Redmarley Parish Council

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Redmarley Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 7pm at Redmarley Village Hall

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Present: Cllr Jeff Wheeler (Chair), Cllr Mark Johnson, Cllr Neil Goodall, Cllr Vicky Goodall, Cllr Mike Holtom, and Cllr Josh Wheeler (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 (CW) plus one member of the public (MoP). The meeting started at 7.00pm.

61. Apologies for Absence - None

62. Declarations of Interest – NG advised that he would make no comments re item 68.1 (i).

63. Minutes of previous meeting - The minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2024 were accepted and were signed by the chair.

64. Public Consultation – Nothing was raised.

65. District Councillor Reports -

65.1 PB provided a verbal report, key areas: **(i)** More than 100 staff were repatriated from Publica to FoDDC in November; **(ii)** The identity and structure new Senior Management Team was described; **(iii)** Currently there is nothing to add re the Local Plan as comment from the Deputy Prime Minister's Office is awaited. There are suggestions that the District/Borough/City Council layer could be abolished; **(iv)** In his capacity as Police and Crime Panel rep, PB mentioned some current issues facing Gloucestershire Constabulary, with the Chief Constable, Deputy Chief and Chief Staff Officer all currently suspended, a £7m budget shortfall and a chaotic situation affecting firearms licensing.

65.2 CW mentioned a number of highways issues and flooding problems. He discussed the success of the Hill Stages rally event and that the public locally had been almost exclusively in favour. He spoke briefly about a planning application seeking to build more than 300 new homes at Newent.

66. County Councillor Report - GM provided a verbal report, key areas: **(i)** GCC Chief Executive Office, Pete Bungard, has announced that he will retire in April or May 2025; **(ii)** LDs have organised an open-ended petition seeking cooperation with Herefordshire over the use of cross border waste facilities; **(iii)** The Environmental Scrutiny Committee will summon the water companies to explain their poor performance. She added that the Pitts Mill facility was in a terrible state.

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

(i) **14/59.1 & 76.1** AED Power Supply for Lowbands. Ownership of the former telephone kiosk by RPC has been confirmed.

(ii) **23/16.4** Quiet Lanes. Andrew Middlecote (GCC Highways) is apparently following this up with Hannah Bassett-Lewis.

(iii) **25/33** Rose bushes will be inspected in March by MJ.

(iv) **30/57(i)** Sponsor's Signs. The old team have been checking for all relevant logos and obtaining images.

68. Planning

68.1 Planning Responses

(i) P1416/24/FUL The Green, The Green, Redmarley, GL19 3JT. Conversion of existing detached outbuilding to form ancillary guest accommodation. Members made several observations, concerns re impact on conservation area, Impact Statement and concerns re access. It was **agreed** that Josh W would produce a response for submission by 13th December.

(ii) P1293/24/TPO Knightsbridge House, 4 Covent Garden, Redmarkey, GL19 3LH. Undertake the following works to trees covered by W1 and W2 of the Tree Preservation Order number DFTPO 210. Ash in W1,lift crown over roadside to allow 5 metres clearance. Group of young to semi-mature Elms in W2 along road edge, remove dead stems and reduce remaining stems to 2 metres to re-establish the hedge line. Remove semi-mature Oak in W2, due to significant decline within falling distance from highway. Remove dead Elm in W2. Members raised concerns about the number of similar applications from this vicinity. It was **agreed** that the clerk would contact the planning officer to establish his views on the need in this case.

68.2 Dealt with Between Meetings

P1253/24/TCA Rosemary Cottage, Forty Green, Lowbands, Redmarley, GL19 3SL. H7 Hawthorn, Holly. Remove close to ground level and treat stumps with herbicide to inhibit regrowth. T8 Hawthorn. Remove close to ground level and treat stumps with herbicide to inhibit regrowth. TG9 Holly, Damson, Hawthorn, Ash. Remove close to ground level and treat stumps with herbicide to inhibit regrowth. **Approved** on 15th November.

68.3 Planning Updates

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

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. Permission granted on 22nd October 2024.

68.4 Withdrawn Since Last Meeting

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.

68.5 Planning Appeals

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. Case to be held at Coleford on 20th & 21st November. Further hearing date of 18th December.

69. Highways Issues

69.1 Road Safety and Signage – (i) There is still no indication as to when the flood sign will be reinstated. Jeff W will enquire with Highways. (ii) The works between Brand Green and the Village Hall are poor. Josh W will submit a letter of enquiry with a copy to GM.

(ii) The state of The Lottery and Durbridge Road were discussed. Josh W will submit a strongly worded request for remedial action.

69.2 PRoW Issues

(i) GRA 65 & 74 Hawcross to Chapel Lane are blocked

(ii) Footpath through woodland to Lowbands Road is not passable.

(iii) Lowbands, multiple issues.

(iv) Some issues to be inspected between Lowbands and the M50. All matters have been reported.

(v) There has been no update from the landowner of The Old Rectory. Jeff W will follow up re kissing gate.

69.3 Road Closures – None disclosed.

69.4 Speed Camera - In the light of correspondence it was agreed to return the speed camera to GCC and withdraw from the scheme.

70. Correspondence

(i) FoDDC advise that Nigel Brinn (Chief Executive) has been appointed as the new Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer for the Forest of Dean District Council.

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

(iii) Redmarley Village Hall advised users of a first price rise in 13 years, £30 per meeting (from £25) for MPC. The committee also shared their audited accounts for year ending 30th September 2024.

(iv) Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association invited members to their AGM, at Whitminster Village Hall on Tuesday 10th December at 3pm. All matters were noted.

71. Financial Matters

(a)	**Statement of Accounts on 22nd November 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**		
	M. Johnson (RBL Poppy Wreath)	£	24.49
	REL Williams (RBL Silent Tommy Statue)	£	200.00
(e)	**BACS Payments for Approval**		
	T Sharpe (Grass cutting)	£	TBA
	REL Williams (Wages Oct, Nov)	£	TBA
	HMRC Re above	£	TBA
	REL Williams (Microsoft & Domain Renewals)	£	74.38
(f)	**Income Received – Since 20th September 2024**		
	09/10 Bank Interest	£	20.38
	11/11 Bank Interest	£	23.52

71.1 Accounts - Members accepted the updated accounts as presented.

71.2 Invoices for Payment - Members **approved** the payments presented at the meeting which will be paid by BACS transfer and noted the payments made between meetings.

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

72. Budget
The draft budget as presented was discussed in detail and was accepted.

73. Precept
It was agreed that the precept would be £14,250 which represented an increase of less than 1.8%.

74. Play Park
(i) Members agreed that an accessible picnic bench set would enhance the area. **Action:** Clerk to obtain quotes.

(ii) Regarding the total of £350 being held by a parishioner, resulting from an Easter egg hunt and fete donations, it was **agreed** that the clerk would arrange for the funds to be transferred to the RPC account.

75. Items for Future Agendas – No new matters were suggested.

59. Next Ordinary Meeting - The next Ordinary Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at Redmarley Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.57pm

Signed: **Date:**