

Minutes of the Meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Ramsey Methodist Church Hall, Garland Road, Parkeston on Thursday 20th August 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors P Barrenger, R Ghee, Elmer, Passmore, Smith

Also Present: PSCOs Grayburn and Barnes

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllrs L Barrenger, L Donn, M Donn, Prior
2. **To hear a report from Essex Police: information only**

The monthly statics were received and tabled; overall figures down on previous months

 - **Street Light Pilot Scheme** -18 month trial in Uttersfield and Maldon has been running where some street lights have been turned off at midnight. A request for comment to be sent to EALC.

The view of the RPPC and Police present is to object due to the following:

 - Rural area of Ramsey
 - Possible increase in crime and anti-social behaviour
 - CCTV not effective
3. **Members Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda: Members joining the meeting part way through should wait for the next agenda item before joining any discussion/debate and declare any interest on any of the remaining agenda items.** None
4. **To hear questions from members of the public: 15 minutes allowed.** None
5. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2009**

Cllr D Smith proposed and Cllr P Barrenger 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**
 - i. A letter of resignation has been received from John Coughlin leaving a vacancy for the Parkeston Ward; TDC have been informed. A letter of thanks to be sent to John Coughlin for his service over 13 years.
Action: Clerk
 - ii. The Chairman proposed the date of the Christmas dinner, agreed to be held at the Towers Hotel, for Friday 27th November.
Action: Cllr L Donn
7. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:**
 - i. After research the Clerk is to put an application into Awards for All (Lottery Funding) for a projector, screen and dongle (for remote internet access) to enable plans to be viewed via TDC website.
8. **To consider any Planning issues:**
 - i. Application No: 09/00776/FUL
Proposal: Proposed change of use of pasture land to paddock, incorporating maege
Location: Stagecoach Stud Wix Road Ramsey
The view of RPPC is no objection
 - ii. Planning Appeal: 4 Lucas Cottages The Street Ramsey
Proposed Development: Erection of two storey and single storey rear
Appeal Reference: APP/P1560/D/09/2109289
Copies of comments by the RPPC are to be sent to the Secretary of State
Action: Clerk
 - iii. Application No: 09/00670/FUL
Proposal: Change of use of redundant domestic orchard garden for purpose of installing a tennis court 34.75m x 18m which will be painted green with black chain link fencing to a height of 2.75m
Location: Ramsey Hall Tinker Street Ramsey
The view of the RPPC is no objection
Decisions received:
Application No: 09/00584/FUL
Proposal: Erection of 1 n. detached dwelling
Location: South House Farm, South House Farm Road, Gt Oakley
Decision: Approval Full - Ddetermined
9. **To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery: Cllr Elmer**
 - i. **Memorial and Headstone Risk Assessment**

A draft policy circulated for Parkeston Cemetery was discussed and agreed to be re-visited at the next RPPC meeting after the training 15/09 on the Management of Cemeteries to be undertaken by Cllrs Elmer, M Donn, P Barrenger, D Smith and the Clerk.
 - ii. **Proposed Burial and Memorial increased charges**

Following a meeting attended by Cllrs Elmer, L Donn, M Donn, Passmore, P Barrenger and the Clerk 13/08 a proposal to increase all cemetery fees by 20% over the next three years; to be implemented from 1st October 2009 was discussed; proposed by Cllr D Smith, seconded by Cllr Passmore a motion was carried to implement the increased as from 1st October 2009.
Action: Clerk

- iii. Clearance of weeds to entrance; TDC are to clear the hangings that will hopefully incorporate the entrance to the cemetery.
- iv. Equipment purchased:
 - Face mask protector
 - oil jerry can
 - 2 stroke heavy duty hedge trimmer
 - 2 stroke heavy duty strimmer
 - mulching lawn mower.

All items have been purchased through Harwich Tool Hire at a cost of approx £536 t and are to be stored at chapel for use within the 2 wards of RPPC: invoice to be received.

10. **To receive a report regarding the Ramsey War Memorial Hall/Playing Field: Cllr E Barrenger/Passmore**
- i. **Flood Risk Assessment:** actively being done; a copy is required to support the planning application for the portacabin; that will be applied for by RPPC; costs covered by RWMH
 - ii. **Old Portacabin** refurbishment near completion
 - iii. **Ditch Clearance:** Environmental Agency have started work
 - iv. **Porta Loos:** ready for installation behind portacabin and will be fenced in
 - v. **Rabbits:** permission was granted as landowners by RPPC for the culling of rabbits; full notification to the public/police with safety measures are to be put in place prior to any action
 - vi. **Funding:** further funding for the playing field is being sought via TDC Leisure and the Rotary Club
 - vii. **RWMH:** redecoration of the hall and internal entrance is to be carried out from 24/08 –cost £980
Cllr P Barrenger was thanked for his work in replacing the frame of the fire escape door that is now secure; materials cost £285.
11. **To receive a report regarding the Ramsey Community Orchard: Cllr Passmore:** Progress ongoing
12. **To receive a report from the Transport Representatives**
- Ramsey**
- i. **Bus Shelters:** No further information to date
 - ii. A request to contact Highways in order to cut the hedges in The Street leading into Wix Road has been passed to Cllr M Donn.
- Parkeston**
- i. **Capital Funding Major Maintenance Scheme 09/10:** Notification received from ECC Cllr M Skeels that approval has been given for work in Parkeston Road, Princess Street, Hamilton Street, Tyler Street, Garland Road, Una Road and Edward Street; Adelaide Street has not been mentioned; a query from the Chairman has been recorded.
 - Footway slurry seal to commence September 09
 - Carriageway resurfacing works November 2009
 - ii. **Street Cleansing TDC:** A request for comments from RPPC on the current schedule for both wards is to be agreed and sent.
- Action: Chairman/Clerk**
13. **To receive reports from councillors attending other meetings:** None
14. **To receive any correspondence for action not covered elsewhere:**
- i. **TDC Civic Service; Sunday 20th September 2009 at 11.00 a.m. Frinton:** Chairman/Clerk unable to attend apologies to be sent.

Action: Clerk
 - ii. **EALC AGM 23/09:** Invite to collect certificate re Councillor Training Short Course undertaken by RPPC. Apologies to be sent.

Action: Clerk
15. **To receive a list of correspondence received for information only: Clerk**
16. **To agree the accounts for payment.**

Clerks Salary	£886.00	SLCC Membership	£133.00
A & J Lighting	£51.98	Landscape Services	£805.00
NamesCo (web/email hosts)	£126.48	E-on Electricity	£79.31
Veolia (Water)	£264.59		

17. 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.**
18. To confirm that the next **meeting of Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council** will be held on **Thursday, 17th September 2009** in the **Parkeston Methodist Church Hall, Garland Road, Parkeston at 7.30 p.m.**

Exclusion of the public: In accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt and confidential information (for example confidential personal or tender issues) can be considered by the council.

The meeting closed at 8.55p.m.