

WOOTTON ST LAWRENCE WITH RAMSDELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13th March 2023 at Ramsdell Village Hall

Present: Cllr Sarah Curtis, Chairman
Cllr Jane James, Cllr Chris Fenner
Cllr Greg Childs, Cllr John Davies
Cllr Jenny Englefield, Kirsty Shaw - Parish Clerk,
Cllr Jay Ganesh, Cllr Abigail Compton-Burnett from 7.34pm
Three members of the public

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Rhydian Vaughan.

2. Register of Interests

There were no updates to the register of interests.

3. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

Cllr Curtis and Cllr Ganesh met to confirm where the jubilee trees will be planted but they cannot plant until the autumn.

The bench in Ramsdell has been installed.

Cllr McIntyre was arranging a meeting about the National Planning Policy but there has been no update.

6. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Vaughan sends the Parish Council regular updates from Hampshire County Council. The Parish Council requested a grant from Cllr Vaughan towards getting a speed monitor to use in the villages. A grant of £1k was awarded. The signpost which disappeared in Wootton St Lawrence still hasn't been replaced.

The road signs which were left by HCC in Charter Alley have still not been collected.

7. Police Report

There will be a new PCSO for the Rural Team, Kieron Venn.

Cllr Englefield and Cllr Curtis attended a Police meeting last week and they spoke about fly tipping, rural policing and firearms. There are only 10 rural police offices in the Hampshire area.

8. Play Area Updates

The play areas have continued to be inspected by BDBC. There was a concern raised about a piece of timber decaying in the Ramsdell play area. Cllr Englefield has checked on this and it does need to be replaced. The Clerk will contact the play equipment company.

9. Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Ganesh advised he had met with Cllr Curtis to agree where the Jubilee trees could be planted around September / October time. The Borough Council are working on the green agenda to make Basingstoke greener. They are working on initiatives and collaborating with industries such as solar panel companies to achieve targets for green energy.

Plans for the leisure park have been approved. The council have been approached by a US investor who would like to bring in a water park and hotel. It was agreed that this would be at the golf course and they are starting to look at contractors.

The Kings Coronation is due soon and there is a grant that parishes can request for an event.

The Parish Council missed out on a grant to go towards the speed monitor this financial year but they can apply next financial year.

Cllr Fenner asked about the Manydown development. Cllr Childs confirmed he had met with Urban and Civic, the tree work is in preparation for the junction. It was noted that it may be some time before any houses are built. Cllr Childs advised he has tried to contact BDBC about Manydown but has had no response. Cllr Ganesh confirmed he could help to chase this up.

Cllr Fenner asked about the Local Plan. Cllr Ganesh confirmed there is still work to be done and it is hoped to have more direction in May. The new plan will be released in September.

10. Highways and related items

There has been a lot of work undertaken in Wootton St Lawrence on the drainage but there is still flooding.

The burnt out car is still on the track in Wootton St Lawrence.

Cllr Englefield noted that a footpath sign is missing in Ramsdell..

An issue with the steps on a footpath has been reported. A member of the public says that people have fallen on them. The spacing has been taken from domestic measurements and they are too steep. Cllr Englefield confirmed she can ask that this is reviewed.

Cllr James highlighted that pot holes are an issue in West Heath. Cllr Ganesh confirmed he and Cllr McIntyre have been reporting them but some of the pot holes that have been repaired are damaged again.

A query was raised about properties having sleepers and whether this is allowed.

11. Lengthsman's Scheme

The Parish Council have signed up to be part of the scheme again for 2023/24.

Cllr Compton-Burnett arrived at this point 7.34pm

12. Financial Matters

12.1 The financial statements as at the end of January and February were agreed and the bank statements signed. The Parish Council currently have a total of £10,588.08 in the bank account.

12.2 The following payments were approved:

000758 – Ramsdell Village Hall – Hire - £105.00
000759 – Kirsty Shaw – Clerk Fees/HMRC - £301.54

The Parish Council received £1000 grant from Hampshire County Council for the speed monitor.

12.3 The budget for 2023/24 was discussed it was agreed the following:

£1500 – speed monitor
£5000 – culvert
£3000 – grants
£1000 – consultancy fees for planning applications and appeals
£900 – insurance
£2000 – to cover possibility of any fees for the lease of the cricket pavilion.

13. Planning Applications (please refer to BDBC website or click on the links below)

Planning Applications

To receive and discuss planning applications. The Parish Council comments can be found on Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council website or click on the links below.

- **Demolition of an existing detached workshop and erection of a replacement workshop and ancillary accommodation.** 

Devonia Deans Lane Charter Alley Hampshire RG26 5SE
Ref. No: 23/00424/HSE | Received: Mon 20 Feb 2023 | Validated: Mon 20 Feb 2023 | Status: Registered

- **Construction of Agricultural access track** 

Manor Farm Upper Wootton Road Wootton St Lawrence Hampshire
Ref. No: 23/00357/AGPD | Received: Fri 10 Feb 2023 | Validated: Fri 10 Feb 2023 | Status: Registered

The Parish Council have no concerns this will reduce the amount of tractors on the lanes.

- **Change of use and conversion of village hall into 1 no. dwelling with associated access, parking, landscaping and private amenity space.** 

Ramsdell Village Hall Basingstoke Road Ramsdell Hampshire RG26 5RB
Ref. No: 23/00277/FUL | Received: Fri 03 Feb 2023 | Validated: Fri 03 Feb 2023 | Status: Registered

The Parish Council will be submitting comments by the end of the month.

- **Variation of condition 1 (Approved Plans) and 15 (Biodiversity Enhancement and Management Plan (BEMP)) of permission 21/02134/TDC** 

Land At OS Ref 459547 157592 Monk Sherborne Road Charter Alley Hampshire
Ref. No: 23/00188/ROC | Received: Tue 24 Jan 2023 | Validated: Tue 24 Jan 2023 | Status:
Registered

14. Local Planning Concerns / Local Plan Update

There were no updates.

15. Bee Festival Update

It is the 400th anniversary of the publication of Charles Butler's bee keeping book this year. A Bee festival is planned to take place in August in Wootton. There are two days planned. The first day is a fayre for the general public then the second day is for the bee keepers' annual meeting and speakers in the church. Parking will be on the development ground rather than in the village. The event will be bigger than last year but will be controlled. It is hoped to plant more wild flowers in Wootton St Lawrence to encourage bees.

16. Correspondence

Cllr Hayley Eachus circulated a climate change letter.

A letter was received from Winklebury and Manydown to the residents of Wootton St Lawrence suggesting a get together for the Coronation.

17. Date of next meeting and items for the agenda

Monday 22nd May 2023 - Ramsdell Village Hall - 7.00pm

The meeting ended at 8.03pm