

**Minutes of a meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Millennium Room,
Ramsey Church, Ramsey on 4th September 2008 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Cllrs E Barrenger, P Barrenger, Coughlin, L Donn, M Donn, Elmer (Chairman), Glenn, McGarry, Needham, Passmore, Prior

Also Present: Press Reporter

The Chairman welcomed the newly co-opted councillors, Councillor Leslie Donn (Ramsey Ward) and Councillor Natalie Prior (Parkston Ward) to the meeting.

1. **To accept apologies for absence**

2. **To hear a report from Essex Police: information only:** Nothing Received

3. **Members Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda** Cllr Elmer declared an interest regarding the Planning Application: Parkeston Quay Service Station

4. **To hear questions from members of the public: 15 minutes allowed.**

Mr Cole, Secretary of the Harwich and Dovercourt Golf Club made a presentation on their business proposal in planting and selling cricket bat willows; in summary there is 14 year cycle to produce a mature tree, the proposal of planning 700-1000 trees (200 per year) has gained approval from the Environment Agency with no effect on the water table acknowledged; the project would encourage wildlife and the cutting of trees would be on a rolling programme therefore not disturbing any wildlife.

A grant to assist in the project is being sourced and a request for the RPPC to write to TDC showing support of the project was made to assist in obtaining a grant. The cost of planting and maintaining one tree by a specialised company(J S Wright & Sons) is amounts to £240.00.

Cllr Elmer informed Mr Cole of the opportunity to apply to ECC for a grant for tree planting. Cllr Passmore proposed that the RPPC supported the project, seconded by Cllr Glenn and supported unanimously by a show of hands. Cllr Elmer asked to be kept informed of the progress in the development of the project; Mr Cole offered a site visit to all Councillors once the 1st 100 trees have been planted.

Action: Clerk to write to Mr Cole

Mr Cole then raised the issue of the 'Leisure sign' for the golf club that was taken away some 2 years ago; asking for assistance in having a replacement sign erected.

Action: Clerk to write to ECC Highways

5. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14th August 2008**

Cllr P Barrenger proposed and Cllr E 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**

The Chairman proposed for a Christmas meal to be arranged for members of the RPPC and their partners; venue agreed to be the Captain Fryatt PH, Parkeston; date to be confirmed.

Action: Cllr Prior

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

Item 4: Invite for Mark Coussens to attend a meeting of RPPC – no reply to date

Item 6: Clean Sweep Ramsey: Cllr P Barrenger and M Donn are to contact Mike Bradley, TDC to arrange.

Item 7(ii) Mayes Lane: communication continues with Little Oakley Parish Council

ECC: (a) request for Cloverwood Stores owners to cut hedge – no reply to date

(b) request for 20mph limit in Mayes Lane- rejected as statistics do not warrant a lower speed limit.

Item 7(iv): Request for HIP to cut vegetation along the port's boundary of Station Road – although they do not recognise this as their responsibility they will put an order in for the work to be done.

Darren Taylor is to copy RPPC in on any documentation to confirm ownership of this area.

Item 7(v): Request for ECC to cut vegetation along Station Road to Roundabout and action to be taken to discourage gulls settling on lampposts – no reply to date.

Item 7 (viii) Cemetery site visit with HTC: Cllr Elmer has had a meeting with Cllr Rutson, HTC the Environment Agency is to address the problem of rubbish and the rats attracted to it.

Item 8: RPPC Website content: All to bring forward information/photographs of local interest.

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

Application No: 06/02016/OUT- Amendedment

Proposal: Residential Development – 9 units

Location: Parkeston Quay Service Station Station Road Parkeston

View of the RPPC: in essence favourable to the proposed outline application:

Following requested to be included in consideration during the progression of the application:

1. A condition to be put in place to retain the conifers and shrubs established along the boundary with 1 Makins Road and the development.

2. A condition to be put in place for access to or from Makins road to be via a barrier or gate only to ensure security and safety of road users and residents.

Application No: 08/01162/OUT

Proposal: Replacement dwelling and associated works

Location: South House Farm South House Farm Road Great Oakley Harwich

View of the RPPC: No Objection

9. To receive a report regarding the Ramsey Village Fete 25/08

The fete was a great success: good turnout with a total raised £565 from Cllrs McGarry and E Barrenger who were congratulated together with all those concerned for such an achievement.

Further fundraising events arranged:

14 and 28th September table tops to be held in the RWMH.

Xmas bazaar 30th November to be held in the RWMH

10. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery: Cllr Elmer

Survey on the Chapel has been undertaken: P Barrenger/G Elmer are to produce a schedule to put out to tender; 3 companies to be approached.

Action: Cllr Elmer/P Barrenger

Potential Funding to be researched from Essex Environment Trust

Action: Clerk

Cllr P Barrenger has carried some works: cleared guttering and down pipe plus some pointing with no cost to the RPPC. He was thanked for carrying out the work

The Wasps nest has been destroyed @ £45

11. To receive a report regarding the Ramsey War Memorial Hall: Cllr E Barrenger/Passmore

Following the survey Cllr P Barrenger is to produce a schedule of work to be put out for tender.

Cllr Passmore reported that the portacabin has been damaged; the football club is responsible for it's maintenance.

12. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives

Cllrs Coughlin and Donn are to attend a Rail Seminar in October

Cllr Donn has received an invite to a Public Transport Seminar in November

13. To receive reports from councillors attending other meetings

A meeting of the Ramsey Action Group is to be held in September – date to be confirmed

14. To receive correspondence for action: RAFA – Memorial Service 14th September

Cllrs Coughlin, Donn and Elmer will be attending.

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

Nothing not covered elsewhere.

16. To agree the accounts for payment

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| Clerk's Salary | £511.92 | A & J Lighting | £53.02 |
| Landscape Sers | £235.00 | Greenleaf Pest Control | £45.00 |
| Accent Stationers | £23.41 | E-On Electricity | £79.31 |
| Landscape Sers | £258.50 | S Lewis RPPC New Logo | £50.00 |

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 **October 9th 2008** 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 8.55 p.m.