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. PC has no objection	Still waiting
7.11	19/09899/FU	Shellswood Dairy, Marrison Hill Lane, Preston, Ramsbury, Wiltshire, SN8 2QA	Retention of a mobile home (currently used for the shepherd during lambing) for three years to be used as a dwelling for an agricultural worker. PC has no objection.	Still waiting

w/e 9.12.19

DECISIONS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Decision
29.7.	19/07026/FUL 19/07279/LBC	Ramsbury Manor	Courtyard Buildings- Existing pump house and garage to be demolished. Existing car park surface to be removed to allow installation of new underground drainage system. New car park surface to be installed etc	Approved
4.10	19/09285/ful	Woodlands Farm Witcha RAMSBURY SN8 2HQ	Demolition of existing bungalow, and the erection of a replacement dwelling; with associated garaging, turning, landscaping, private amenity space, and the creation of a new vehicular access point. Not able to access plans to give an accurate assessment, extension requested.	Withdrawn
17.10	19/09805/ful	16 The Paddocks, Ramsbury	Extension to garage to create workshop and office.	Approved with conditions

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30.10	19/10377/TCA	The Gallery, Back Lane, Ramsbury, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 2QH	1 - Leylandii Cypress tree - fell2 - Oak tree – fell. No objection to leylandii, request leaving oak.	Approved
5.10	19/10034/FUL	2 The Shute, From Road To Grove Farm Stichcombe To Whites Hill, Axford, SN8 2EX	2 storey infill extension replacing existing extension. PC has No objection	Approved with conditions

*w/e 9.12.19

B Finance

Sheila Glass

The Draft budget of £54,845 had been circulated for approval. It was Pro. by DE and sec. CM and all councillors approved. **Action: Clerk and Chairman to complete precept request and forward to WC**

C Rights of Way

Graeme Fearon

R Copp had replaced the barrier on the path at Back Lane/Knowledge Hill

D Play Areas & Seats

Denise Edwards

The new seat for the baby swing has arrived and the matting has not yet been delivered.

F Recreation Centre

George Hawes

G Emergency Committee

Helen Lloyd

The Generator at Memorial Hall has been checked by CM and SG and is working well, it started easily

Axford generator to be checked.

Wardens list updating continuing

H Policy Committee

Sheila Glass

PUBLIC FORUM- Parish Council Standing Orders temporarily suspended for this item

No members of the public were present.

7 AXFORD

Diann Barnett

There had been no musical concert on Fri 6th Dec due to illness.

Carol concert was held in the church on Sun 8th Dec

8 COMMUNITY ASSETS

The nomination for the Allotments has been acknowledged . **Action: SG to complete land Registry details for other properties and to contact owners**

9 PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Sheila Glass

The Parish Council had received an email from the Ramsbury & Axford LCC. They propose that Whitton Ways become a Community Magazine which will be distributed to all households. The LCC is asking for £1000 a year from the Parish Council towards the cost of this. In principle the PC agreed to it becoming a community magazine but felt they needed more information before committing to £1000 a year. Why does the magazine have to be in colour? Could regular contributors eg RHS, WI, PC pay a fixed sum each year? **Action: Clerk to contact LCC for more details**

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- 10 MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD *Sheila Glass*
SG attended this meeting. The recycling system will change next year. Household waste in the black bin, garden waste in the green bin, all paper, aluminium, plastic, card in the Blue bin, ONLY glass in the black box. New system will begin early in the new year. Residents will be informed.
- 11 CATG *Sheila Glass*
Next meeting 12.12.19 –SG to attend. SG has put in an application for “pedestrians in road” signs for the Manor crossing. It was agreed that signs may not be necessary after removal of some trees.
- 12 BINS IN STREET *Christopher Payne*
3 green bins had been left for some time at the bottom of Tankard Lane but now have been removed.
- 13 TOWN CRIER
Graeme Fearon has retired as Town Crier. Our new Town crier is John Barker.
- 14 PAVEMENT REPAIRS *Kate Abbot/ Roger Greasley*
PC will have more pavements repaired in 2020, probably in the High St. Councillors asked to recommend areas
- 15 DOG POO SIGNS
On going
- 16 PARISH STEWARD SCHEME
Items to S Glass please next visit Jan 7th 8th . The Parish Steward does not seem to be able to do the tasks that SG asks for.
- 17 PRESCHOOL *Kate Abbot*
Nothing to report.
- 18 VILLAGE OPEN DAY *Sheila Glass*
- 19 RAMSBURY MANOR
SG, DB and HL had attended a meeting with the Trustees at Ramsbury Manor. The trustees are intending to open the Manor to the public, but not for several years. There is a great deal of refurbishment going on at the moment.
It will only be opened to small groups of people, a maximum of 30 split into small groups. Due to the construction of the house only groups of 5/6 people will be able to access the upstairs at one time.
There will be a virtual tour of the house available as there will be no disabled access to the upper floors.
There will be study areas for all aspects of the art.
There will parking space for 30 cars which will include staff. There will be no coaches.
- 20 NATURE RESERVE *Chris Morgan*
Nothing to report
- 21 WEBSITE
Nothing to report
- 22 BEST KEPT VILLAGE *Sheila Glass/Denise Edwards*
SG, CG and DE have removed the tyres. The planters will be put in place and planted up in the New Year. K & M Rees are working on the details for next years’ flower competition and improving communications between organisations in the village

