

RAMSGREAVE PARISH COUNCIL – ORDINARY MEETING

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Ramsgreave Parish Council meeting, 7.00pm, 23.02.24 at Wilpshire Methodist Church

Present: Mike Hill (Responsible Financial Officer), Kathryn Berzins, Nabila Parekh, Lindsay Wright, Liz Woodruff (Councillors)

MINUTES

1	Standing items	Apologies for absence – Susie Duerden
2		Approve minutes of last meeting -Council approved
3		Declarations of interest – none
4		Public participation – none
5		<p>Finance Report: Members approved the report and schedule of payments and receipts.</p> <p>Expenses: it was agreed that any councillor could claim mileage and parking charges for attending meetings on council business.</p> <p>Allotment expenditure: Approval for the following purchases to spend the remaining £321 of the RHS grant were approved: Stump removal – a quote has been obtained for this with a maximum cost of £95, this quote was approved. Other quotes were sought but not received. Members agreed that residual amount can be spent on items: sand, cement, topsoil, compost, grit, fruit trees and seeds for spring planting. The RHS grant will then be closed.</p> <p>The Lottery fund contains £1.80 which will be spent on a related item and that account closed. It was agree that the Parish Council would join the Peak and Northern Footpath Society as the parish has benefitted from their PROW survey and advice in the past as well as received grant funding. Membership is £22.50 per year.</p>
6	Items	Asset register – members reviewed the asset register, readopted the policy and the asset register.
7		Risk register- members readopted the risk register without any changes.
8		Planning – no application to discuss as circulated by email.
9		<p>Highways – deer signs now installed.</p> <p>Continued involvement in trying to get traffic calming measures of Ramsgreave Road, potential discussion with Mellor PC about the junction with Saccary Lane. KB to contact Mellor PC chair to explore options.</p>
10		Public rights of way - PNFS membership was agreed. Repair to FP4 will be carried out in drier weather by lengthsman.

11		Outstanding repairs: Fly tip by postbox will be reported to RVBC. Flooding by postbox will be reported to LCC.
12		Lengthsman duties – do not start up until June.
13		Public engagement: Newsletter – this was reviewed and approved. Contacts provided for printers. Notice boards: no action. Social media: more reminders about meetings to be scheduled on FB. – investigate new website provider and emails for councillors. LW will find out and decisions made next meeting.
14		Commemorations – request free portrait of King for polytunnel. 80 years since D Day 6 th June 2024 – potential some type of commemorative activity. To be decided at May meeting.
15		Allotment report – attached below.
16		Volunteers: litter picking and gardening group. Litter pick back to being organised by KB, first Sunday of the month at 2pm.
17		Feedback from other agencies – none
18		Governance – covered above
19		Defibrillator update – Only option seems to be the pub.
20		Meeting closed at 20.50. Next meeting date 7pm Thursday 23 rd May.

Kathryn Berzins.

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Ramsgreave Parish Council: Community garden and allotment report

17/02/24

1. Administration finance and governance.		
Task	Update	Action
1.1	Volunteers and session dates Grant money	Sunday 2pm session continues with ~6 volunteers. KB completed RHS report. Contact left. Had published article on website.
1.2		
1.3	Toilet bid	Residual funds from RHS grant need to be spent £321 – they recommended addition of more fruit trees. Suggest purchase of fruit trees, bridge construction materials sand and cement) and stump removal. Any surplus could go on seeds.KB put in application. Quotes from toilet supplier, installer and AP to extend the path. Total of £8481. Prompted NR to come and inspect as lease was about to expire. Network Rail rep inspected site, approved existing construction work and approved installation of toilet. Provided 10 year lease although annual inspections remain.
1.4	RHS Awards	Have entered for this year
2. Update on allotment site tasks completed		
	Log cabin Bridge	
3. Allotment site work planned		
Task	Description	Action
3.1	Edibles planting	Beds prepped and ready for veg planting. Seeds to be bought. Dependent on funding bid outcome from RVBC
3.2	Install composting toilet	Grant application submitted.
	Removal of stumps	Have external contractor lined up to do.
3.3	Pond at rear	Have arranged quote from AP when he has capacity
3.4	Solve manure problem	Arrange payment and delivery from local farm
3.5	Install polytunnel side vents	Contact manufacturer before next summer
3.6	Create mini ponds with sinks	When have capacity
3.7	Line main pond	When have capacity
3.8	Build brick stand for sink	When have capacity