



## Redmarley Parish Council

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF REDMARLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Redmarley Parish Council held on  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7pm in Redmarley Village Hall

#### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllr Jeff Wheeler, Cllr Mark Johnson, Cllr Mike Holtom, Cllr Mike Warner, Cllr Josh Wheeler,

In Attendance: Leo Williams (Clerk), County Cllr Gill Moseley (GM), District Cllr Philip Burford (PB) and four members of the public (MoP). The meeting started at 7.02pm.

51. **Apologies for Absence**

Received from Cllr Neil Goodall, Cllr Vicky Goodall and District Cllr Clayton Williams.

52. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

53. **Minutes of previous meeting(s)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were accepted and were signed by the chair.

54. **Public Consultation**

MoPs raised the following matters: (i) One MoP suggested that an Air Ambulance crew could be booked to deliver a talk in the village with a CPR and AED refresher possible.

(ii) The electricity supply to the former telephone kiosk to power the AED in Lowbands was discussed. This matter is ongoing.

(iii) A 30mph sign is missing at Playley Green. See item 61.1.

55. **District Councillor Report**

(i) PB explained the Development Management scrutiny enquiry day had been moved back to March or April next year and provided background. It was pointed out that Cllr. Josh Wheeler had produced a high quality evidence based report. PB asked that it be submitted with any updates.

(ii) New full time Chief Executive, Nigel Brinn, formerly with Powys Council, starts very soon and has already been attending evening meetings in his own time.

(iii) A question was asked about plastic recycling shortcomings. PB advised that the current contract with Biffa ends in the summer of 2024. The new deal is with Ubico, a company owned by several councils including FoDDC. It is hoped there will be more scope for realignment.

56. **County Councillor Report**

(i) GM shared parts of a letter from PRoW Officer, Suzanne Hopes, about the progress being made re footpath issues at Playley Green. The matter is ongoing and a site visit will take place soon.

(ii) Grit Bins – MoP has researched and will email GM, chair and clerk.

(iii) All County Councillors have an additional sum of £10,000 to award in Build Back Better grants, applications welcomed.

(iv) GCC has been awarded £4m towards funding bus services, likely to be focused on

addressing recently lost services. Current inadequate service levels for Redmarley were discussed.

(v) GCC Highways will be shifting fault reporting to the Fix My Street platform.

## 57. Action Tracker

Members adopted the new version with Cllr. Johnson asking for target dates to be added. All actions were discussed and the updated version will be published with the draft minutes.

## 58. Planning

### 58.1 Planning Responses

(i) P0867/23/TCA Grasmere Cottage, Mill Lane, Lowbands, Redmarley, GL19 3SH. Fell to ground very large conifer (T1) which was struck by lightning in storm last September and which is growing too close to walnut tree (T2) resulting in uneven growth and over-shading. Undertake a 3 metre crown reduction in height of walnut tree (T2) to remove dead and dying branches and reshape to promote healthy growth. It was noted that Permission had been **granted** on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

(ii) P1260/23/TCA 3 Little Green, Redmarley, GL19 3LQ. Remove one cypress tree which is dying back and currently supported by straps. Replacement planting with either apple or plum tree. There were **no objections**.

(iii) P1114/23/FUL Rock Farm, Redmarley, GL19 3NA. Creation of a gated entranceway to field. After discussions it was unanimously agreed to **object** for several reasons including road safety, there being three viable alternative access points and harm to the appearance of the location with loss of wildlife habitat.

(iv) P1182/23/TCA The Retreat, Chartist Lane, Lowbands, Redmarley, GL19 3NL. Undertake a 20% crown reduce size of the tree and to improve its shape. It was noted that Permission had been **granted** on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

(v) 5-Day Notice Exemption to remove dead limb/branch from ash tree covered by W1 of Tree Preservation Order number DFTPO 210, Grosvenor Lodge, Covent Garden, Redmarley, GL19 3LH. Grant notified on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023. **Noted**.

(vi) P1168/23/TCA Church Cottage, The Causeway, Redmarley, GL19 3JS. Various works to Ash (AT1 on plan), Beech (BT1), Crack Willow (WT1), Birch (SB1), Mixed Shrubs (MS1) and Leylandii (LT1). There were **no objections**.

(vii) P1163/23/TCA Woodbine Cottage, Forty Green, Lowbands, Redmarley, GL19 3SL. Fell & remove 6 x ash trees (A1 to A6) due to Ash Dieback, Fell and remove 2 x Cypress trees (C1 & C2) due to size etc. Various works to HC1, H1 & H2, F1 & F2. There were **no objections**.

