

RAMSBURY & AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting which took place virtually on Zoom

Monday December 14th at 7.45p

Present- H Lloyd (HL), D Barnett Vice Chair (DB), E Hodgson (EH), G Hawes (GH), R Greasley (RG), D Edwards (DE), C Morgan (CM), R Young (RY), K Abbot (KA), S Glass (SG) Chairman, L Jauncey (LJ), C Standage Clerk, M Holdsworth (Minutes clerk)

- 1 APOLOGIES – S Smith, approved
- 2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST- None
- 3 MINUTES of the meeting held November 16th 2020 Pro. KA, sec. CM all approved
- 4 MATTERS ARISING not included in agenda:
SG has contacted Eastridge Estate re fallen tree
Rubbish bin at 7 Bridges See item 6 A4295
- 5 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR
Lynn Jauncey has signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Wiltshire Council notified of co-option. LJ was welcomed to the Parish Council
- 6 NEW CORRESPONDENCE for discussion:

		DECEMBER 2020	Highlighted entries FOR DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
A4285	12/11/20	Team Office – Whitton Team	RE: Licensing and Installation of The Reverend Beth Hutton. F/w to Councillors	SG unable to attend. GH said all went well.
A4287	13/11/20	Wiltshire Area boards – Wilts council	RE: Latest news and events from Marlborough Our Community Matters for 11/13/2020. F/w to Councillors	
A4288	13/11/20	Paul Metcalf atkings Global	RE: Christmas decorations - Please accept this email as approval to connect to the street lighting supply for your tree. Sheila Glass	Noted
A4289	14/11/20	Karen Rees	RE: BKV November Progress - update for November. Sheila Glass	Noted
A4290	15/11/20	Resident	RE: Blocked drains on Whittonditch Road. Sheila Glass	Noted
A4291	16/11/20	Resident	Re; Copy of Village Design Statement. Sheila Glass	A request for the Village Design Statement SG sent a copy although it had been completed in 2000
A4295	17/11/20	Ian Spanswick - Idverde	RE: Rubbish bins Ramsbury. Sheila Glass	The cost for installing the rubbish bin at 7 bridges would be £78 and there would be a concrete plinth to attach it to. EH noted that there was only one bin in Mill Lane. A lot of building work is happening there at the moment. GH to monitor.

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A4296	17/11/20	Louis Shortall – Wilts council	RE: Rough Sleeper Estimate supported by a spotlight Count - night of 19th November into the morning of 20th November. Sheila Glass	No rough sleepers in the Parish
A4300	20/11/20	National Association of Local Councils - nalc	RE: NALC - CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN. F/w to Councillors	Noted
A4302	21/11/20	Simon Rowe - Highways	RE: Parish Notifications - Cold Weather Updates Winter Season 2020/21. Sheila Glass	DB had replied
A4304	23/11/20	Road safety driving – Wilts council	RE: Form from Clive Smith. Sheila Glass	Form had been sent to WC
A4305	23/11/20	Integrated Transport – Wilts council	RE: Highways improvement request. Sheila Glass	SG has requested a 40mph sign on east end of Newtown Rd before the 30mph sign.
A4306	23/11/20	Morgan Jones Wilts council	RE: The Red Lion, Axford. Sheila Glass	DB has a link to the enforcement officer. The Red Lion is a licensed property and the licensed part cannot be lived in until it has been de-licensed. DB to monitor and report to WC.
A4309	25/11/20	Wiltshiresewers – Wilts council	RE: Gullies – we are pleased to inform you that all the gullies on the list that was sent in are now clear and running. Sheila Glass	Noted
A4310	25/11/20	Wiltshiresewers – Wilts council	RE: We also visited this site on Whittonditch Road today. We couldn't solve the issue with the gullies here. So we have reported it back to the area engineer for further investigation. Sheila Glass	Noted
A4314	27/11/20	Simon Hendy – Wilts council	RE: Town and Parish council meeting. Sheila Glass	See item G(ii)
A4316	30/11/20	Wiltshire Air Ambulance Recycling Scheme	RE: Thank you for hosting our clothing banks – Christmas Card. Sheila Glass	SG to complete agreement. SG does not agree to one of the bins being removed, so has deleted that part of the agreement
A4319	01/12/20	Resident	RE: Enquiry - Financing for Ramsbury Flyer. Sheila Glass	PC does not finance the running costs of the Flyer. Money for the Flyer is ringfenced and used when needed.

