

WOOTTON ST LAWRENCE WITH RAMSDELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at Ramsdell Village Hall, 7.00pm**

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

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Schimmer has now taken over as Chairman of the Parish Council and he presented Cllr Curtis with a gift of thanks for being Chairman for many years.

**2. Register of Interests**

There were no other updates to the register of interests.

**3. Declarations of Interests**

The Chairman declared an interest in item 13.6. He will not take part in the decision.

**4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 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 confirmed he had been voted back in during the recent elections. If the County Council is still Conservative Led it will question the Government as to how they came to the decision of the Unitary Authorities with Southampton gaining more funding and the others less.

**7. Police Report**

No report was received.

**8. Play Area Updates**

The inspections have continued by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. There have been no issues reported during recent inspections. The Parish Council has received a quote for the rubber mulch for Ramsdell play area which was extremely high in cost. Cllr Englefield will forward on some equestrian companies who may be able to quote.

**9. Borough Councillor's Report**

The Borough Councillors for Wootton St Lawrence were confirmed and they will be sent the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr Simon Minas-Bound highlighted the biggest issue is planning and the national scheme of delegation. The decision for planning will be made by officers no matter how many

objections there are. The Local Plan takes two years and if wait the more worrying it will become.

Cllr Englefield asked how the Monk Sherborne Solar Farm is progressing. Cllr Minas-Bound advised the case officer believes there will be updated plans in June and wonder if they will delay until September which will go in their favour. The media have been re-engaged, and Cllr Paul Harvey had an interview with Hampshire TV.

Cllr Minas-Bound confirmed the general waste collection will be fortnightly from the autumn. He added there are Borough Councillor grants available if there is anything the Parish Council would like to apply for.

Cllr Jay Ganesh highlighted there are Speed Indicator Devices available through the Borough Council. The Chairman asked if the Parish Council gained one what will happen with the data. Cllr Minas-Bound replied there is research that shows they can have an impact but these do not record data. The Chairman noted it is frustrating the devices don't record registrations.

It was noted that once work is undertaken on roads, signs are left in place and not collected. Cllr Vaughan stated organisations can be fined if they are left there.

**10. Lengthsman's Scheme**

The lengthsman has cut the grass at Ramsdell Play Area.

**11. Highways and Speed Indicator Devices**

Cllr James advised some of the potholes reported have now been repaired.

**12. Update on Cricket Pavilion Lease**

The cricket club have now employed a new solicitor who is going through the lease, when it agreed all parties can sign.

Cllr Vaughan left at this point – 7.31pm

**13. Financial Matters**

**13.1** The financial statements as at the end of March and the bank statements were agreed and signed.

**13.2** The end of year accounts for 2025-26 were approved and the Chairman and Clerk signed.

**13.3** The asset register was agreed.

**13.4** The following payments were approved and will be made online via bank transfer:

Clerk pay, HMRC and expenses - £546.73

Vision ICT – Annual Domain Renewal - £30.00

Hampshire Association of Local Councils Ltd – HALC / NALC Fees - £343.00

Ramsdell Village Hall – Hall hire - £66.00

Ramsdell Cricket Club – Grass mowing - £1400

Lloyds Service Charges - £4.25

There was a total of £76,080.89 in the bank at the end of March.

### 13.5 CIL Funding

The Parish Council are still awaiting quotes from Ramsdell Village Hall for lighting. Cllr Englefield asked if planning permission was needed for the lighting. Cllr Minas-Bound replied it would depend if the lighting was ground level.

Cllr Curtis presented three quotes for the Wootton St Lawrence Church path and the best quote was £2255 but it was suggested that gravel boards would be needed for the edges. It was agreed to go ahead with this quote, even with the gravel boards they will be lower than the other quotes.

### 13.6 Grant Application

An application was submitted from Tadley CAB. They have submitted evidence that many residents have gained support from them. The Parish Council agreed a grant of £250 under S142.

### 14. Open Forum

There were no comments.

### 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.

#### [Installation of stair and hand rails](#)



**22 Wootton St Lawrence Basingstoke Hampshire RG23 8PE**

**Ref. No: 26/00904/LBC | Received: Fri 01 May 2026 | Validated: Fri 01 May 2026 | Status: Registered**

#### [Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of agricultural land as residential garden land](#)



**Pond Cottage Old Vyne Lane West Heath Baughurst Hampshire RG26 5LF**

**Ref. No: 26/00877/LDEU | Received: Wed 29 Apr 2026 | Validated: Tue 05 May 2026 | Status: Registered**

#### [Extension of the existing house to incorporate the double garage and provision of a new 2 space car port](#)



**Kiln House Monk Sherborne Road Ramsdell Hampshire RG26 5PR**

**Ref. No: 26/00806/HSE | Received: Mon 20 Apr 2026 | Validated: Mon 20 Apr 2026 | Status: Registered**

### 16. Correspondence

Email from Cllr Ganesh about the Speed Indicator Devices.

### 17. Date of next meeting and items for the agenda

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026, 7.00pm, Ramsdell Village Hall  
AGAR**

Review Internal Audit  
Agree Public Rights Dates

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026, 7.00pm, Ramsdell Village Hall**  
Cllr Paul Harvey will attend to discuss the local water issue

The meeting ended at 8.05pm