(viii) P1719/22/FUL Lakeside, Chartist Lane, Lowbands, Redmarley, GL19 3NL. Erection of a single storey rear extension. There were **no objections**.

(ix) P1106/23/FUL Harts Farm, Chapel Lane, Redmarley, GL19 3JF. Variation of Condition 03 (occupancy) P1009/10/FUL to allow for flexible use of annexe and holiday let. After discussion it was agreed to pass **no comment**.

(x) P1060/23/FUL Down Cottage, The Heath, Ledbury Road, Redmarley, GL19 3ND. Erection of a single storey rear extension. In the light of concerns expressed by the Tree & Forestry Officer it was agreed to make **no comment** pending an anticipated resubmission.

(xi) P1336/23/TCA The Old Cottage, Redmarley, GL19 3SL. Fell one variegated Norway Maple as the tree is declining in condition and imposing upon the balance and shape of an adjacent mature copper beech tree. There were **no objections**.

## 58.2 Planning Updates

(i) P0974/23/TCA Hillside, Phillips Lane, Redmarley, GL19 3NF. Reduce 2 x Horse Chestnut trees by 25%. Reduce size of 5 x Willow trees by one third by re-pollarding back to previous pruning points in order to reduce risk of damage in high winds.

Reduction in height and width of 4 x Conifer trees back to previous pruning points and removal of 1 x dead Conifer tree. **Granted** permission on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

(ii) P1543/22/FUL Murrells End Farm, Dudbridge Road, Redmarley, GL19 3LR.

Discharge of Condition 9 (Woodland Enhancement Management Plan) relating to planning permission P1543/22/FUL. **Granted** permission on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

(iii) P0852/23/FUL The Granary, Churches Farm, Eggs Tump, Bromsberrow, HR8 1SA. Erection of two storey extension with associated works. Demolition of existing rear extension (resubmission). **Granted** permission on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023.

(iv) P0123/23/FUL Cooks Cottage, Cooks Lane, Redmarley, GL19 3LD. Conversion of an existing garage/carport/workshop with loft store to holiday accommodation.

**Granted** permission on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023.

(v) P0867/23/TCA Grasmere Cottage, Mill Lane, Lowbands, Redmarley, GL19 3SH. Fell to ground level very large conifer (T1) which was struck by lightning in storm last September and which is growing too close to walnut tree (T2) resulting in uneven growth and over-shading. Undertake a 3m crown reduction in height of walnut tree (T2) to remove dead and dying branches and reshape to promote healthy growth.

**Granted** permission on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

(vi) P0071/23/DISCON Little Brangwells, Hawcross, Redmarley, GL19 3JQ.

Discharge of Conditions 04 (Ecological Mitigation & Enhancement Strategy) and 05 (External Lighting) relating to permission P1077/22/FUL. **Granted** permission on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## 58.3 Planning Appeals

APP/P1615/W/23/3318587 Land at Chapel Cottage, Playley Green, Redmarley, GL19 3NB. Appeal **dismissed**.

## 58.4 Area of Great Landscape Value (AGLV) Update

Cllr Johnson advised that he would be holding a Zoom meeting with the FoDDC Forward Planning team. PB spoke in support of the scheme and mentioned three 'Valued Landscapes' within the District. **Action:** Cllr. Johnson to email PB regarding progress etc.

## 58.5 Street Naming

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the preference for the development of nine dwellings on land adjacent to Rock Meadow should be treated as an extension of Rock Meadow. It was pointed out that such a decision would be in line with point 7.12 of the Forest of Dean District Council's Street Naming Policy. **Action:** Clerk to advise Address Management Officer.

## 58.6 Development Management (Planning) Strategic Overview

In the light of the postponement of the enquiry day it was decided that the response prepared by Cllr. Josh Wheeler would be retained and added to as appropriate before submission in the new year.

59. **Parish Council Assets**

- 59.1 **Defibrillator** - The matter of the power supply for the Lowbands defibrillator remains unresolved. **Action:** Cllr Mosley kindly agreed to investigate how this can be authorised.
- 59.2 **Cinema screen** – No progress to report. **Actions** carried forward.
- 59.3 **Parish Council Printer** – No use could be found for the printer in the foreseeable future and it was resolved to gift the asset to Redmarley Junior School. **Action:** Clerk to expedite.
- 59.4 **War Memorial** – After careful consideration it was agreed to seek guidance from War Memorials Trust before starting to clean the memorial. Cllr. Johnson pointed out the importance of Remembrance Day 2024. **Action:** Clerk will contact WMT.

