



RAMSGREAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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Minutes of **meeting of Ramsgreave Parish Council** held at 7.00pm on Thursday 9th September 2023 at Wilpshire Methodist Church

In attendance: Kathryn Berzins, Lindsay Wright, Susie Duerden, Liz Woodruff, Mike Hill (Responsible Financial Officer)

1	Standing items	Apologies for absence	Cllr Nabila Parekh
2		Approve minutes of last meeting	Approved by council
3		Declarations of interest	None
5		Public participation	None
6		Finance Report: Payments made, accounts for year.	Financial report discussed and approved by council. Council finances are now robust and it was agreed VAT returned would go into general council funds. Schedule of payments approved by council. Next meeting will be the budget setting meeting for 2024/5.
7	Items	Planning (Salesbury View resubmission)	A draft response was circulated by KB, other councillors will read, amend as required and approve. KB will submit to RVBC. A public meeting will be held on Monday 18 th Sept at 7.30 coordinated by Wilpshire PC. KB can definitely attend. No other planning applications to be considered.
8		Highways (inc. speed monitoring costs, deer sign) initiative via 20mph group	Discussion over installation of Speed monitoring devices with regard to cost and experiences of other parishes. RPC has joined a group of local parishes working together to try to secure additional speed reducing mechanisms e.g., chicanes, signage, etc. Discussed what might work for us. Council agreed not to fund monitoring devices as the cost is prohibitive and they are likely to show cars do not break the 60mph speed limit and this is not the issue: any car travelling at more than 30mph on Ramsgreave Road is putting other road users at great risk due to the narrow or absent pavement and blind bends.

			<p>LWr preparing a map of potential additions on Ramsgreave Road, councillors will approve and submit to the group.</p> <p>After the death of another deer on the stretch of Ramsgreave Road just after the 30mph sign we will request the installation of a warning sign. There have been three deer killed on this same stretch over recent years. MH to provide contact from LCC.</p>
9		Public rights of way	<p>Minor flood repair carried out to FP4. Some drainage solutions to be investigated if this happens again.</p> <p>Gate installed at the end of Isle of Man. Favourable response from residents.</p>
10		Outstanding repairs	<p>Love Clean Streets app being used to report issues to LCC. Some issues are still being marked as resolved when they are not.</p> <p>Two more missing bollards outside the station have been reported. These are a trip hazard and repeatedly damaged by cars. Would be better replaced by something more robust.</p> <p>Missing bin reported to RVBC again. We have been assured it will be replaced so there will be two bins on Moorfield Ave as there were originally.</p> <p>Numerous drains reported blocked.</p> <p>Numerous potholes reported. Some repaired.</p>
11		Lengthsman duties	<p>Work on schedule, will be invoiced at end of cycle including any other minor repairs.</p>
12		Public engagement: newsletter, notice boards, social media -	<p>Planning for 2023 newsletter will take place at next meeting. LWr will circulate this years and people think about content. More rural address ones will be posted out.</p> <p>Other engagement methods ongoing.</p> <p>LWo suggested the meetings be held in the allotment in the summer months. It was agreed this was feasible and would be tried for next May and September's meetings.</p>
13		Commemorations	<p>LWr has measured up for coronation planter. She will circulate text for Cllrs to approve. We already have planting plan. Plants and soil also will be purchased.</p>
14		Allotment report	<p>See attached.</p>
15		Volunteers: litter picking and gardening group	<p>There are very few people who litter pick on the 1st Sunday of the month. After 4.5 years coordinating KB is stepping down. One of the other volunteers will take over coordinating.</p> <p>It was agreed that half the equipment will be stored at the allotment and made readily available on any Sunday afternoon for anyone who wants to litter pick. The other half will remain with the new coordinator.</p> <p>The gardening group (Ramsgreave Community Gardeners) is looking for additional signatories on it's bank account. MH suggested that the PC offer to retain their funds as a ringfenced</p>

			section of the RPC accounts. This would allow any Cllr to approve payments via Unity Bank. There are very few transactions each year. It would not be a bar to the group applying for funds that RPC are not eligible for as the PC is only providing the banking services. KB will discuss with the gardening group volunteers and if they agree, transfer the funds to the PC via cheque.
16		Feedback from other agencies	Nothing to report.
17		Governance	Nothing to report.
18		Defibrillator update	This was discussed with regard to new grants available, previous research done by RPC and other parishes experiences. SD will investigate further. In theory RPC would like to provide another one locally but the ongoing costs must be sustainable.
19		Next meeting date	Thursday November 9 th 7.00pm

Meeting closed 21.00



Ramsgreave Parish Council – Community garden and allotment report

07/09/23

1. Administration finance and governance.		
Task	Update	Action

1.1	Volunteers and Session Dates Sunday session continues with few volunteers (~ 5) but lots of visitors. It is very successful as a social space, could do with a bit more help with the gardening. Allotment committee	Attempt to recruit more people in the Spring. Have linked in with RV Climate Change network. Be more specific about tasks planned and publicise. KB expects Sunday sessions will continue over the winter.
1.2	Current volunteers do not want to participate in a formal committee.	
1.3	Grant Money and Donations KB submitted RHS midpoint report in June. Final report due in December. Need to respond to current update request. RHS funds remaining - Could use for toilet foundation? Toilet bid	Have established crop successes and failures, rotation and planting for next year and planned works (as below) so little to discuss. KB to bring purchase requests to PC as all other requests. Review each meeting. KB to respond to request and ask RHS about toilet foundation.
1.4	A bid has been prepared for a composting toilet. RHS Awards	None
1.5	Judging took place, results next month.	None
2. Update on allotment site tasks completed		
	Accessible path, raised beds, polytunnel, compost bins, patio area, door signage all now completed.	
3. Allotment site work planned		
Task	Description	Action
3.1	Complete log cabin Over the Autumn. Foundation being built currently.	Continuing construction, need to be finished before end of 2023. Assess site once logs removed.
3.2	Install composting toilet	Dependent on funding bid outcome
3.3	Pond at rear	
3.4	Install polytunnel side vents	Will need to use external contractor to do landscaping via biodiversity funds.
3.5	Create mini ponds with sinks	Contact manufacturer before next summer
3.6	Line main pond	When have capacity
3.7	Build brick stand for sink	When have capacity
3.8	Establish lawn and border	Strimmed and regularly mowed. Mower repaired at no cost. Border defined, will probably be edged with reclaimed brick.