

Minutes of the Meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Ramsey Methodist Church Hall, The Street, Ramsey on Thursday 15th October 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors E Barrenger, P Barrenger, L Donn, M Donn, Elmer, Gee, Smith

Also Present: PSCOs Barnes, Anne Clarke (Essex Probation)

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllr Passmore, Cllr Prior (noted authorised absence until further notice due to recovery period following her accident)
2. **To hear a report from Essex Police:** information only
The previous month's statistics showing 10 incidents were circulated and discussed.
The presence of officers on pushbikes was reported as being popular with members of the public and allowed more ground to be covered.
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 receive a presentation relating to the Welfare Park:** In the absence of Cllr Prior, Anne Clarke, Community Development Officer, Essex Probation reported that a Community Payback Scheme was in place at the Welfare Park with the intention of making the area safe and clear of rubbish/overgrown vegetation
In working with Cllr Prior the Police and Council it is hoped to improve the area and supply sports/play equipment with funding. Cllr M Donn reported that he had been working with TDC Leisure Services and was aware of funding available for the Welfare Park, circa £50k. Anne Clarke is to contact Kirsty Holsten to make a bid on behalf of the Welfare Park.

Action: Anne Clarke
6. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2009**
With the amendment to 'Present: Cllr 'Lee' corrected to read 'Gee'. Cllr M Donn proposed and Cllr E Barrenger seconded a motion that the minutes to be signed as a true with the motion carried. The Chairman then signed the minutes as a true record.
7. **To receive any announcement by the Chairman**
The village shop (formerly housing the Post Office) will close on Monday 21st October due to loss of business.
The RPPC Christmas meal has been booked for Friday 27th November at the Tower Hotel, 7.30pm @ £13.75 per head. Payment to Cllr L Donn.
8. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:** Nothing not covered elsewhere
9. **To consider any Planning issues:**
Application No:09/00926/FUL
Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and replacement with garage with workshop over
Location: 2 Ocean View, Oakley Road Ramsey
The view of the RPPC: No Objection
Decisions Received:
Application No: 09/00821/FUL
Proposal Change of use from residential to commercial use as a bed and breakfast
Location: 2 Ramsey Hill Cottages, Tinker Street, Ramsey:
Approval Full
Application No: 09/00829/FUL
Proposal: Insertion of 2 no dormer windows, 2 no rooflights and 3 no gable windows to accommodate loft conversion
Location: 3 Windmill Close, Ramsey
Full Refusal
10. **To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery: Cllr Elmer**
A second risk assessment is to be carried out in the Spring; no urgent actions required following the risk assessment carried out in July 2009.
11. **To receive a report regarding the Ramsey War Memorial Hall/Playing Field: Cllr E Barrenger/Passmore**
 - o John Bishop is acting Chairman until the next AGM to cover for illness.
 - o Bookings are increasing
 - o A security light at the entrance is being source
 - o Minor maintenance to plastering is felt necessary
 - o The creek in the playing field has now been dredged
 - o Portacabins planning application is in hand

12. **To receive a report from the Transport Representatives**
- Resurfacing to pavements in Parkeston has been completed
 - Subsidence in Station Road; near the golf club entrance has been addressed as a priority over the concern of subsidence in Parkeston Road
13. **To receive reports from councillors attending other meetings**
Cllr M Donn:
- 23/09 HIP Liaison meeting; Cruise ships down next year/ steady business elsewhere with Wind turbines operations running out of HIP
 - HIP Management have agreed to do some maintenance on station road in cutting vegetation and banks
 - Harwich Connexions TIC meeting has been rescheduled 19/10
 - Cllrs M Donn and Smith attended a Police Public meeting.
14. **To receive any correspondence for action not covered elsewhere:**
- TDC: Presentation on Magistracy and Sentencing to Councillors 9th November, Weeley Council Chamber 2-4 pm Cllrs M Donn and Smith are to attend
15. **To receive a list of correspondence received for information only: Clerk - None**
16. **To agree the accounts for payment and receive the 6 monthly finance report against budget.**
Confirmation received from NALC of the Clerk's pay rise backdated April 2009
The Finance report was tabled and discussed, no concerns were raised and it was agreed the report would be the grounding for producing the budget recommendation for the new financial year 2010/11 for discussion at the Budget Meeting set 03/11; all members were reminded of the importance of attending the Annual Budget Meeting.
- Action: Clerk**
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.**

Clerks Salary & backpay increase from 1/4/09	£708.79 £335.64	Petty Cash	£50.00
A & J Lighting	£51.98	Landscape Services	£1150.00
G Elmer 2 nd ½ Chair's Allowance	£250.00	E-on Electricity	£79.31
Accent Stationers	£56.16		

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Cllr Prior requested an item to be included relating to the Welfare Park.
19. To confirm that the **2010/2011 Budget meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 3rd November 2009 at 7.30 pm** in the **Ramsey Methodist Church Hall, The Street, Ramsey** and to confirm that the next meeting of the **Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council** will be held on **Thursday 19th November 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 2105hrs