A4321	01/12/20	Mark Stansby – Wilts council	RE: Estimate to Supply and install 2 x Walkers In Road Warning Signs, Manor Hill, Ramsbury. F/w to Councillors	See Item 7C
A4322	01/12/20	Elections – Wilts council	RE: Electoral Register - 2020/2021. Sheila Glass	Noted
A4325	03/12/20	Sue Hine – Clerk to Minal PC	RE: Enquiry - Tree Surveys. Sheila Glass	Minal PC to have a tree survey done. The only trees on R&A PC land are the trees down the side of the Whittonditch play area. Action: SG to contact J Hawkins re price of survey. SG to contact Minal PC re price for their survey.
A4326	03/12/20	Tracey Ince - Wiltshire Police	RE: Church Watch Newsletter - Nov 2020. F/w to Councillors	Action- SG has written to the Police Commissioner asking why can Police send out Churchwatch information to all PCs and not send out Police Crime reports
A4327	03/12/20	Katie Fielding – Community first	RE: Wiltshire Communities Prepared & Together Webinar. F/w to Councillors	SG to attend
A4328	03/12/20	Andrew Jack – Wilts council	RE: Marlborough CATG agenda, 10.00am 10th December. Sheila Glass	See Item 9
A4330	07/12/20	Karen Rees	RE: BKV December Progress. Sheila Glass	See Item 12
A4332	08/12/20	Tim Eliot Cohen	RE: Millstone. Sheila Glass	Mr Eliot Cohen has the Millstone and the plaque and will erect it soon. Action -SG to ask for photo of it to be put on the website
A4334	08/12/20	School Business Manager	RE: Free school meals - received confirmation from Wiltshire Council that we will receive funding from the central government's Covid Winter Grant Scheme for our free school meal families. Sheila Glass	Noted

7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Planning

Diann Barnett

PLANNING REPORT RAMSBURY AND AXFORD PARISH COUNCIL – December 2020
 Planning Applications Processed since November 2020 Report –

NEW ITEMS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Comments REQ. date
1.12.20	2009839/FUL	Elm Bank, Whittonditch Rd, SN8 2QA	Single storey extension with replacement timber outbuilding (PC has no objection)	31.12.20
1.12.20	20/10691/TCA	Crammer Cottage, SN8 2PN	2 acers remove and replace with Japanese maple.(PC has no objection)	23.12.20
1.12.20	20/10701/TCA	New House, Burdett Street, SN8 2QX	Trim conifer and reshape (PC has no objection)	23.12.20
24.11.20	20/07498/FUL	Land next to Anvil Cottage, Newtown Rd	Remove barn and build new house	8.12.20

* w/e 8.12.2020

STILL AWAITED:

Report date w/e	App Number	Site location	Proposal	status
11.9.2020	20/07226/LBC	Brookside, Newtown Road	Replace some windows PC had no objection	.waiting

w/e 8.12.2020

DECISIONS:

Report date w/e	App. Number	Site location	Proposal	Decision
14.10.20	20/08459/TCA	15 Oxford St, Ramsbury	Fell 2 leylandii	No objection
16.10.20	20/09022/TCA	The Gallery, Back Lane, Ramsbury	Reduce beech by 25%	No objection
16.10.20	20/09035/TCA	7-8 Isles Road,	Reduce hawthorn and hazel to 6-8'	No objection
23.10.20	20/09073/TCA	The Rectory, Back Lane, SN8 2QH	Work to trees in conservation area	No objection
28.10.20	20/09077/FUL	2 Lawrence Mead, Back Lane SN8 2RW	Single storey rear extension	approved
4.11.20	20/09566/TCA	Raven House, High Street SN8 2PA	Work to trees in conservation area	approved
7.11.20	20/09571/TCA	Evelyn House, High Street, SN8 2PA	Work to trees in conservation area	No objection

*w/e 8.12.202

B Finance

Sheila Glass

Budget proposal 2021/22. SG proposed to precept £55,220. Seconded by DB and **All in favour**
 SG and CS to complete precept request forms and send off.

C Rights of Way

Lynn Jauncey

Committee meeting – SG proposed and DB seconded that LJ be elected as chair of the Rights of Way Committee. EH to join R of W committee too.

Diversion of footpath RAMS19 at Eastridge – The original pathway had not been maintained and had already been diverted. The proposed diversion will make the route much shorter. The situation needs to be reviewed before the PC comments. Signs to be put up at either end of the path stating that there is a proposal to divert the path and if anyone wishes to comment they should contact the PC. DE to also put this on social media.

