

**Minutes of a meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Millennium Room,
Ramsey Church, Ramsey on 10th July 2008 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors Coughlin, Elmer (Chairman), Donn, Glenn, P Barrenger, Passmore, Mcgarry, Needham, E Barrenger

Also Present: DC Brown; press

Prior to opening the meeting the Chairman asked all members to stand and acknowledge a minutes silence in memory of Brian Cunnew who had recently passed away.

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** None
2. **To hear a report from Essex Police:** information only: Post Meeting Note: an email was received with the attached report and apologies for not attending the meeting from PC Trevor Abrahams
3. **Members Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda:** None
4. **To hear questions from members of the public:** 15 minutes allowed.:DC Brown requested that the press make an announcement that £2000 is available from TDC Small Budget scheme to applicants from organisations within Ramsey and Parkeston; applications are to be directed to DC Brown. Clerk also to advertise in the Noticeboards with a closing date of 10th September to allow all applications to be considered at the meeting of RPPC on September 13th.

Action: Clerk

5. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2008**

Cllr E Barrenger: Item 6. Planning Rep for Ramsey should read Cllr P Barrenger.

Cllr Mc Garry: Item 15: 2 signs not 4 being have been erected

With the amendments made Cllr E Barrenger proposed and Cllr Donn seconded a motion that the minutes to be signed as a true record with the motion carried. The Chairman then signed the minutes as a true record.

6. **To receive any announcement by the Chairman**

With the passing of Brian Cunnew and a letter of resignation received from Jeff Keating a vacancy for Councillor for both the Ramsey and Parkeston Wards have arisen. Cllr E Barrenger proposed and Cllr Donn seconded a motion that any applications on file should also be notified.

The offer from J Keating to remain as Webmaster for RPPC was accepted; proposed E Barrenger and seconded by Cllr Donn with all in favour

Action: Clerk

7. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting**

Item 14 b): A letter from Little Oakley Parish Council confirmed that speed checks had been made in Mayes Lane and raised a concern of the size of hedge on the sharp bend at the shop end of Mayes Lane: following a discussion a decision to for the RPPC to write to Highways asking for signs to be erected at both ends of the lane to forewarn drivers of the school should be done. The matter of the hedge is to be taken up with TDC. A reply to Little Oakley Parish Council is to be sent requesting their support in raising a petition for the enforcement of a 20mph restriction throughout the lane.

Action: Clerk

Item 11: Notice re Fly Tipping at the cemetery entrance: Consideration is being given for the best option to for positioning the sign for greater effect.

Action: Cllr Elmer

Item 8 (ii): Planning Application relating to the Ramsey Old School: an Action Group has been formed with approximately 80 letters submitted objecting to knocking down old school and continuing to look at the application in depth.

8. **To consider any Planning issues:**

(i) **Application No:** 08/00678/FUL

Proposal: Detailed application for residential development of 81 flats with associated community use, access, car parking and landscaping

Location: Plot 3 Stanton Europe Park (Land at Iconfield Park, Freshfields road) Harwich

Post meeting note: Copy of the objections raised have been sent to TDC, a copy of which is circulated with these minutes.

(ii) **Surya Rice, 3A Europa Way, Application 07/00838FUL:** breach of condition 5

Cllr Needham asked for the working undertaken on Good Friday be reported.

Action: Clerk

(iii) The Chairman brought forward the following application received:

Application No: 08/00787/FUL

Proposal: Dismantling and removal of two underground storage tanks and associated regarding earthworks.

Location: Petrochem Carless Ltd Foster Road Parkeston

The view of the RPPC is no objection proposed by Cllr Glenn, seconded by Cllr Don with all in favour.