60. **Parish Council Website**

Pending due diligence, it was resolved to engage Geosphere/Parish Online for the provision of a PC website and .gov.uk email accounts. **Action:** Clerk to start the process.

61. **Highways Issues**

61.1 **Road Safety and Signage**

- (i) The Hill (C62), condition very poor.
- (ii) Durbridge Road, patched but condition remains poor.
- (iii) The Lottery, poor condition between Chapel Lane and Payford Pitch.
- (iv) Bromsberrow Road, in poor condition to parish boundary.
- (v) 11439541 Flood diversion signs on A417 at Playley Green damaged, one is permanently in the down position.
- (vi) 'To Little Green' sign is lying against the fence.
- (vii) 30mph sign at Playley Green is missing.
- (viii) 11439530 Chapel Lane, Redmarley, pothole. All matters to be reported.

61.2 **PRoW Issues**

**Updates**

- (i) 11427874 & 11427877 GRA54 Both trees now removed- Enquiries closed.
- (ii) 11427879 GRA54 Stile completely broken - now informed by PROW officer to be replaced with kissing gate- Enquiry ongoing.
- (iii) 11427883 GRA60 Crop blocking Bridleway- now cleared - Enquiry can be closed .
- (iv) 11427888 GRA35 Water filled dips / areas on Bridleway- No update - Enquiry ongoing.
- (v) 11428381 GRA27 New gate across footpath- Informed that is authorised- Enquiry closed.
- (vi) 11428382 GRA29 Agricultural implements across footpath - No update - Enquiry ongoing.
- (vii) 11428383 GRA26 Horse fencing obstructing footpath - No update- Enquiry ongoing.

**New Matter**

- (i) 11439541 GRA50 Overgrown hedgerows preventing access near Parsons Lane.

62. **Correspondence**

- 62.1 The email praising the quality of grass cutting in Lowbands was mentioned and noted.
- 62.2 The cycling event has already happened.
- 62.3 GAPTC's appointment of Chris Haine as CEO was noted.
- 62.4 GRCC's invitation to their Community Led Planning Options information evening at St George's Church Centre, Brockworth on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 7-9pm was noted.
- 62.5 Fields in Trust's "Why Parks Matter" survey was noted.
- 62.6 Ruth Ward, FoDDC Community Safety Officer, has supplied information on potential funding from the Home Office Safer Streets 5 fund.
- 62.7 The Local Government Boundary Commission consultation on draft recommendations for new divisions, division boundaries and names for Gloucestershire was noted. Consultation end on 11th December 2023.

63. **Church Meadow**

After discussion it was agreed that no allocation of a part of Church Meadow to allow for graveyard expansion would be considered until evidence of need had been provided.

64. **Financial Matters**

<b>(a)</b>	<b>Statement of Accounts as at 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>		
	Treasurers Account	£	1,000.00
	Deposit Account	£	22,783.75
<b>(b)</b>	<b>Grant Applications - Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972</b>		None
<b>(c)</b>	<b>Adverse variance to budget (&gt;£10)</b>		No Report
<b>(d)</b>	<b>To ratify payment made between meetings</b>		
	Miss CL Roberts (Microsoft 365 renewal)	£	59.99
<b>(e)</b>	<b>BACS Payments for Approval</b>		
	Redmarley Village Hall, (July)	£	25.00
	T. Sharpe, 10 Invoices (Grass cutting from 17 <sup>th</sup> July to 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023)	£	325.00
	ICO (Data Registration Fee)	£	40.00
	Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association (Renewal)	£	50.00
	PKF Littlejohn plc (External audit fee)	£	378.00
	M. Holtom (Defibrillator repair costs)	£	388.80
	M. Johnson (Reimbursement of expenses)	£	50.00
<b>(f)</b>	<b>Income Received – Since 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>		
	09/08 Bank Interest	£	5.28
	11/09 Bank Interest	£	6.95
	22/09 FoDDC (Precept 2/2)	£	6,750.00

64.1 **Accounts**

Members accepted the updated accounts as presented.

64.2 **Invoices for Payment**

Members **approved** payments presented at the meeting which will be paid by BACS transfer and ratified the payment made between meetings.

64.3 **Receipts**

Income received by the Parish Council was noted.

64.4 **Bank Reconciliation**

No anomalies have been identified.

65. **Hiring of Parish Clerk**

Cllr. Johnson shared some previously confidential matters regarding the recent clerk hiring process and explained that fuller details appear on a document that will be published as soon as possible.

66. **Next Ordinary Meeting**

Confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Redmarley Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.18pm.

**Signed:**

**Date:**