Quote for pedestrian signs at Manor - £568 for fitting two signs. SG to query cost

Action SG to ask M Stansby for an itemised quote

Boundary Walk – may be held on Aug 2021 Bank holiday weekend.

D Play Areas & Seats*Denise Edwards*

Play Areas are open

Play areas report Dec 2020

Inspection of Knowledge Crescent play area was conducted on 29th November after R Y reported damage to the plastic bird spikes on the toddler swing seat. RY has very generously replaced them today using the spares from the office. RY will continue to monitor possibility of vandalism or age of plastic. Visual inspection on 1st December of Ashley Piece play area and adult trim trail - all is well. Dog poo dispensers to be ordered for these play areas. Axford - DE has not had to opportunity to measure the rubber matting again, just to be sure, before proposing an order for rubber matting approx cost £400.

F Recreation Centre*George Hawes*

Now open according to prevalent regulations

G Emergency Committee*Helen Lloyd/Sheila Glass***Covid 19 report**

Love Marlborough Kid's Meals – Very pleased with the £250 donation. They are not able to use volunteer drivers to deliver meals due to confidentiality

Wiltshire Council catch up meeting 1/12/20 report SG had attended this meeting. The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub contact number will be put on the website.

The main Libraries are running an order and collect service. WC are keeping a watching brief on the situation, it is more organised now than at the beginning. All Y11 are out at St John's 1 positive case Marlborough PO closed.

Ramsbury Does Christmas

On Sat 5th Dec 10am – 12 noon DE organised a very good plant sale on the Memorial Hall car park, helped by DB, together with the Ramsbury Band, and homemade chutney being sold. The British Legion sold take - away tea/coffee/cake and C Barrett sold Christmas wreaths. The Charity Shop did well, Made in Ramsbury did well and the Post Office was busy all morning. Three vintage tractors were at the Tree. It was so good to see the village alive and busy. SG thanked all those who were involved.

On Sunday 20th Dec 10am – 12 noon there will be plants for sale on the Memorial hall car park. The Band will play. The Gourmet Goat Farmer will be here. C Barratt will be selling wreaths. The Legion will sell take-away tea and coffee and the Charity Shop will be open.

There will be a Carol Service in the churchyard at 3pm with the Ramsbury band and Bella Voce

H Policy Committee*Sheila Glass***8 AXFORD***Diann Barnett*

The SID machine at the west end of Axford is not working , could be due to lack of sun, DB to monitor.

9 CATG*Sheila Glass***Meeting December 10th –report- SG attended on Zoom.**

Chilton Foliat had requested a 40mph sign on the East end of the village before the 30mph sign. There will need to be a speed review, SG asked if Ramsbury could share costs with Chilton Foliat as PC had made a similar request. Cost of speed review is £1500/£2000. SG protested at price and of the cost to put up the signs at the Manor crossing. CATG to write to WC to question costs. SG then stated that CATG was originally set up to finance easily completed tasks not huge tasks like Froxfield. CATG to review the situation.

10 MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD

Next meeting 26/1/21

11 ALLOTMENTS*Denise Edwards*

Allotment rent has been paid to Parish Council who in turn will pay rental to J Talmage. Allotment Association in conjunction with the Charity Shop had a great morning at Ramsbury Does Christmas.5/12/20. Thanks to Paul & Frankie for the very generous plant donations. We are doing it all again [on Sunday 20 December](#). Leases have gone out to plot holders and we are looking forward to 2021. We would like to wish all growers within the parish a happy growing year.

12 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Benches in Square – not completed yet

Christmas trees are up and lit SG has written to thank A Ewing and his team for all their work.

December Report K&M Rees

BKV Wildflower Meadows:-

1. Eddie Starr has broken up the ground behind the bench on Springs Hill ready to set the raised beds in place for the meadow.

Other tasks undertaken:-

1. Tidied and strimmed the grass around the bench and bridge at Springs Hill. We note that the dead leaves have been swept away and the drains have been cleaned.

2. Tidied the weeds around the new bench on Back Lane. Pulled ivy away from the 20MPH sign and from the street signage. We have asked Adrian to help us keep the area tidy next year as he lives very close by.

3. Strimmed the grass either side of the planters on Newtown so that the plants are visible. Cut the branches away from the area adjacent to the planter to make it easier to maintain. Spoke to Leon who lives over the road and he has agreed to help Kate Andrews with the watering next summer for us.

