Redmarley Parish Council

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Redmarley Parish Council held on Wednesday 25th September 2024 at 7pm at Redmarley Village Hall

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Present: Cllr Jeff Wheeler (Chair), Cllr Mike Holtom, 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 (CM) plus one member of the public (MoP). The meeting started at 7.00pm.

46. **Apologies for Absence -** Cllr Mark Johnson and Cllr Josh Wheeler. Also from District Cllr Clayton Williams.

47. **Declarations of Interest -** None.

48. **Minutes of previous meeting -** The minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2024 were accepted and were signed by the chair.

49. **Public Consultation** - One MoP asked the clerk to mention that Openreach have erected all the new telephone poles in Lowbands and they are in the process of being strung. Connections expected from the end of October to December.

50. **District Councillor Reports -** PB provided a verbal report, key areas: **(i)** District housing targets are likely to be almost doubled, something parishes need to prepare for; **(ii)** Next week will see the start of the corporate peer challenge exercise.

51. **County Councillor Report -** GM provided a verbal report, key areas: **(i)** New GCC Leader is now in place, Cllr Stephen Davies (C – Hardwicke and Severn); **(ii)** LDs tendered a motion at full council regarding swimming and education, highlighting the decrease in the provision of swimming lessons. It was noted the Redmarley School has its own pool; **(iii)** Residents are invited to engage with a petition via the Focus newsletter regarding use of the tip/recycling centres in Herefordshire for local residents. There is no fixed end date; **(iv)** GM invited the council to consider whether they wanted to look at any potential roads where weight limits would be appropriate as she is looking to batch a number of TROs to save costs.

52. **Action Tracker -** Members accepted the updated version. Relevant updates are as follows:

(i) **9/46** Deeds. Clerk now has possession of all documents and is sorting through them.

(ii) **14/59.1 & 76.1** AED Power Supply for Lowbands. This non-standard application has been problematic but will be finished next week.

(iii) **24/16.5** Speed Camera etc – Signs remain on order. Invoice received from Auto Speedwatch for 12 months data, £179, even though no service has been received. Members **resolved** to withhold payment whilst the clerk makes representations.

(iv) 25/33 Rose Bushes near Memorial. Found to be tidy but in poor condition. It was agreed to replace those in greatest distress.

(v) 27/37.5 Parking Issues near school. In spite of a polite request this remains a problem. Clerk will escalate.

53. Planning

53.1 Planning Responses

(i) P1071/24/AG New Agricultural Building at Blackford Mill Farm, Pendock Road, Redmarley, GL19 3LG. Prior notification for the erection of agricultural steel frame building. FoDDC have already determined that planning permission is **not required**.

(ii) P1043/24/FUL Hedgerows, Redmarley, GL19 3JP. Erection of oak framed clad garage with home office/gym and electric charging point. There were **no objections.**

53.2 Dealt with Between Meetings

(i) P0863/24/FUL Land opposite Innerstone House, Chapel Lane, Redmarley, GL19 3JH. Proposed change of use to incorporate dog agility training with existing equestrian use. A majority of members indicted they had **no objections.** The clerk noted Cllr Johnson's concerns regarding some issues including noise.

(ii) P0905/24/FUL Hanover Green Cottage, Ledbury Road, Redmarley, Gloucester. Demolition of the existing commercial workshop building and provision of a new relocated workshop building. Members indicted they had **no objections.**

(iii) P1003/24/TCA 3 Little Green, Redmarley, GL19 3LQ. 30% crown reduction of 1 x Silver Birch tree on front lawn of property. Members indicted they had **no objections.** Permission **granted** on 16/09/24.

(iv) P0976/24/TCA Fox Cottage, The Green, Redmarley, GL19 3JT. Fell 1 x Italian Cypress (T1) as the tree has grown too big and dense and is beginning to split because of the weight. Wiring the branches is no longer an option as the limbs are too mature. Fell 1 x Cherry (T2) as the tree is showing visible signs of decline over the last two seasons. Leaves are dropping early and multiple dead limbs within the crown. Members indicted they had **no objections.** Permission **granted** on 04/09/24.

53.3 Planning Updates

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

(i) 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. Permission **granted** on 22/08/24.

(ii) A 5-Day Notice was granted for the felling and removal of a dead Birch tree located in the rear garden of The Willow Cottage, Redmarley, which is within the boundary of Redmarley conservation area.

53.4 Planning Appeals - Nothing to report.

54. Highways Issues

54.1 Road Safety and Signage - No new matters were raised.

54.2 PRoW Issues

(i) GRA 32, Public Bridleway on narrow section between The Green and the bottom of the slope down the stepped section and just beyond. Surface left dangerous after recent heavy rainfall. Fix My Street ref: 6536266.

