



## Redmarley Parish Council

### **MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Redmarley Parish Council held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 at 7pm at Redmarley Village Hall**

#### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllr Jeff Wheeler (Chair), Cllr Mark Johnson, Cllr Neil Goodall, Cllr Vicky Goodall 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 six members of the public (MoP). The meeting started at 7.00pm.

- 82. Apologies for Absence** – Received and accepted from Cllr Mike Holtom.
- 83. Declarations of Interest** – None.
- 84. Minutes of previous meeting** - The minutes of the meetings held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were accepted and signed by the chair.
- 85. Public Consultation** – One MoP expressed his thanks following the recent installation of a grit bin.
- 86. District Councillor Reports -**
- 86.1** PB provided a verbal report, key areas: **(i)** The government white paper on English devolution makes it clear that Tier 2 local authorities, such as FoDDC, will cease to exist, probably in March 2027 or March 2028. There is debate over whether to have one or two unitary authorities for the county. The mayoral authority will take in areas beyond Glo'shire but how that will pan out is unknown. **(ii)** The FoDDC legacy is being considered. The Five Acres leisure complex plans rumble on with the £9.6m Levelling Up spending time limit extended to March 2026. The Green group are keen on the Biosphere Reserve plan which would protect the Statutory Forest and Wye Valley whilst pushing development elsewhere. **(iii)** The Local Plan still needs to be finished to shape the district but spatial planning will be a mayoral function. The changes to the NPPF are likely to cause the new build requirement in the district to rise from 300 to 600 per year.
- 65.2** CW mentioned having received an email from the organisers of the Hill Ford Stages event. All parties are supportive subject to a satisfactory route.
- 87. County Councillor Report** - GM shared a written report
- 88. Action Tracker** - Members accepted the updated version. Relevant updates are as follows:

- (i) **14/59.1 & 76.1** AED Power Supply for Lowbands. National Grid now have a plan showing the position of the kiosk, progressing very slowly.
- (ii) **23/16.4 and 24/16.5** Quiet Lanes/Speed Enforcement etc. Andrew Middlecote (GCC Highways) is apparently following this up with Hannah Bassett-Lewis. The GCC camera still awaits collection. Jeff W is looking into obtaining one or more VAS units from Highways.
- (iii) **30/57(i)** Sponsor's Signs. VG is contacting every sponsor to ensure nothing is missed. The clerk is attempting to check Go Fund Me to ensure no significant sponsor is overlooked.

## 89. Planning

### 89.1 Planning Responses

P0026/25/LBC (P0025/25/FUL) The Old Rectory, Road from Rock Farm to junction with Ledbury Road, Playley Green, Redmarley, GL19 3NB. Listed building consent for proposed walled garden and ancillary garden structures (revised submission). There were **no objections**.

### 89.2 Dealt with Between Meetings

(i) P1524/24/TCA Weyanoke, The Green, Redmarley, GL19 3JT. Reduce crown of Oak tree by approximately 4 metres by cutting back to previous pruning points. The work is proposed due to the tree encroaching towards bungalow and roof of the house opposite. There were **no objections**. Consent **granted** on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

(ii) P0103/25/TCA Lilac Cottage, The Causeway, Redmarley, GL19 3JS. Fell and remove Bay tree as the roots are causing the adjacent oil tank to tilt. It has been advised that, unless removed, the tree may cause an oil leak. Once the tree has been felled the roots will be removed as well. There were **no objections**. Consent **granted** on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

### 89.3 Planning Updates

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

(i) P1416/24/FUL The Green, The Green, Redmarley, GL19 3JT. Conversion of existing detached outbuilding to form ancillary guest accommodation. Consent **granted** on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

(ii) P1293/24/TPO Knightsbridge House, 4 Covent Garden, Redmarley, 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. Consent **granted** on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

### 89.4 Withdrawn Since Last Meeting – None.

## 89.5 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. No update supplied.

## 90. Highways Issues

**90.1 Road Safety and Signage** – The flood sign reinstatement work is planned for 10<sup>th</sup> March. Jeff W has asked for this be prioritised. The fiasco over A417 closures and re-openings was discussed. The clerk advised that Maisemore PC are looking to hold a key stakeholder meeting to improve future performance in this area.

**90.2 Speed Indication Device** - It was agreed to delay any purchase until opportunities to deploy GCC owned units have been explored.

**90.3 Grit Bin** – It was **resolved** to procure a grit bin for the Phillips Lane/Mill Lane area of Lowbands. **Action:** Jeff W will follow up.

**90.4 PRow Issues** – Josh W will supply a report. He held a meeting with our PRow Officer and blockages have been prioritised. Josh is trying to deal with minor clearances himself to assist the officer whilst his case load is unmanageable.

**90.5 Road Closures** – None disclosed.

## 91. Correspondence

(i) Dymock Forest Rural Action extended an invitation to take part in clearance of the spiral maze on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025. This event was postponed due to adverse weather.

(ii) FoDDC have shared information re the Western Gateway Consultation and the New Sustainable Energy Strategy.

FoDDC's leader advises that the GCC has written to the government requesting County elections be delayed due to the anticipated transition to Unitary Authority status. He makes clear that FoDDC does not support this request. The council also welcomes input from the public re its budget proposals.

(iii) Community Catalysts shared information regarding their partnership project with GCC aimed at helping and supporting older people.

(iv) GAPTC shared a planning newsletter and details of upcoming training events available for members and clerks. They also published their January newsletter.

(v) Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association shared their annual report.

(vi) Hill Ford Stages advise another closed road motor event is proposed to be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025. All matters were **noted**.

**92. Financial Matters**

<b>(a)</b>	<b>Statement of Accounts on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>		
	Treasurers Account	£	800.00
	Deposit Account	£	25,336.40
<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>		
	REL Williams (Wages Dec, Jan)	£	TBA
	HMRC Re above	£	TBA
	Redmarley Village Hall (4 x Room hire)	£	100.00
	M Holtom (2 x AED Batteries)	£	TBA
<b>(f)</b>	<b>Income Received – Since 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024</b>		
	03/12 S Royle (Playpark funds)	£	355.00
	09/12 Bank Interest	£	19.91
	09/01 Bank Interest	£	22.06

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

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

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

**93. Play Park** - Members agreed to purchase a Gibbs accessible picnic bench set for £648.70 plus VAT.

**94. Items for Future Agendas** – MJ mentioned a rotting bench in the playing field and agreed to investigate possible options.

**59. Next Ordinary Meeting** - The next Ordinary Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Redmarley Village Hall. Further meeting dates will be May (to be confirmed), 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 24<sup>th</sup> September and 26<sup>th</sup> November.

The meeting ended at 8.06pm

**Signed:**

**Date:**