



## 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 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm in Redmarley Village Hall

#### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllr Jeff Wheeler (Chair), Cllr Mike Holtom, Cllr Josh Wheeler, Cllr Neil Goodall and Cllr Vicky Goodall.

In Attendance: Leo Williams (Clerk), County Cllr Gill Moseley (GM), District Cllrs Philip Burford (PB) and Clayton Williams (CW) and six members of the public (MoP). The meeting started at 7.01pm.

83. **Apologies for Absence**

Received from Cllr Mark Johnson.

84. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were accepted and were signed by the chair.

86. **Public Consultation**

MoPs raised the following matters: (i) One MoP pointed out that missing road signs had not been replaced. The chair stated that none had been replaced district wide.

(ii) The What3Words initiative had been presented at a Women's Fellowship meeting and met with very positive responses.

(iii) MoPs expressed praise for recent council administration along with strong support for the actions log.

(iv) It was mentioned that many residents know very little about RPC activities and achievements.

(v) Several of matters relating to public rights of way were mentioned as well as people using private land to exercise dogs. For inclusion on a future agenda.

87. **District Councillor Reports**

87.1 PB provided a verbal report, in summary: (i) At the full council meeting in December the Publica review was discussed and most services will be repatriated with significant financial savings anticipated.

(ii) Following a lively debate the leader of the council removed the Biosphere Reserve proposals.

(iii) Ubico will purchase most of Biffa's vehicles in the district. Two electric recycling trucks will be bought.

(iv) The ruling Green Party members want to disinvest from fossil fuel interest under their Ethical Investment Strategy. Currently a £1.75m bond included a 2% of the value holding in Shell.

(v) The number cabinet members will increase from 6, potentially to 10.

(vi) A review of 2<sup>nd</sup> tier officers pay will see them receive significant rises after a regrade.

vii) It is proposed to increase minimum car park charges from 50p to £2 for the first 2 hours.

- 87.2 (i) CW advised that he had voted against buying the electric recycling trucks.  
(ii) He has been in contact with Mark Harper MP and the GCC leader regarding the raising of the A417 between Maisemore and Over.

## 88. **County Councillor Report**

(i) GM warned of a potential deficit of £3m for the district unless funding changes are made. The government are now aware of these long standing issues.

(ii) GCC are not heading towards a deficit but auditors will overlook spending on Social Services.

(iii) Electric vehicle points for Newent were mentioned along with ongoing broadband issues.

(iv) Suzanne Hopes, PRoW Officer, has announced her imminent retirement.

## 89. **Action Tracker**

Members accepted the updated version. Relevant updates are as follows:

3/38. All premises have now been identified.

5/40. Resolved and closed.

14/59.1 & 76.1. Cllr. Neil Goodall will take responsibility.

17/75.1. Closed.

18/81. Closed.

## 90. **Planning**

### 90.1 **Planning Responses**

To discuss planning applications in the Parish and agree to any comments.

(i) P1481/23/FUL Orchard House, Drury Lane, Redmarley, GL19 3JX. Erection of a low level wall and entrance gates with associated works. Permission already

**Granted.**

(ii) P1634/23/FUL Hazeldine Cottage, Bromsberrow Road, Redmarley, GL19 3JU. Erection of a detached office and store in the garden and associated works. After discussion it was agreed to **Object** to the application.

(iii) P1640/23/FUL The Rock Farm, Bromsberrow Road, Redmarley, GL19 3NA. Change of use of outbuilding to holiday let. It was agreed to make **No Comments**.

(iv) P1651/23/AG Blackford Mill Farm, Pendock Road, Redmarley, GL19 3LG. Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building for farm machinery and fertiliser storage. It was agreed to make **No Comments**.

(v) P1700/23/TPO Land east of Drury Lane, Redmarley (also known as Leasow). Undertake the following work to a mature Horse Chestnut tree covered by W3 of DFTPO 210 (marked as T1 on sketch plan). Remove dead wood and damaged limbs and undertake a minor sensitive canopy thinning no greater than 15% to sound wood. There were **No Objections**.

(vi) P1705/23/FUL & P1706/23/LBC The Old Rectory, Playley Green, Redmarley, GL19 3NB. Proposed walled garden and ancillary garden structures. It was agreed to make **No Comments**.

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(vii) P0001/24/FUL Orchard House, Drury, Lane, Redmarley, GL19 3JX. Replacement of existing porch. There were **No Objections**.

(viii) P1114/23. Rock Farm, Redmarley, GL19 3NA. Creation of a gated entranceway to field. Members authorised Cllr. Josh Wheeler to prepare an updated response upon receipt of new Highways information.

## 90.2 Planning Updates

To note the following decisions of Forest of Dean District Council.

