

WOOTTON ST LAWRENCE WITH RAMSDELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 22nd May 2023 at Ramsdell Village Hall

Present: Cllr Sarah Curtis, Chairman
Cllr Jane James, Cllr Chris Fenner
Cllr Greg Childs, Cllr Jenny Englefield,
Kirsty Shaw - Parish Clerk, Cllr David McIntyre,
Cllr Simon Minus-Bound
Steve Jenkins – Briggs and Stone
Jill Smallman, Natural Basingstoke 7.16pm for Item 7 until 7.29pm
Seven members of the public

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Jane James proposed Cllr Sarah Curtis as Chairman, this was seconded by all other members. Cllr Jane James proposed Cllr Chris Fenner as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by all other members.

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Compton-Burnett, Cllr Rhydian Vaughan and Cllr Jay Ganesh.

3. Register of Interests

There were no updates to the register of interests.

4. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising that are not on the agenda for the meeting.

7. Litter Picking

Cllr Ganesh contacted Jill Smallman and invited Jill to attend the meeting. Jill confirmed there are 18 groups in Basingstoke and Deane. Natural Basingstoke is a conversation group and their insurance does not cover litter picking but they have guidance and rules to follow if people wish to litter pick. There are concerns of people litter picking on country lanes and especially on the A339.

If private citizens wish to litter pick they should wear hi-viz and work against the traffic, wear gloves and use plastic litter pickers. BDBC can then collect litter if the street cleansing team are contacted.

Jill confirmed there is some training available, if anyone would like this please contact Natural Basingstoke.

The Chairman thanked Jill for attending the meeting. Jill left at 7.29pm

8. County Councillor's Report

Report sent via email and circulated to the Parish Councillors.

9. Police Report

A Police report was submitted for Annual Review Meeting last week there were no further updates.

10. Play Area Updates

The play areas have continued to be inspected by BDBC. There is a post that needs to be replaced at Ramsdell play area. The Clerk has asked the company to give a quote to fit the replacement post. The grass has been cut in the play area.

11. Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Simon Minus-Bound confirmed he has been voted out as leader of BDBC. Cllr Paul Harvey is now the leader. Cllr David McIntyre confirmed he, Cllr Minus-Bound and Cllr Ganesh will continue to serve the local parishes.

Cllr Fenner asked about housing. Cllr Minus-Bound advised BDBC would like to slow down the level of building and there needs to be affordable housing.

12. Lengthsman's Scheme

The Lengthsman has cut the grass in Ramsdell.

13. Highways and related items

Pot holes were discussed and it was confirmed they could be reported to BDBC online.

Cllr McIntyre suggested to request speeding equipment from Donna Jones, Police and Crime Commissioner. The Clerk will contact. Cllr McIntyre confirmed Sherborne St John Parish Council are gaining evidence to control the speeding on the A340. There are strips across the road and the survey results should be ready in 6 to 8 weeks.

Jill Smallman, Natural Basingstoke, arrived at this point 7.16pm and Item 7. Litter Picking was discussed.

14. Financial Matters

14.1 The financial statements as at the end of March was agreed and the bank statement signed. The Parish Council currently have a total of £11,000 in the bank account.

14.2 Accounts Year End 31st March 2023

The accounts for the Year End 31st March 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

The asset register was discussed, it was clarified that the cricket pavilion is not owned by the Parish Council but the Parish Council do own the land.

It has been highlighted that Newfound Playing Fields were given to the Parish Council by the Manydown Estate. The Parish Council lease this land to Oakley and Deane PC apart from one small triangle of land that is still owned by our PC. Oakley and Deane PC would like to take possession of this extra land for use for storage etc. The PC thought that one solution would be to transfer the freehold ownership of the entire playing field area to Oakley and Deane PC subject to a

restrictive covenant to continue to use the site for its current purpose. Councillor Fenner will discuss this idea with BDBC.

