Redmarley Parish Council

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Redmarley Parish Council held on Wednesday 31st July 2024 at 7pm at Redmarley Village Hall

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Present: Cllr Jeff Wheeler (Chair), Cllr Mark Johnson Cllr Mike Holtom, Cllr Josh Wheeler, Cllr Neil Goodall and Cllr Vicky Goodall (All will be referred to by their initials or first name)

In Attendance: Leo Williams (Clerk), County Cllr Gill Moseley (GM), District Cllrs Philip Burford (PB) and Clayton Williams (CM) plus four members of the public (MoP). The meeting started at 7.00pm.

27. Apologies for Absence
None.

28. Declarations of Interest
None.

29. Minutes of previous meetings
The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May and 26th June 2024 were accepted and were signed by the chair.

30. Public Consultation
One MoP mentioned that Openreach will be bringing overhead fast fibre to Lowbands soon with positions for about 12 new poles already marked.

31. District Councillor Reports

31.1. PB provided a verbal report, key areas: (i) FoDDC has a new leader, Adrian Birch (G); (ii) Monitoring Officer has left, Julie Jones is acting as Interim MO; (iii) Importance of carefully checking the Local Plan, particularly Sustainability Assessments, before responding; (iv) Advice from Clive Reynolds that new government policy may mean district needs to find an additional 1,500 new build homes; (v) Two council motions were discussed; (vi) First phase of Publica staff and function repatriations will be completed by 1st November.

31.2 CW provided more information regarding the motions at the full FoDDC meeting.

32. County Councillor Report
GM provided a verbal report, key areas: (i) New Public Rights of Way Officer is Will Saunder; (ii) Chris Nelson (C) was re-elected as PCC; (iii) Mark Hawthorne (C) is to stand down as GCC Leader and will not stand for election next May; (iv) GM promoted Fix My Street and discussed issues around road repairs.

33. Action Tracker

Members accepted the updated version. Relevant updates are as follows: **8/42** Cinema Screen. VG will supply clerk with specs so he can offer it for sale on Ebay; **9/46** Deeds. Chair, clerk and MJ meeting within two weeks; **14/59.1 -** AED Power, National Grid case ref no 5135440 is progressing slowly; **16/59.4** War Memorial Cleaning – **(i)** Clerk to apply to FoDDC Planning for Listed Building Consent; **(ii)** It was mentioned that some of the rose bushes appear to be in a poor condition. **Action:** The Chairman will inspect them and instruct the contractor to deal if necessary; **19/96** Hill Ford Stages Event – Closed; **21/107.5** LVL meeting – Clerk to submit a formal complaint, PB asked to be kept informed; **24/16.5** Speed Camera etc – Signs are on order, police advise The Causeway is not likely to qualify as a hand held enforcement site but they will look at it.
A MoP was given dispensation to speak and raised some older unresolved issues, item 42 refers.

34. Planning

34.1 Planning Responses

P0721/24/FUL Foxfield, Redmarley, GL19 3HS. Demolition of timber sheds and porch. Erection of single storey extension with additional covered area and larger porch. Installation of PV solar panels, external heat exchange unit and configuration of vehicle parking/turning area. There were **no objections**.

34.2 Planning Updates

P0304/24/FUL Kingslow Barn, Kings Green, Berrow, WR13 6AQ. Erection of as oak framed garage/store. Consent **Granted** on 24th May 2024.

34.3 Planning Appeals –

(i) APP/P1615/W/23/3333774 - P1106/23/FUL - Harts Farm Chapel Lane, GL19 3JF. Alterations and extensions to the dwelling, to provide annexed accommodation by varying condition 03 attached to planning permission Ref P1009/10/FUL, dated 25 May 2010. The Appeal was **allowed** and full costs were awarded against the Council. **Noted.**

(ii) APP/P1615/X/24/3348297 – 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 etc. is lawful. The appeal will be determined on the basis of a Public Enquiry. This matter was **noted without comment.**

34.4 Local Plan

After discussions it was **agreed** that members should read through the document and send their observations to the clerk by 7th August. He will meet with the chairman and MJ the following week to formulate a consolidated response to the consultation. It was **resolved** that the response may be submitted without the need for a further meeting.

35. **Motorsport Event**
It was agreed that **no further actions** are now needed.

36. **Unknown Tommy Statue**
It was resolved to purchase a right facing 'Unknown Tommy' statue from Royal British Legion Industries for £175.00.

37. **Highways Issues**

37.1 Road Safety and Signage

(i) Josh W has reported the overgrown verges at the southern A417 Redmarley junction which Highways have deemed to "Not be an issue." He will monitor and report again if appropriate.

(ii) Flood sign (on order) has not yet been installed.

(iii) GM has a Councillor Highways budget for local projects. It was agreed to explore whether some could be put towards the Quiet Lanes project.

