

WOOTTON ST LAWRENCE WITH RAMSDELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th March 2026 at Ramsdell Village Hall, 7.00pm

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

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. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2026 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 sends regular updates via email. The Parish Council have recently received a County Councillor's Grant; the Parish Council will use this to replace the solar panel for the speed indicator device in Ramsdell.

7. Police Report

No report was received. Cllr Childs highlighted there had been two incidents of fly tipping in Wootton St Lawrence. The Clerk noted there had been a theft from a grave in Wootton St Lawrence, the Clerk referred the resident to the PSCO who was helpful. Cllr Englefield reported there had been a burnt-out car on the by way in Ibworth near Upper Wootton.

8. Play Area Updates

The inspections have continued by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. There have been no issues reported during recent inspections.

9. Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Simon Minas-Bound noted the new Local Plan is currently a regulation 18 draft plan and it was anticipated that this will proceed to regulation 19 but the Government has issued further guidance so the Council may need to go back to the beginning to review. They are expecting a new National Planning Policy Framework in the summer and there is a deadline of 2027 to have the Local Plan up and running.

Cllr Minas-Bound will send a note to all parishes affected by site on the A340 where there are plans for 1800 new homes. There is enough space, but it is not the best place to have them.

The Government are deciding which option of the Local Government Reorganisation they prefer. They should give their decision before the pre-elections on 26th March, if not it will be after the elections in May.

Food waste is now up and running and the general waste will change to fortnightly collections from September.

The solar farm at Malshanger has been approved but the application at St Mary Bourne has been appealed. There has been an environmental assessment in Sherborne St John but have not submitted an application as yet.

10. Lengthsman's Scheme

The scheme will continue in the new financial year.

11. Highways and Speed Indicator Devices

It was noted the entrance to Field Barn on Picadilly Hill had been resurfaced but there is another pothole already. A meeting would be requested with the County Councillor and Highways. There was a suggestion that local companies who use the local roads could contribute to the upkeep.

There is a ditch which runs down by the field in Lloyds Lane and it would be good to clear this out on the landowner's behalf and hopefully the water will run into the ditch. Cllr Childs noted he has put this to Manydown and they have passed this to David Neal-Smith. Manydown have employed a new Estate Manager, and they will be the new point of contact in the future.

Cllr Curtis asked if Cllr Childs was happy with the suggestion for Manydown Drive. Cllr Childs advised he did point out the residents were not happy and are unsure of how this will be maintained.

Cllr Curtis asked about the entrance to the recreation ground in Ramsdell. Cllr Schimmer noted Thames Water said it was nothing to do with them, but it is still thought this is related to the position of the sewers. It is still dangerous so maybe Highways could help. Cllr Englefield added where the broadband has been laid there is a big dip in the road. It was noted the problem was already there before the broadband.

A meeting will be requested with Highways and the County Councillor.

12. Update on Cricket Pavilion Lease

A meeting was held with the Cricket Club to go through the lease. It is now up to the club to move forward with the lease.

13. Financial Matters

13.1 The financial statements as at the end of January and February 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, HMRC and expenses - £360.66

Countryman Services – Installation of post for SID - £384.16
Vision ICT – Hosted email account - £144
Lloyds Bank Service Charges - £8.50

A grant payment of £510 was received from Hampshire County Council in February.

There was a total of £74,121.56 in the bank at the end of February.

The following payments were approved:

Clerk pay, HMRC and expenses - £349.86
Lloyds Bank Service Charges - £4.25
Ramsdell Village Hall - £66.00

13.3 CIL Funding

The Parish Council are still awaiting quotes from Ramsdell Village Hall for lighting.

14. Open Forum

Cllr Curtis highlighted correspondence has been received from Paul Harvey about water. Cllr Minas-Bound clarified that South East Water and Thames water have not put the investment in. This is a national issue, and a new reservoir needs to be created.

A member of the public highlighted the traffic through Ramsdell has increased greatly. There are cars and HGVs and the timing is mornings and evenings, which fits in with the AWE timings and has increased since the roadworks began in Aldermaston and Tadley. Cllr Ganesh noted half of AWE staff will be relocated to Reading in July. Cllr Minas-Bound stated they are public roads, but a request could be submitted that someone pays for it or possibly something that will make a difference such as chicanes.

Cllr Childs noted Urban and Civic's plans are that everyone will drive through the middle of Manydown. A member of the public stated the planning for Manydown was undertaken years ago. Cllr Minas-Bound confirmed more recent traffic planning has been undertaken. The housing plots haven't been allocated to builders as yet, so the first home is not likely to be built until next year.

A member of the public asked how much money will be from Manydown to be used for improving the roads. Cllr Minas-Bound clarified there will be nothing outside of Manydown except for health. Other sites make \$106 contributions, but the roads funding comes from elsewhere.

A member of the public highlighted the resurfacing of the A339 has been done well. They asked if the Parish Council are monitoring the land by the Brick Kiln. The trees were felled and it is believed this was lawful. Cllr Englefield confirmed the trees were diseased and the Forestry Commission advertised and proposed the felling. Cllr Minas-Bound stated no one gets to comment on this even if it's legitimate, trees can be re-planted much later. Cllr Ganesh added there were phone calls from concerned residents, the trees need to be re-planted by 2030 but they have not seen any other conditions. Cllr Minas-Bound noted it is likely a planning application will be submitted before the tree re-planting. Cllr Englefield noted there a lot of people keeping on eye on the site. Cllr Minas-Bound highlighted it is a concern for everyone and that's why houses are not selling, there are concerns what the land might look like in the future.

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.

[Work to be carried out on yew tree to the front of the property. Work will be limited to pruning and or removal of 3 or 4 branches at the base of the tree.](#)

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24 Basingstoke Road Ramsdell Hampshire RG26 5RB

Ref. No: T/00100/26/TCA | Received: Tue 24 Feb 2026 | Validated: Wed 25 Feb 2026 | Status: Registered

There were no concerns about this application.

16. Correspondence

Oakley and Deane Parish Council send round a resident's survey.

17. Date of next meeting and items for the agenda

Tuesday 12th May 2026, 7.00pm, Ramsdell Village Hall – Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr Schimmer has sent apologies for the meeting on 12th May but is happy to stand for Chair if he is voted.

Monday 18th May 2026, 7.00pm, Ramsdell Village Hall

CIL Funding

Cricket Pavilion Lease

End of Year Finances 2025-26

The meeting ended at 8.04pm