14.3 The following payments were approved:

000761 – Ramsdell Cricket Club – Grassing Cutting - £1600
000762 – Wel Medical Ltd – de-fibrillatory pads - £79.08
000763 – Ramsdell Church and Village Hall - £70.00
000764 – Haines Planning Consultancy Ltd - £120.00
000765 – Vision ICT – Hosted Emails - £151.20
000766 – HALC - £288.57
000767 – Mr Gibson – contribution towards gate - £258.00
000768 – Jane James – bench fixture - £145.00
000769 – Kirsty Shaw – Clerk Fees, HMRC, printing and litter posters - £291.60

14.4 Budget 2023-24

There was no discussion about the Budget 2023-24

15. 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.

- [Proposed erection of single storey Timber Double Garage and store](#) 

Bassetts White Hart Lane Charter Alley Hampshire RG26 5QA

Ref. No: 23/00967/HSE | Received: Fri 14 Apr 2023 | Validated: Fri 14 Apr 2023 | Status: Registered

- [Conversion, adaption and replacement of existing farm buildings to provide farm shop \(Use Class E \(a\)\) with ancillary cafe \(Use Class E \(b\)\), related new access from existing access serving Old Landes Bungalow and realignment of existing access, parking and landscaping.](#) 

Woodgarston Farm Kingsclere Road Upper Wootton Hampshire RG26 5TD

Ref. No: 23/00657/FUL | Received: Tue 14 Mar 2023 | Validated: Thu 23 Mar 2023 | Status: Registered

- [Erection of detached single storey garage and home working office](#)

Pillarbox House West Heath Road West Heath Baurhurst Hampshire RG26 5LE

Ref. No: 23/00635/HSE | Received: Mon 13 Mar 2023 | Validated: Mon 13 Mar 2023 | Status: Decided

- [Erection of padel court shelter over approved padel tennis court](#)

Manydown Tennis Club Ibworth Lane Wootton St Lawrence Hampshire RG23 8PE
Ref. No: 23/00520/FUL | Received: Tue 28 Feb 2023 | Validated: Tue 28 Feb 2023 | Status: Decided

Woodgarston Farm planning application was discussed. Steve Jenkins from Briggs and Stone was present at the meeting as well as local residents.

Barry, a local resident who lives in Monk Sherborne is concerned about the development due to the increase of traffic and a right turn on a blind bend intersection coming from Newbury. Concerns there will be an increase of traffic accidents on an already worrying road and where there are already many accidents. There is concern about the ghost lane in the middle of the road, traffic could be tailing back. This could affect the local villages if used as a cut through. Barry firmly objected to the planning application.

Judy, a local resident, advised when the planning application first came out, she visited the Cobbs site which works well. If alterations are made to the junction that would reduce the through traffic. Accidents are caused by drivers and not roads. Judy confirmed she thinks the application is good for the villages and may slow down the traffic going to the villages.

Cllr McIntyre would like to see the highways response to this application.

Steve Jenkins gave apologies for the Directors. He confirmed the access will be formed from a major new junction where the water waste treatment is. The scheme will involve a majority right turn from Basingstoke and there will be a right hand turn lane. The plan includes 85 car parking spaces and it is hoped it will be a destination to shop and use the public right of way paths to enjoy the country. There have been no accidents in the last 23 years but he agreed that it is a high speed road and that the junction should be carefully designed.

Cllr Childs highlighted there are comments on the planning application with concerns about the effects on local businesses, such as the shop and deli. Cllr McIntyre noted it will be a larger organisation with less local produce.

Cllr Minus-Bound added Rooksdown Lane was closed due to a right turn onto A339 and it is the same here it is a fast road with a right turn and this is where the danger is.

Steve Jenkins read the letter from the Director, David Neale-Smith.

Cllr Fenner stated representations should be made and allow HCC to undertake a traffic survey. Steve Jenkins noted the junction will be a simple right turn and leaving the site to Newbury will be a single right turn.

16. Local Planning Concerns / Local Plan Update

There were no updates.

- 17. Bee Festival Update**
Cllr Childs advised the Bee Festival has their own website and a go fund me page. It is thecharlesbutler400.co.uk
- 18. Correspondence**
The Chairman advised the Parish Council received a letter from Ramsdell Village Hall requesting further funding.
- 19. Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**
Monday 17th July 2023 - Ramsdell Village Hall - 7.00pm
Speed Monitor
Grants

The meeting ended at 8.13pm