

WOOTTON ST LAWRENCE WITH RAMSDELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15th July 2024 at Ramsdell Village Hall, 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Sarah Curtis, Chairman
Cllr Jane James, Cllr Jenny Englefield,
Cllr Martin Schimmer, Cllr Greg Childs, Cllr Simon Minas-Bound,
Kirsty Shaw - Parish Clerk, Three members of the public

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr David McIntyre, Cllr Jay Ganesh and PC Simon Denton.

2. Register of Interests

Cllr Schimmer advised he was volunteering for Citizens Advice but is now undertaking paid work. There were no other updates to the register of interests.

3. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

6. Open forum – for members of the public to comment on any agenda items

A member of the public noted in Monk Sherborne Road there is dirt and grass cuttings in the ditches which has caused flooding. It was suggested the Parish Council could put a notice in the parish magazine and on Facebook pages requesting residents don't do this. Cllr Simon Minas-Bound highlighted this is officially fly tipping so residents could be prosecuted for doing this.

7. County Councillor's Report

Reports from Cllr Vaughan and HCC have been circulated to the Parish Council regularly.

8. Police Report

The Police sent apologies but sent a report in their absence. The main issues have been trespassers on land either fly tipping or poaching along the A339 between Wootton St Lawrence and Kingsclere.

Cllr Sarah Curtis advised there had been an attempted burglary in Wootton St Lawrence recently.

9. Play Area Updates

The play areas have continued to be inspected by BDBC. The only issue raised since the last meeting is the bench at Wootton St Lawrence which has overgrown vegetation surrounding it.

10. Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Minas-Bound noted the Parish Council should have received an email regarding the Local Plan Consultation and all comments are available online. The new round of Grant funding is available should the Parish Council like to request funding.

Cllr Minas-Bound highlighted there is a permanent injunction in place for five years for unauthorised encampments for the borough. The Borough Council will see if this can be renewed but the High Court is being more difficult. Borough Council's will need to signpost encampments to places where they can go, managed stopping places with toilets and waste facilities. It is likely this will be A roads with laybys. There will need to be a new policy.

Cllr Martin Schimmer said there had been considerable debate about the application of planning policy to land adjacent to Kings Peace and other recent applications. On behalf of the Parish Council he contacted our three local Borough Councillors for their comments but there was no response. Cllr Minas-Bound confirmed it was a technical position so they tend not to comment. Cllr Schimmer highlighted that the way policy SS6 has been applied to recent applications has led to inconsistent decisions by the Development Control Committee. Cllr Minas-Bound advised he is on that committee and there are clear instructions from legal and the policy team. If they say the wrong thing too many times and it goes to appeal it goes to the Secretary of State to make decisions. 36% of applications are turned over by the Planning Inspectorate. Cllr Minas-Bound said the test would be if the members agree with the officer's recommendation, they are expected to follow the officer's advice. Cllr Schimmer pointed out that in this case they didn't follow the officer's advice, and the inconsistent application of policy has implications across the borough. For example, the planning application in Deans Lane was rejected due to the land being considered isolated. Cllr Minas-Bound explained this is one criteria, there is no assessment criteria and it is largely the opinion of the officers, which could be down to whether they like the application or not. The committee want consistency but the only come back is if there is an appeal or not.

Cllr Jenny Englefield asked if members stay in that role now the elections have taken place. Cllr Minas-Bound advised they try to make it more consistent. If there are nine members on Development Control there are nine substitutes. Some people are for developments and others are against. There are some wards that have a lot of applications which means some members are more keen to sit on them, everyone's perspectives are different. Cllr Schimmer reiterated that the application of the policy seems inconsistent and he was not very impressed by the quality of debate at the relevant Development Control Committee meeting which he had viewed online.

11. Lengthsman's Scheme

The lengthsman has cut the grass in the play area. It has been noted some of the posts at the recreation ground at Ramsdell are rotting. Cllr Englefield and Cllr Curtis will speak to the Lengthsman to look at replacing them.

Clerk to check what funds are left in the scheme.

12. Highways

Cllr Jane James advised she has been in contact with Highways about potholes and verges and they would like photos but it is not easy to do this. Cllr James has emailed Ecophon about traffic.

Cllr Curtis has reported the grit box needs replacing. She added there are various footpaths in Wootton St Lawrence are unpassable and she has contacted Manydown who are trying to get the paths cleared.