4. Put up Christmas lights and decorations around the planter on Whittonditch.

5. Put up the Christmas lights around the information/phone boxes in the village.

Plans for Next Month:-

1. Take the lights down.

Of Note

1. Reported Street lights not working opposite J Blunts house on Back Lane, in the playing area at Knowledge and on the turn toward the surgery on Whittonditch.

2. Someone keeps leaving old books inside the phone box on the High St. I keep throwing them away, no one wants them and I don't believe we ever intended to use the phone box as a library. Could the PC please consider putting a note on the phone box to stop books being left there.

3. Bins... recycle bin left out permanently outside 21 Whittonditch Rd. Green bin left out permanently at the bottom of Tankard Lane.

4. Drains have been cleared by WC on Whittonditch, the blocked drains near the information box to be investigated by the WC engineer to see what can be done to improve drainage.

5. Robert Copp has done a splendid job tidying up the hedges around the public conveniences and has cut the ivy away from the top of the building.

6. Flyers are once again being displayed on lamp posts around the village after a 7 month break. Whilst electronic media is available to all, there seems to be a need for some form of public notice board where clubs/societies can pin up posters.

13 BRITISH LEGION - closed

14 MEMORIAL GARDEN winter planting now completed.

15 TELEPHONE BOX IN HIGH STREET – no news

16 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES *Sheila Glass/Di Barnett/ Denise Edwards*

R Copp had cut the foliage -split costs with LCC

L Davis coming Tues 15th Dec to fix the locks

17 MEMORIAL HALL

A few activities now open

George Hawes

18 NATURE RESERVE

Nothing to report

Chris Morgan

19 WEBSITE

Updated regularly

20 VANDALISM

Midway Stores was broken into.

21 PATIENTS REP

George Hawes

Ramsbury Surgery has been approved for the distribution of the Coronavirus vaccine and are ready.

22 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

			PC 14/12/2020			
	Accounts for DECEMBER 2020	TOTAL	Net	VAT	DD/BACS DEB/FPI/CASH/BGC	S137
I3340	BATTERY Station - 5 box of 20 Industrial Batteries for Christmas trees	85.74	71.45	14.29	DEB (SG)	No
I3341	Festive Lights - Outdoor Battery Fairy Lights for Christmas trees	34.97	29.14	5.83	DEB (SG)	No
I3342	Post Office Ramsbury - Posting Village Design Statement to Resident	1.40	1.40	0.00	DEB (SG)	No
I3343	Tesco Stores - Gift - Mr G Curtis for help with Office Computer - Chairman's Allowance	25.00	20.83	4.17	DEB (SG)	No
I3344	Post Office Ramsbury - Printing Paper for Office	15.98	13.32	2.66	DEB (CS)	No
I3345	ZOOM Pro for Parish Council Meetings - ongoing Debit Card payment (SG) - COVID	14.39	11.99	2.40	DEB (SG)	No
I3346	British Gas - Electricity for Public Toilets for November 2020 Increase to £34.00 next Month	34	32.38	1.62	DD	No
I3347	PlusNet Broadband Service November 2020 - Broadband	15.21	12.67	2.54	DD	No
I3348	I&I IONOS Web Package Basic Fee November 2020 - website hosting service	8.39	6.99	1.40	DD	No
I3349	Carol Standage October 2020 Salary	416.22	416.22	0.00	BACS	No
I3350	Mary Holdsworth October 2020 Minute Taking	95.85	95.85	0.00	BACS	No
I3351	J Talmage & Son - Hedge Cutting - Whittonditch Road to Playing Field	84.00	70.00	14.00	BACS	No
I3352	Love Marlborough - St Mary's Church - Kids Meals. Agreed in November Meeting	250.00	250.00	0.00	BACS	No
I3353	R Copp - Grass Cutting 2020	1495.00	1495.00	00.00	BACS	No
		2576.15	2527.24	48.91		

Final accounts Pro. DE, sec RY, all councillors agreed.

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	Payments Received					S137
R537	Ramsbury Allotment Association	600.00	600.00	00.00	CH	NO
	TOTAL	600.00	600.00	00.00		

BANK BALANCE on 30th November 2020:

CURRENT ACCOUNT 104,895.28 NB this figure includes ring fenced funds of **£47,961** for long term capital projects, **£277** for defibrillators **£22,000** for Flyer plus allocated budget for the year and contingency.

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY JANUARY 18TH 2021

**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**

If you wish to attend a meeting please contact the Clerk

Public meetings are suspended until further notice.