23 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

Sheila Glass

The quote from Nick Waite has been accepted to refurbish the benches in the Square and Back Lane
The Display boards along the Memorial Garden wall will be discussed in the new year

24 POLICE REPORT – not yet received

25 HIGHWAYS REPORT NOVEMBER(circulated)

26 WALC NEWSLETTER

Councillor training potential dates Thurs 23rd/ Mon 27th Jan in the evening . **Action- Clerk to contact KF for her availability**

27 VANDALISM

28 LIBRARY

No report sent

29 ALLOTMENTS

Denise Edwards

AGM Dec 5th - DE reported that there are single raised beds (1.5m x5m) available to rent at £10 a year. There is a maximum of 2 beds per household. There are only 11 available for rent. Please contact DE on 07867921878 or allotments@ramsbury.org. New committee members were welcomed. Next Committee meeting is on 9th Jan 2020.

30 CHRISTMAS TREES

Sheila Glass

All the trees were looking good. Thanks were expressed to Ramsbury Estates for erecting them.1 is not working at the moment but that will be fixed. There may be more next year at the W end of the High St, Oxford St, Back Lane. SG suggested putting collecting boxes in the pubs and shops in October to help fund the trees next year. **All agreed**

Karen and Mark Rees have put lights supplied by the PC on the phone boxes.

31 MEMORIAL GARDEN

Paul New will supply small rosemary bushes behind the War Memorial. We will also purchase bedding plants for the Memorial Garden and the Square from him next year.

32 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

No problems

33 KENNET TRIANGLE

Nothing to report

34 PATIENTS REP

George Hawes

The meeting was postponed and will be held in Jan. 2020

35 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

	Accounts DECEMBER 2019		PC Meeting 09/12/2019		DD/BACS DEB/FPI/CASH	
		TOTAL	Net	VAT	DD/BACS DEB/FPI/CASH/BGC	S137
I3173	British Gas - Electricity for Public Toilets for NOVEMBER 2019	12.00	11.43	0.57	DD	No
I3174	PlusNet Broadband Service Nov	14.99	12.49	2.50	DD	No

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I3175	I&I IONOS Web Package Basic Fee Nov	8.39	6.99	1.40	DD	No
I3176	Castle Water November	10.40	10.40	0.00	DD	No

I3177	Rockstone - Pavement Works - Ramsbury	23247.30	19372.75	3874.55	BACS	No
I3178	R J Talmage & son - Hedge cutting - Whittonditch Road to Playing Field	84.00	70.00	14.00	BACS	No
I3179	Community Heartbeat - G3 Battery AED Powerheart Yellow Rep	282.00	235.00	47.00	BACS	No
I3180	Ramsbury Memorial Hall - Rent for 5 Month Period 1st November 2019 to 31st March 2020	530.20	530.2	0.00	BACS	No
I3181	Rhino Play Ltd - Supply Cradle Seat Toddler Seat	190.80	159	31.80	BACS	No
I3182	Coral Westall - Parish Council Cleaning Oct to December 2019	30.00	30	0.00	BACS	No
I3183	R A Copp - Hedge Cutting - Axford Play Field - Whittonditch - Memorial - Manor Lane - Footpath Mowing	2689.00	2689	0.00	BACS	No
I3184	Carol Standage NOV Salary	405.19	405.19	0.00	BACS	No
I3185	Mary Holdsworth NOV Minute Taking	91.25	91.25	0.00	BACS	No

I3186	Festive Lights - Outdoor Battery Fairy Lights	34.97	29.14	5.83	DC (SG)	No
I3187	Ramsbury Post Office - Batteries for Fairy Lights	14.97	12.47	2.50	DC (SG)	No
I3188	Dobbies Garden Centre- Compost -Tubs for Village Entrances	35.84	29.87	5.97	DC (SG)	No

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	TOTAL	27681.30	23695.18	3986.12		
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The final accounts were
prop. GF and sec. by HL.
All councillors agreed

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	Payments received:					
R522	H Stone - Xmas Tree Donation	10	10	0.00	Bank Transfer	No
R523	I & A Mills - Xmas Tree Donation	10	10	0.00	Bank Transfer	No
R524	6 Xmas Tree Payments paid by Cash - G Tait - M Handford - H Farnsworth - E Hodgson - R Cheney - A Clothier	60	60	0.00	CASH	No
R525	Xmas Tree Payments paid by Cash - P Turley	10	10	0.00	CASH	No
	TOTAL	90	90	0.00		

BANK BALANCE on 30th NOVEMBER 2019:CURRENT ACCOUNT £72399.31

NB This figure includes ring fenced funds of **£41,635.00** for long term capital projects, **£152** for defibrillators plus allocated budget for the year and contingency

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2020

at 7.45pm in

RAMSBURY MEMORIAL HALL

YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME -PLEASE COME

ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

