

RAMSDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st May 2008
at 7.00pm in**

Ramsden Memorial Hall

Members Present: Mr Clive Cowen (CC), Mrs Holly Deans (HD), Mrs Sally Miller (SM),
Mr Tony Shuker (TS) and Mrs Sarah Wiggins (SW)

Others Present: Cllr Simon Hoare (Cllr H), the Clerk

Item	Subject	Action
15.	Apologies None.	
16.	Election of Chairman Mrs Holly Deans was duly elected.	
17.	Receipt of declaration of acceptance of office The declaration of office was signed and received.	
18.	Appointment of PC representatives to other Committees Sally Miller was re-appointed as representative to the Ramsden Pools Allotments Committee.	
19.	Minutes of ordinary meeting held on 16th April 2008 These were signed as a true record of the meeting. SW reported that agreement had been reached to re-route the footpath at the top of Wilcote Lane away from the pond, to install a new sign and cut back the bushes.	
20.	Declaration of interests SM declared a prejudicial interest as a close neighbour of 16 Mount Skippet.	
21.	Financial Matters and Accounts for Payment a) Accounts /Annual Return for 2007/2008 The Internal Audit Report had been received and would be discussed at the next meeting as there was nothing requiring immediate attention. The Annual Return and the Annual Governance Statement were considered. Insurance quotations from Allianz and from Zurich Municipal (ZM) were compared. <u>Resolved:</u> To accept and sign the statement of accounts contained in the annual return. To approve and sign the annual governance statement in the annual return. To invite Allianz to match the insurance quotation from ZM and to authorize the Clerk to accept the Allianz quotation for 2008-2009 if it became comparable, and to accept the ZM quotation if it did not. (Cllr H left the meeting at this point.) b) Payment of invoices It was resolved to pay the following accounts: OALC subscription £125.85; ORCC Subscription £20; Ian Winter (Newsletter) £44.65; Br Consulting Ltd (Audit) £62.50; WODC (Election Expenses 2007) £303.60; Shaw & Sons Ltd (Burial Grants record book) £69.02; (Insurance) Zurich Municipal £813.73 or comparable price from Allianz); Clerk – Salary & expenses £267.59. (SM left the room at this point.)	Clerk

22. Planning

08/0604/P/FP Construction of swimming pool together with pool house (Part Retrospective)

The Skippet, 16 Mount Skippet, Ramsden

Applicant: Mrs Pennent-Rea

To send a letter expressing concern about water pressure, drainage from Skippet Pool and spreading the spoil.

Clerk

08/0619/P/FP Erection of two storey side extension (To allow reuse of existing balcony)

Hartsop Farm,

Witney Road, Ramsden

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Vandenberghe

No objection.

08/0774/P/FP Erection of shed. (Retrospective)

Heath House Nursery

Witney Road, Ramsden

Applicant: Mr R. Power

Objections – letter to be sent to WODC

Clerk

(SM rejoined the meeting.) New planning rules had come into force, with applications normally being made on line, although a hard copy would still be accepted.

23. Preparations for Annual meeting

Focal points for discussion after the meeting: Speeding – CC; Grass Verges – SW; Health and Social – SM; Financial – TS; all other matters – HD; Bus consultation – Stella Marks (Transport Rep).

24. Dates of Meetings

Dates were agreed for the year:

Wednesday 18th June – Ramsden Memorial Hall

Wednesday 16th July 8pm – St James’s Church Meeting Room

Wednesdays 17th September, 15th October, 19th November 2008

Wednesdays 21st January, 18th February, 18th March, 15th April 2009

No meetings in August or December 2008.

25. Any other urgent business

There was a query about the national validity of the Senior Citizens’ bus pass which would be investigated.

CC

Insurance cover for the Fete needed to be checked with the PCC and the landowner.

TS

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.