

WOOTTON ST LAWRENCE WITH RAMSDELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th January 2026 at Ramsdell Village Hall, 7.00pm

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

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Jane James.

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 meeting held on 24th November 2025 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 advised there is no indication about whether elections will go ahead. All Councils would like them to but it is up to the Government. Cllr Englefield asked if this would affect Parish Councils. Cllr Minas-Bound replied it would be a normal cycle. He added the final date to delay elections is mid-March. It was asked if the elections don't happen this year when will they be. Cllr Vaughan confirmed next year, the Mayor elections have already been delayed for two years.

7. Police Report

The Police sent a report following the meeting as below:

The biggest problem we are currently experiencing is an increase in non-dwelling (sheds and garages) and high value residential burglaries along with the usual hare coursing and poaching. We have been very fortunate to not be abstracted during the Christmas period and January to BASINGSTOKE town as they have created a new team to deal with town centre problems.

For RAMSDELL since 21/11/25 we have received 4 reports, these being:

- 1 Dangerous driving
- 1 Concern for welfare
- 1 Criminal damage
- 1 Road traffic accident

For WOOTTON ST LAWRENCE we have received 3 reports, these being:

1 Criminal damage

1 Sus Vehicle

1 Sus Person

8. Play Area Updates

There were no updates. The Clerk will chase the quote for the rubber mulch for Ramsdell.

9. Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Simon Minas-Bound reported the Local Plan consultation is drawing to a close. There is one significant update regarding the Stokes Lane Solar Farm application, the plan has been changed enough for them to start a new consultation. The campaign team has started a Go Fund Me page to raise funds to get some professional advice. The St Mary Bourne Solar Farm has been refused and is going to appeal.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are in a healthy financial state. The council will need to look at how to spend responsibly and resist the temptation to spend before the move to the unitary authority.

10. Lengthsman's Scheme

The Parish Council have used their funding for this financial year, and it has been confirmed the Lengthsman Scheme will continue until 2027.

11. Highways

Cllr Schimmer highlighted that Cllr Vaughan has helped with chasing Highways regarding Ramsdell Road. Eventually Highways have worked on the road filling in verges with loose infill on the edges. There are, however, some new holes that have appeared. The Chairman asked if another meeting with Highways could be arranged. Cllr Vaughan confirmed it could. It was hoped if the Parish Council involved Highways and local business that something would be done.

It was highlighted that ditches have appeared at the edges of roads due to heavier vehicles. Cllr Vaughan confirmed there are lots of reasons and that cars are heavier now, unfortunately, the budget doesn't go very far. Cllr Childs added the issue that if the road looks wider, cars are not stopping to pass but are squeezing through.

Cllr Minas-Bound asked if there is anymore Manydown can do. The Chairman confirmed they will be asked to dig out the ditches on Lloyds lane and a local landowner has agreed that something can be done on their land.

Cllr Englefield commented thar the dip in the entrance to the Recreation Ground in Ramsdell is getting very bad. Cllr Schimmer said that he would talk to Thames water as their pipes run under that entrance.

Cllr Englefield confirmed the parking at the shop in Charter Alley has been rectified. Some cars have gone and the owner said they are getting rid of the lorry.

11.1 SID Solar Panels

The SID has now been installed in Wootton St Lawrence and the solar panel has been padlocked to the frame. Another solar panel is needed for the SID in Ramsdell but the Parish Council would need to find a way to secure the new panel.

The Clerk will order a new solar panel. The SID can be moved to Monk Sherborne Road.

12. Update on Cricket Pavilion Lease

Ramsdell Cricket Club have an emergency meeting planned, they need to employ another Solicitor for the situation to move forward. Quotes for the new pavilion are around £200 to £300k including planning.

13. Financial Matters

13.1 The financial statements as at the end of November and December and the bank statements were agreed and signed.

13.2 The following payments were approved at the previous meeting and have been made online via bank transfer:

Clerk pay and HMRC - £314.66

Lloyds Bank Charges - £8.50

Impact Moling – Church water installation – 180.00

Impact Moling - Church water installation – 960.00

There was a total of £74,609.88 in the bank at the end of December.

The following payments were approved:

Clerk pay, HMRC and expenses - £360.66

Countryman Services – Installation of post for SID - £384.16

Vision ICT – Hosted email account - £144

13.3 Agree Budget for 2026/27

The clerk presented the budget for 2026/27. The Parish Council agreed the budget.

13.4 CIL Funding

Local residents in the villages were asked to make suggestions about how the Parish Council could use the CIL funding. One suggestion was a play area in the Charter Alley area. Unfortunately, there is no land available so this proposal would be very expensive There are already play areas in Ramsdell and Monk Sherborne.

Ramsdell Village Hall have requested some funding for lighting in the car park. They will need to get three quotes for the Parish Council to review.

14. Open Forum

Cllr Minas-Bound noted there is still some funding left for BDBC grants if the Parish Council would like to request grant funding.

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.

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The Well House Basingstoke Road Ramsdell Tadley Hampshire RG26 5RB

Ref. No: T/00632/25/TCA | Received: Fri 19 Dec 2025 | Validated: Mon 22 Dec 2025 | Status: Registered

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[Creation of a revised access and new track to connect to existing drive linking to Manydown Park, together with landscaping and associated infrastructure](#)
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Land At B3400 Worting Road Basingstoke Hampshire

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Cllr Childs noted Manydown drive is not great currently and they are leaving this as a track rather than a concrete road and this is not favourable. The Chairman suggested contact is made with Manydown Company.

16. Correspondence

The Parish Council received information about hedge laying but after enquiring further it is not something the Parish Council would like to do.

18. Date of next meeting and items for the agenda

Monday 16th March 2026, 7.00pm, Ramsdell Village Hall

CIL Funding

Cricket Pavilion Lease

SID Solar panel

The meeting ended at 7.54pm