(ii) GRA 35, Public Bridleway, RedmarleyWoods/Drift Road. Flooded dips making it impassable on foot. Drainage requires remedial works. GCC Ref: 11427888.

54.3 Road Closures

(i) 400315 Hawcross its junction with A417 Ledbury Road in a westwards direction for a total distance of approximately 51 metres. 0930 to 1530 on 14 & 15 October 2024.

(ii) C62 from The Causeway to The Lottery, Redmarley from Red Ditch Lane to junction with Murrells End. Unrestricted days, 0700 to 1900 between 29 September and 31st October 2024.

(iii) C62 from The Lottery to Murrells End, from junction with Murrells End to Verwood. Unrestricted days, 0700 to 1900 between 29 September and 31st October 2024. All matters were **noted.**

54.4 Speed Camera - Covered under Item 52(iii).

54.5 Parking Issues - Covered under Item 52(v).

55. Correspondence

55.1 (i) FoDDC promoted its Community Grants, designed to help local groups continue to provide services to residents.

(ii) FoDDC are seeking the view of residents re Council Tax support.

(iii) FoDDC invite members to their Civic Carol Service, 6.30pm 04/12/24 at Coleford.

(iv) FoDDC requested our help to promote Digital & Green Construction Skills training events.

(v) FoDDC shared their latest Climate Action newsletter.

55.2 The most recent Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association newsletter **has been circulated.**

55.3 GCC invited councils to join in the Ash Dieback Replanting scheme.

55.4 Forest Climate Network's most recent newsletter has been circulated.

55.5 The Management Plan for the Malvern Hills National Landscape (AONB) is currently being reviewed. Text for a new management plan for the period 2025-2030 has been drafted. Consultation on the draft is live, comments from RPC to be received by 5pm on Friday 26th October 2024. It was **agreed** to delegate the parish response to Cllr Josh Wheeler

55.6 Gloucestershire OPCC are seeking the views of residents on their perceptions of crime in the area.

55.7 GAPTC have shared a link to Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership's survey.

55.8 Orchard Fundraising have been commissioned to investigate transport needs in the area. All matters were **noted,** 55.5, as above.

56. Financial Matters

(a)	**Statement of Accounts on 20th September 2024**		
	Treasurers Account	£	500.00
	Deposit Account	£	27,436.22
(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**		
	PATA UK (Payroll Services)	£	81.60
(e)	**BACS Payments for Approval**		
	T Sharpe (Grass cutting)	£	TBA
	Redmarley Village Hall (Room Hire, September)	£	25.00
	REL Williams (Wages Aug, Sept)	£	500.96
	HMRC Re above	£	125.20
	REL Williams (A4 Paper)	£	6.49
	Oakdean Landscapes Ltd (Hedgerow cutting)	£	297.00
	~~Auto Speedwatch~~ **TO BE WITHELD**	£	~~179.00~~
(f)	**Income Received – Since 25th July 2024**		
	09/08 Bank Interest	£	21.28
	03/09 Lloyds Bank Meadow Account Closure	£	6.33
	09/09 Bank Interest	£	17.34
	20/09 FoDDC (Precept 2/2)	£	7,000.00

56.1 **Accounts -** Members accepted the updated accounts as presented.

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

56.3 Receipts - Income received by the Parish Council was **noted.**

56.4 Audit – It was **noted** that PKF Littlejohn have confirmed RPC's exemption from the need for external review.

57. Environment and Appearance of Parish

(i) MUGA Shelter – The meeting was reminded that the shelter had been removed as a reaction to anti-social behaviour but there may be grant monies that may need to be returned. **Action:** Investigate the source of any relevant grant funding and whether conditions applied.

(ii) Playpark Sponsor's Signs – NG presented a range of designs. After discussion an option called SIPA2 was favoured and purchase was authorised if the design is possible and the price is confirmed. **Action:** NG will work on the design and establish the final price.

(iii) Waste Bin – It was **agreed** that a replacement waste bin should be bought to replace the previous one near the tennis court. PB suggested contacting an officer at FoDDC who may be able to help.

(iv) War Memorial Area – After a discussion it was **decided not** to purchase posts and ornamental chains for the War Memorial area.

(v) AED – MH advised that one AED battery is down to one bar, meaning it could soon be unserviceable. It was **agreed** to purchase a new battery. PB shared useful information about upkeep contract providers.

58. Items for Future Agendas - Draft Budget for 2025/26.

59. Next Ordinary Meeting - The next Ordinary Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 27th November 2024 at Redmarley Village Hall.

This part of the meeting ended at 9.09pm and was immediately followed by the Part B meeting.

60. Confidential Item - Members discussed certain financial and other details regarding the refreshment of the War Memorial before **resolving** to continue with the existing plans

The meeting ended at 9.22pm.

Signed: **Date:**