9. **To discuss issues regarding Station Road, Parkeston:** Cllr Needham
 Issues raised were discussed with the following actions to be taken:
- (i) Letter from Miss Greenfield, 16 Adelaide Street regarding cutting of the bank to be copied to Darren Taylor, HIP requesting cutting of both sides of Station Road on Port land is carried out.
Action: Clerk
 - (ii) Station Road Pathway between Garland Road and Parkeston Roundabout: Request to Highways for full length to be cut back
Action: Clerk
 - (iii) Gulls perching on lampposts: Request for something to be put in place on top of the lamps to deter the gulls.
Action: Clerk
10. **To discuss rubbish concerns in Parkeston Village and Environmental Health visit**
 Cllr Elmer reported on the visit and indicated that he will continue to keep contact to ensure the following points agreed are fulfilled:
- (i) 3 gardens have been identified as in need of clearing; a letter is to be sent from the Enforcement Officer.
 - (ii) Litterpickers are to be instructed to clear all roads and pavements in the village
 - (iii) TDC are to issue a general letter to all households in the village regarding putting rubbish out prior to the scheduled day of collection
 - (iv) Cllr Donn thanked the council on behalf of the refuse collectors for the clearing of alleyways in the village
Action: Cllr Elmer
11. **To receive a report regarding the Ramsey Village Fete 25/08**
 There is to be a table top sale on in the RWMH to raise funds in preparation of the fete.
12. **To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery:**
- (i) The survey on the Chapel has been received; copied to Cllr P Barrenger to assist in sourcing costings for the work recommended.
 - (ii) The broken branch has been taken down; Cllr Donn to offer to remove the debris
Action: Cllr Donn
 - (iii) A site visit is to be arranged with Cllr Rutson, HTC in relation to the broken panel on the south side being used as access from the hangings and other issues; Cllr Donn showed an interest to attend.
Action: Cllr Elmer
13. **To receive a report regarding the Ramsey War Memorial Hall:**
- (i) Work on the forecourt has been completed ;Cllr Passmore circulated photos and reported that the landscaper donated over £800 of labour to keep the project cost under the £1000 donation from RPPC and requested that a letter of thanks should be sent. The chairman thanked Cllr Passmore for his input into the project.
Action: Clerk
 - (ii) Funding for the new floor within the hall is still being sourced.
 - (iii) Grass cutting of the playing field was confirmed as contracted to be done once a fortnight, Cllr Passmore to monitor and report any issues to the clerk.
14. **To receive a report from the Transport Representatives**
Parkeston: A letter received from Mr R Tye, 43 Adelaide Street raised issues in the village, other than those covered in items 10 and 13 of these minutes;
- (i) a request for the sign warning of the junction of Garland Road and Una Road to be made more visible.
Action: Clerk
 - (ii) Concern over the derelict building that has the front entrance open.
Action: Clerk
 - (iii) General appearance of village: tree and flower planting: to be considered within the local plan.
 A response to Mr Tye will be sent.
Action: Clerk
- Ramsey:** Cllrs Passmore and Donn have contacted Highways regarding the bank at the Ramsey Roundabout/RWMH corner considered to impair vision of approaching traffic: the bank has been cut back 1 metre however should it be lowered it would undermine the stability of the trees at the back of the bank.
15. **To receive reports from councillors attending other meetings:**
 Cllr Donn: Public Transport meeting where he learnt of grants available for Bus stops and shelters; once ownership of the Ramsey bus stop has been established applying for a grant to repair/.replace the shelter will be considered.
Action: Cllr Donn
16. **To receive correspondence for action:** None not covered elsewhere

17. To receive a list of correspondence received for information only: Clerk

- (i) Village Design Statement: Cllrs Donn and Passmore produced a document explaining the format and procedures in producing a VDS that they are working on for Ramsey.
- (ii) Parish of Harwich Peninsula: Service for Sea on Sunday July 13th – all welcome
- (iii) ECC: Ray Lane, Ramsey & Parkeston Footpath 12: conclusion has been reached that the route is correctly shown on the Definitive Map and that no modification is required.

18. To agree the accounts for payment

Clerks Salary	£747.84	Accent Stationers	£74.34
Sargants Landscape (Donation RWMH)	£999.99	Landscape Services	£258.50 £352.50
E-On Electricity	£79.31	J McPherson (Chapel Survey)	£257.35
Clearaway Sers (Parkeston Alleyways)	£1,200.00		

19. Councillors report and items for future agendas: each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report on minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. **Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman.** Nothing raised

20. To confirm that the next **meeting of Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council** will be held on **14th August 2008** in the **Parkeston Methodist Church Hall, Garland Road, Parkeston at 7.30 p.m.**

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.