(iv) The clerk will report the badly degraded surface on the A417 north of Staunton, before Old Pike. Whilst not part of Redmarley parish it adversely affects local traffic.

(v) Footways in an overgrown condition near Rose & Crown bungalows and near the old council houses. Will be reported vis Fix My Street.

37.2 **PRoW Issues**
(i) The Chairman will provide an update which will become an appendix.

(ii) In the light of information suggesting that the relevant footpath, GRA42 at Playley Green Farm, has either reopened or is about to do so, there is no need to issue a Section 130 notice on GCC at this time.

37.3 **Road Closures**

(i) GCC Highways advised that Eggs Tump and Kings Green, Redmarley will be closed from 30th September 2024 to 1st October 2024, between the hours of 09.30 to 15.30 each day to allow for works by BT. Emergency and pedestrian access will be maintained. For information email streetworks@gloucestershire.gov.uk. It was **advised** by Josh W that these works may be delayed.

(ii) C69 Corsend Road will be closed outside 'Pears Cottage' for drainage installation works. The road is expected to be closed from 20th August until 23rd August 2024 only or until the works have been completed. **Noted.**

(iii) Chapel Lane, Redmarley, in the vicinity of Hawcross Lane, will be closed from 2nd to 9th September. Noted.

37.4 **Speed Camera**
Covered under Item 33.

37.5 **Parking Issues**
The meeting heard that parking in the vicinity of Redmarley School had

become problematic due to ongoing building works which are displacing staff vehicles. The works may last into October. It was **resolved** that the clerk will establish whether it is acceptable for staff to use the Village Hall car park during this period. If so, the Chairman will speak informally with the school head. If that doesn't have the desired effect the clerk will make a formal written approach.

38. **Correspondence**

38.1 FoDDC advise that the cabinet has agreed to proceed with the Our Plan (Local Plan) strategy. Discussed at Item 34.4.

38.2 National Highways warn of M50 closures on 6th to 8th and 9th to 19th August. Noted.

38.3 GRCC have circulated details of a Community Resilience event for councillors to be held online on 11th September 2024. Noted.

38.4 Severn Wye Energy Agency inform us they can provide selected landlords in Gloucestershire with a free energy efficiency survey of their rental properties. Noted.

38.5 Malvern Hills National Landscape Partnership shared their Annual Review for 2023/24. Noted.

38.6 FoDDC shared their latest Climate Action newsletter. Noted.

38.7 GAPTC have offered Code of Conduct training for councils. Noted.

39. **Financial Matters**

(a)	**Statement of Accounts as at 25th July 2024**		
	Treasurers Account	£	400.00
	Deposit Account	£	21,882.03
(b)	**Grant Applications - Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972**		None
(c)	**Adverse variance to budget (>£10)**		No Report
(d)	**To ratify payment made between meetings**		Nil
(e)	**BACS Payments for Approval**		
	T Sharpe (Grass cutting)	£	568.00
	Redmarley Village Hall (Room Hire)	£	75.00
	REL Williams (Wages June, July)	£	500.96
	HMRC Re above	£	125.20
	Royal British Legion (Statue)	£	175.00
	ICO (Data Registration Fee)	£	40.00
(f)	**Income Received – Since 25th July 2024**		
	10/06 Bank Interest	£	25.22
	09/07 Bank Interest	£	23.05

39.1 **Accounts**

Members accepted the updated accounts as presented.

39.2 **Invoices for Payment**
Members **approved** the payments presented at the meeting which will be paid by BACS transfer.

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

40. **Financial Regulations**

MJ proposed that updated version of Financial Regulations, circulated by the clerk, be amended to set the value in section 1.7 to £2,000 to align it with that limit consistently used in the rest of the regulations and, further, to mention the Finance Committee. This was carried and the Regulations were adopted.

41. **Asset Register**
It was resolved to accept the updated Asset Register.

42. **Toxin Use – Redmarley Woods**
The possible use of toxins in the Redmarley Woods area was discussed due to a parishioner's dog having turned blue after having come into contact with some agricultural spray, believed to be Azural. This is considered relatively safe. **Action:** Clerk to write to the landowner to remind them of their responsibilities.

43. **Bird Scarers**
The use of bird scarers around Redmarley was discussed and relevant regulations were checked. Action: **Action:** Clerk to write to the landowner to remind them of their responsibilities.

44. **Items for Future Agendas**
(i) Kissing gate purchase; (ii) Shelter for MUGA; (iii) Various signs to be bought; (iv) Possible purchase of additional bin.

45. **Next Ordinary Meeting**

To confirm the time and date of the next Ordinary Meeting to be 7.00pm on Wednesday 25th September 2024 at Redmarley Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.54pm.

Signed: **Date:**