It was noted the footpath at Tangier have styles not so it is not easy to walk dogs. Cllr Greg Childs advised it was agreed that styles were adequate. Cllr Englefield noted they were told to put kissing gates in their footpath.

Cllr Curtis noted there is a fete on in Wootton St Lawrence on 3rd August and it would be helpful to have the grass cut the week before. Clerk will contact BDBC to organise this.

12.1 Update on SID

The SIDs is now in progress for Ramsdell, Hampshire County Council will be requesting contractors put up the posts and as soon as this is arranged the SID can be ordered.

13. Financial Matters

13.1 The financial statements as at the end of April, May and June and bank statements were agreed and signed. There was a total of £15,955.60 in the bank at the end of June.


13.2 The following payments were approved:

Clerk Fee and HMRC - £349.66
Ramsdell Village Hall Hire - £11
Vision ICT - £471.76
Hampshire County Council - £2,734.79

It was noted Ramsdell Village Hall were overpaid by £35. The Clerk has raised this with the Village Hall and they will organise a discounted invoice later on in the financial year to cover this.

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

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.

- [Oak \(T1\) - Carry out a tip reduction on the westerly side only by approximately 2-3m encroaching dwelling, pruning to suitable growth points. This will form a more natural shape and balance due to historic works previously being carried out on the easterly side, leaving a radial spread of approximately 7m. *note this is a 3rd party tree encroaching dwelling. Permission has been sought through The Manydown Rural Estate. Willow \(T2\) - Pollard. Carry out a crown reduction to just above previous reduction points to a finished height of approximately 5m and radial spread of approximately 3m.](#) 

2 Basingstoke Road Ramsdell Hampshire RG26 5RB

Ref. No: T/00303/24/TCA | Received: Fri 21 Jun 2024 | Validated: Tue 25 Jun 2024 | Status: Registered

- [Removal of sweet chestnut tree located on the boundary of 22 and 20 Basingstoke Road, Ramsdell. Sectional dismantle of tree to ground level and stump removal via grinding to facilitate boundary fence installation, and to allow better light to both properties and juvenile trees that have been planted close by. There is also concern around damage/injury to young children caused by falling conkers. Arborist Comments: Tree has four stems all from the base which has potential to fail, it is more vulnerable to high winds and stress from later growth. The tree is overpowering in size over both properties. It has a LV power line running through the centre of the tree which is now rubbing onto the line, which could cause this tree to become live or cause damage to the DNO infrastructure, which is both dangerous to the owners, neighbours and any surrounding pets etc. as well as potential wider impact to the electricity supply of some of the village.](#)

22 Basingstoke Road Ramsdell Hampshire RG26 5RB

Ref. No: T/00297/24/TCA | Received: Tue 18 Jun 2024 | Validated: Tue 18 Jun 2024 | Status: Registered

- [First Floor external wrap around balcony to front and side elevation, with external spiral staircase to rear elevation. New roller shutter garage door to replace existing and new door to WC facility](#) 

Bassetts White Hart Lane Charter Alley Hampshire RG26 5QA

Ref. No: 24/01247/HSE | Received: Thu 30 May 2024 | Validated: Thu 30 May 2024 | Status: Registered

- [Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for the use of land for residential purposes.](#) 

Plantation Cottage Deans Lane Charter Alley Hampshire

Ref. No: 24/01102/LDEU | Received: Tue 14 May 2024 | Validated: Tue 14 May 2024 | Status: Registered

15. To agree dates for the public rights period

The dates for the public rights period had already been agreed and on the website. The dates will be agreed earlier within the correct timescales next year.

16. Correspondence

Information on the Local Plan has been received.

Councillors were invited to Ramsdell Cricket Club to see the club in action. Cllr Curtis and Cllr Englefield visited. The cricket club are keen to sort out the written lease for the club house so they can apply for grants to upgrade this. Cllr Englefield highlighted the club is a good facility and there is lots of use by people. It was agreed that the club could have trees cut back as long as they use professional tree surgeon working to the rules and regulations.

The Manydown Rural Estate have invited residents to see the proposals for Manor Farm in Wootton St Lawrence on 25th July between 4.00pm to 8.30pm.

- 17. Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**
Monday 16thth September 2024 - Ramsdell Village Hall - 7.00pm
Update on SID
Model Standing Order
Policies
Insurance renewal agreement

The meeting ended at 7.58pm