

WOOTTON ST LAWRENCE WITH RAMSDELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Ramsdell Village Hall, 7.00pm**

**Present:** Cllr Sarah Curtis, Chairman  
Cllr Jane James, Cllr Jenny Englefield,  
Cllr Martin Schimmer, Cllr Greg Childs  
Cllr Rhydian Vaughan – HCC,  
Three members of the public

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Police sent a apologies.

**2. Register of Interests**

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 previous meeting were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**5. Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**6. County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Rhydian Vaughan reported HCC are busy with devolution currently. The race has started for the role of Mayor. There are several applications for solar farms in the area, there are many concerns about this.

**7. Police Report**

The Police sent apologies but sent an update. In Wootton St Lawrence there have been one report of a suspicious person, report of a male lurking in the bushes near Manydown Park. Also a burglary of a business, two males spotted trying to force entry to a barn. They were startled by the landowner and made off on bikes.

In Ramsdell a report of a residential burglary was received. A garage had been broken into and a chainsaw taken.

Cllr Childs noted there have been two burnt out cars in Pack Lane and Newfound.

**8. Play Area Updates**

The play areas have continued to be inspected by BDBC. No issues have been reported since the last meeting.

**9. Borough Councillor's Report**

There was no representative from the Borough Council.

**10. Lengthsman's Scheme**

There are no funds left in the scheme for this financial year.

## **11. Highways**

It was highlighted Basingstoke Road is currently shut due to a gas leak.

Ecophon are keen to speak to the Parish Council about the traffic in the village.

The sharp bend in one of the villages was discussed at the last meeting but Highways have said there is no need to have a sign there. If they were to put too many they would be ignored.

It was noted there is flooding on the road to Wootton St Lawrence opposite Woodgarston. Cllr Vaughan advised to keep reporting issues. He will flag up the road.

Cllr James highlighted footpaths and rights of way. She noted she has reported Hollybush Lane, it is impassable now. Cllr Englefield suggested contacting the British Horse Society. Cllr Schimmer asked if there are any rules about horses. Cllr Englefield replied if it is a bridle way they are allowed to use the whole bridle way.

The Chairman asked if there was any news about Tangiers footpath. Cllr Childs advised no they were told to put it back where it was.

### **11.1 Update on SID in Ramsdell**

It was confirmed the SID had been turned around. It was agreed that a further SID should be purchased, the Clerk will gain quotes for the Parish Council to make a decision at the next meeting in May.

## **12. Ramsdell Recreation Ground and Cricket Pavilion**

Ramsdell Cricket Club have someone organising the wording for the lease and it is hoped this will be agreed soon.

## **13. Financial Matters**

**13.1** The financial statements as at the end of January and February and the bank statements were agreed. There was a total of £46,511.58 in the bank at the end of February.

**13.2** The following payments were approved and will be paid online via bank transfer:

Clerk Fee, HMRC and ICO - £407.35

Vision ICT Ltd (Cllr email address) - £28.00

The Parish Council received a VAT reclaim of £1074.86 which was paid into the bank account on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

### **13.3 To Adopt NALC Model Financial Regulations**

The Parish Council agreed to adopt the NALC Model Financial Regulations.

### **13.4 To Agree the Financial Risk Assessment**

The Parish Council agreed the Financial Risk Assessment

14. **Open Forum**

One member of the public highlighted the verges in Ramsdell are non-existent. They have lived there for 48 years and it is the worst they have been. The footpath has been driven on so it has sunk. It was confirmed that the Parish Council would try to meet with one of the local companies whose lorries drive through the village regularly.

15. **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.

•  
[Demolition of redundant village hall and construction of single storey, semi-detached 2no. 2 bed residential properties](#)



Ramsdell Village Hall Basingstoke Road Ramsdell Tadley Hampshire RG26 5RE

Ref. No: 25/00478/FUL | Received: Fri 28 Feb 2025 | Validated: Fri 28 Feb 2025 | Status: Registered

•  
[Six bay steel framed extension to existing grainstore and extension to existing building to provide sprayer building.](#)



Lower Farm Basingstoke Road Ramsdell Tadley Hampshire RG26 5RD

Ref. No: 25/00407/AGRM | Received: Fri 21 Feb 2025 | Validated: Fri 21 Feb 2025 | Status: Registered

•  
[Variation of conditions 1, 7 and 19 of 23/02389/ROC to amend the approved plans, amend wording on condition 7 to reference the site plan relating to car parking and cycle storage, and to amend the wording of condition 19 relating to landscaping](#)

[Show more description](#)

Whitedown Farm Ibworth Lane Wootton St Lawrence Hampshire RG23 8PF

Ref. No: 25/00142/ROC | Received: Thu 23 Jan 2025 | Validated: Mon 27 Jan 2025 | Status: Registered

•  
[T1: Reduce height and spread of lime tree by approximately 2m leaving cuts no greater than 50m and finishing height at 30m. Crown raise tree giving 5m clearance from ground level and clearing any branches near power lines. T2: Reduce height and spread of lime tree by approximately 2m leaving cuts no greater than 50m and finishing height at 30m. Crown raise tree giving 5m clearance from ground level and clearing any branches near power lines. T3: Reduce height and spread of lime tree by approximately 2m leaving cuts no greater than 50m and finishing height at 30m. Crown raise tree giving 5m clearance from ground level and clearing any branches near power lines. T4: Reduce height and spread of lime tree by approximately 2m leaving cuts no greater than 40mm and finishing height at 20m. Crown raise tree giving 5m clearance from ground level and clearing any branches near power lines. T5:](#)

Reduce height and spread of lime tree by approximately 2m leaving cuts no greater than 50m and finishing height at 30m. Crown raise tree giving 5m clearance from ground level and clearing any branches near power lines. T6: Reduce height and spread of lime tree by approximately 2m leaving cuts no greater than 40mm and finishing height at 20m. Crown raise tree giving 5m clearance from ground level and clearing any branches near power lines. T7: Reduce height and spread of lime tree by approximately 2m leaving cuts no greater than 50m and finishing height at 30m. Crown raise tree giving 5m clearance from ground level and clearing any branches near power lines.  
Show more description

**Church House Ewhurst Road Ramsdell Hampshire RG26 5RF**

**Ref. No: T/00025/25/TCA | Received: Fri 17 Jan 2025 | Validated: Mon 20 Jan 2025 | Status: Unknown**

It was highlighted that one of the planning applications for the old Ramsdell Village Hall has been withdrawn due to a dispute about the ownership of the lane.

#### **16. Policies**

- **To agree the Grants Policy**  
A minor amendment is needed on the application form but other than this the Grants Policy was agreed.
- **To adopt BDBC Code of Conduct for Councilors**  
The Parish Council agreed to adopt the BDBC Code of Conduct for Councilors
- **To adopt ICO Publication Scheme**  
The Parish Council agreed to adopt the ICO Publication Scheme
- **To agree the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Policy**  
There were a couple of minor amendments but the Parish Council agreed to adopt the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Policy from NALC
- **To agree the Complaints Policy**  
It was suggested to change the response time from two days to five days due to the part time hours of the Clerk. The Parish Council agreed to adopt this policy from HALC.

#### **17. Correspondence**

There has been correspondence received from two local Parish Councils where there are plans for solar farms.

Cllr Englefield advised the Parish Council should start the flyer about not putting cuttings and leaves in the ditches. It was agreed to add some wording to the Parish Magazine and for noticeboards.

#### **18. Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Ramsdell Village Hall – 7.00pm – Annual Review**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Ramsdell Village Hall – 7.00pm**

Items for the agenda – CIL funding and SID

The meeting ended at 7.55pm