(i) P1557/23/TCA Lilac Cottage, The Causeway, Redmarley GL19 3JS. Reduce Bay Tree to a height of approx. 4 metres in line with gutter level of adjacent property (Blackwells Cottage). The tree is impinging on the neighbouring property and also interfering with a telegraph pole and associated wires. Consent **Granted** on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

(ii) P0381/23/LD1 Darkham Wood, Durbridge Road, Redmarley. Application under Section 191 to establish whether the erection and use of log cabin for shelter and business office and siting of three shipping containers with solar panels for storage of tools and other forestry equipment is lawful. **LDC Issued** on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

(iii) P1591/23/AG Harts Farm Stud, Chapel Lane, Redmarley, GL19 3JF. Prior notification for an extension to existing agricultural building. **Refused** on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

(iv) P1509/23/FUL The Old Rectory, Playley Green, Redmarley, GL19 3NB. Erection of replacement iron gate and proposed new gate. Also, P1510/23/LBC The Old Rectory, Playley Green, Redmarley, GL19 3NB. Listed building consent for the erection of replacement iron gate and proposed new gate. Consent **Granted** on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024

(v) P1574/23/LD1 Chapel Cottage, Playley Green, Redmarley, GL19 3NB. Application under section 191 to establish whether the mixed use of land to allow for a dwelling (Class C3) with ancillary amenity land, and; commercial use for the repair, maintenance and tuning of motorcycles and other small engine vehicles and equipment (Class E), together with use ancillary thereto is lawful. **Refused** on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

(vi) P1575/23/FUL Harts Farm, Chapel Lane, Redmarley, GL19 3JF. Flexible use of authorised annexe either as an annexe or as a holiday let. Consent **Granted** on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

(vii) P1577/23/FUL Woodbine Cottage, Forty Green, Lowbands, Redmarley, GL19 3SL. Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, front porch, outbuilding and double garage with room over. Demolition of existing rear extension to dwelling, existing garage and outbuilding. Alteration (widening) of existing vehicular access. Consent **Granted** on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

## 90.3 Planning Appeals

None.

## 90.4 AGLV Update

No update available.

## 90.5 Planning FoDDC Departmental Scrutiny

It was accepted that Cllr Josh Wheeler's report in respect of the FoDDC's Planning

departmental scrutiny exercise had largely been agreed. Any additional comments can be approved by email ready for submission by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

91. **Parish Council Website**

No progress to report.

92. **Highways Issues**

92.1 **Road Safety and Signage**

No fresh matters were discussed but Cllr Moseley mentioned that she had been endeavouring to batch applications for new Traffic Regulation Orders, specifically in respect of weight restrictions. It was hoped this could lead to significant savings.

92.2 **PRoW Issues**

Two areas of significant flooding were discussed without resolution.

92.3 **Grit Bins**

It was agreed that a grit bin would be purchased for delivery to Murrells End. **Action:** Cllr Jeff Wheeler will contact Andrew Middlecote of GCC Highways.

93. **Correspondence**

93.1 Worcestershire County Council shared their most recent Local Aggregate Assessment. **Noted.**

93.2 GRCC have re-circulated their Communities Survey which councillors may complete individually. **Noted.**

93.3 FoDDC advise that Cllr. Jackie Dale has been appointed Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities. **Noted.**

93.4 Forest Climate Network's next meeting (Zoom) clashes with RPC's January meeting. The January Climate Action Newsletter has been circulated. **Noted.**

93.5 The most recent Eleven Rivers Association newsletter has been circulated. **Noted.**

93.6 Complaints have been received regarding the state of the verge after BT Openreach works in Lowbands. GCC Highways have been copied in. It was **noted** that no remedial steps have been taken.

93.7 Dymock Parish Council advise their Neighbourhood Development Plan is now at Regulation 14 consultation phase, which runs until 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Details at [www.dymock-ndp.org](http://www.dymock-ndp.org) **Noted.**

94. **Financial Matters**

<b>(a)</b>	<b>Statement of Accounts as at 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>		
	Treasurers Account	£	711.00
	Deposit Account	£	18,891.36
<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>		None
<b>(e)</b>	<b>BACS Payments for Approval</b>		
	Redmarley Village Hall, (Oct, Nov)	£	50.00
<b>(f)</b>	<b>Income Received – Since 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>		
	11/12 Bank Interest	£	23.36
	09/01 Bank Interest	£	19.49

94.1 **Accounts**

Members accepted the updated accounts as presented.

94.2 **Invoices for Payment**

Members **approved** the payment presented at the meeting which will be paid by BACS transfer.

94.3 **Receipts**

Income received by the Parish Council was **noted**.

94.4 **Precept**

After careful consideration it was **agreed** that the precept for 2024/25 will be £14,000. The clerk pointed out that an increase of £500 was about 3.7%. This was considerably lower than the CPI inflation figure for September 2023, which was 6.7%.

95. **Flooding**

In light of Item 87.2 (ii) it was agreed to discuss flooding at the March meeting.

96. **Motorsport Event**

The proposed Hill Ford Stages rally event met with broad support. Members were happy with both potential routes but expressed concerns about the surface of The Lottery. **Action:** Cllr Josh Wheeler will request the Motorsport UK report into the previous event.

97. **Broadband**

After discussions no new actions were agreed.

98. **Next Ordinary Meeting**

Confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Redmarley Village Hall.

This part of the meeting ended at 9.11pm and was directly followed by Part B.

99. **Confidential Item**

The clerk made disclosures about his recent health and its impacts before suggesting an extension to his probationary period. Members were united in their support and resolved that such an extension would not be necessary.

The meeting ended at 9.28pm.

**Signed:**

**Date:**