

WOOTTON ST LAWRENCE WITH RAMSDELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th July 2025 at Ramsdell Village Hall, 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Sarah Curtis, Chairman
Cllr Jane James, Cllr Jenny Englefield,
Cllr Martin Schimmer, Cllr Greg Childs
Kirsty Shaw, Clerk
Cllr Simon Minas-Bound, Cllr Rhydian Vaughan
Two members of the public
Martin Slatford, Sir George Brown Charity

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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. Martin Slatford – Old Ramsdell Village Hall

Martin Slatford explained the George Brown Charity are working on gaining housing at site of the Old Ramsdell Village Hall. The plan is to deliver two affordable homes for local people.

A bat survey was undertaken and then an emerging bat survey was conducted but there were no signs of bats coming in and out of the building. Next is the biodiversity net gain and if there are any new developments, they have to show a saving of 10% net gain and the survey came back as 54%. It is hoped there is a decision by September.

The Chairman confirmed the Parish Council is in support of what the charity is trying to do.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2025 and 16th June 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

7. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Rhydian Vaughan reported he looked at Ramsdell Road with Highways and a resident. Cllr Englefield highlighted local residents are complaining about the road and the speed of vehicles and they feel Local Councils are not doing anything. Cllr Simon Minas-Bound confirmed he would raise this as a concern and state that something needs to be done. Cllr Vaughan advised what is needed is more permanent passing bays and will involve local businesses. Cllr Vaughan confirmed he is happy to help with this.

The Chairman advised she had written to the Cabinet Member for Roads, Cllr Lulu Bowerman but had received no response.

Cllr Vaughan left the meeting at 7.03pm

8. Police Report

No report was received from the Police.

9. Play Area Updates

The play areas have continued to be inspected by BDBC. Cllr Englefield has spoken to the Lengthsman to request a quote for cutting the grass at Ramsdell, spraying it and then putting wood chips down.

BDBC have reported there is some damage to the perimeter fence at Ramsdell.

10. Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Minas-Bound advised the first draft of the Local Plan would be published in September.

There were some recent robberies in the area and he phoned the Police and they said they would increase their presence. Cllr Englefield advised there were some recent cold callers, one of the registrations wasn't registers and another wanted metal detectors.

11. Lengthsman's Scheme

The funds are now available for the financial year 25-26.

12. Highways

The Parish Council are still awaiting clarification if the posts can be put up for the speed indicator device for Wootton St Lawrence.

13. Update Ramsdell Recreation Ground and Cricket Pavilion

Work is continuing with the Solicitors for registering the land and also the lease for the cricket pavilion.

14. Financial Matters

14.1 The financial statements as at the end of April, May and June and the bank statement was agreed. There was a total of £86,630.09 in the bank at the end of June. It was noted the expenditure was wrong and it should have stated £54,566. The Clerk will amend this for the future financial statements.

14.2 The following payments have been made online via bank transfer since the last meeting:

Elan City – Speed Indicator Device - £3000

Do the Numbers – Internal Audit - £260

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

Clerk pay and HMRC - £384.46

Vision ICT – Website Hosting 25-26 - £225.76

Lloyds Bank Charges - £4.25

The following payments were received:

April 2025 – BDBC – CIL Funding - £36,028.46

April 2025 – BDBC – April Precept and Grass Cutting Grant - £6,482.07

It was noted the Parish Council had received three quotes for installing a water pipe into the Church at Wootton St Lawrence. The Parish Council had agreed the quote from Impact Moling. The cost was competitive, and local residents had used the company before. The funding will be from CIL. A faculty will need to be agreed by the Winchester diocese before the work can take place.

15. Open Forum

A resident asked about the gate that had been installed by the footpath. Cllr Englefield contacted BDBC, who have inspected and they don't see a problem with this. Cllr Minas-Bound noted they have used a gate instead of a fence.

16. 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.

There were no planning applications to discuss. The Chairman asked if there is any update on the solar farm planning applications. It was noted the Kingsclere solar farm has been passed. There is no news on Monk Sherborne or Sherborn St John currently. Cllr Minas-Bound advised one at St Mary Bourne has been passed and this is right in the heart of the national landscape but it is whether it is next to or visible from.

17. Correspondence

BDBC have sent an email asking Councillors to give their direct email addresses to send updates.

The proposals for the unitary authority are proposing a large area, one option is Basingstoke, Hart and Rushmoor. It was confirmed there is a meeting tomorrow to formally ratify what the preference is.

18. Date of next meeting and items for the agenda

Monday 22nd September 2025, 7.00pm, Ramsdell Village Hall

CIL

Cricket Pavilion Lease and Land Registry for Ramsdell Recreation Ground

Speed Indicator Device for Wootton St Lawrence