

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Ramsey Methodist Church Hall, The Street, Ramsey on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Cllrs Brown, L Donn, M Donn [Chairman], Prior, Ramsay, Sheers

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllrs Elmer, Passmore, Smith
2. **To receive a report from Essex Police:** information only: Nothing received – a request for monthly reports to be received on a regular basis to be made.  
**Action: Clerk**
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 RPPC meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010**  
Cllr Sheers proposed and Cllr Ramsay 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) The horse trough at the junction of Mayes Lane/Church Hill was reported stolen on Sunday 14/11; Police are investigating a vehicle suspected as being involved and traced to Hertford.
  - ii) **Networking Meetings:** proposed by Cllr M Donn to host the first meeting at the RWMH, inviting surrounding councils with common interests and issues: initially to invite the Clerk and one other representative. Firm date and venue to be discussed at the next RPPC meeting to be held on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2011.
  - iii) **Xmas Meal:** Towers Hotel Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 7pm
  - iv) **Setec Project:** running alongside the Job Centre a proposal to introduce the scheme in the villages using RWMH as a base in return of work being undertaken within the parish. Further details to be discussed at the next committee meeting of the RWMH.
7. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting**

**Item 8: Newsletter:** Ongoing with the plan to incorporate the impending elections and to attract new members.  
**Action: Clerk**

**Item 8: Projector:** now on order, insurance to be checked for cover of the item value £307  
**Action: Clerk**

**Item 9: Damaged rose bowls:** contact has been made with J Glover [Landscape Services] with a request for his insurance to be checked.  
**Action: Clerk**

**Item 11: Speed Limits:** no further requests will be considered by ECC Highways until the new budget year. A request for annual statistics and traffic counts carried out in the wards from ECC Highways is to be made.  
**Action: Cllr Ramsay**

**Item 12: Precept request:** £25,062.00 submitted 5<sup>th</sup> November in line with budget agreed for 2011/12
8. **To consider any Planning issues:**

**TDC Draft Sex Establishment Policy:** comments on draft requested no later than 28 January 2011: copies to be sent with these minutes for consideration at the next meeting of the RPPC to be held 20 January 2011.  
**Action: All**
9. **To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery:** Cllrs Elmer/M Donn
  - Notification of the increase of 5% on the Cemetery Lodge has been formally sent to the current tenants, awaiting signed confirmation of acceptance.
  - Revised burial/memorial charges are to be issued incorporating a 20% increase in all fees as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011, as advised in a letter issued September 2009; a further 20% will take effect from April 2012  
**Action: Clerk**
  - **Spoil Area:** gravediggers leaving spoil in ad hoc areas – contact with undertakers to see what could be done advice to be sought from local undertakers. - ongoing  
**Action: Clerk/Cllr M Donn/Cllr Elmer**
  - **Chapel:** possible usage of the chapel is to be considered after any maintenance on the structure of the building has been addressed.  
**Action: Cllrs Elmer/M Donn**
10. **To receive a report regarding the Ramsey War Memorial Hall/Playing Field:** Cllr E Barrenger  
Cllr L Donn reported:
  - **Damage:** damage to the door and picture frame plus a trophy stolen during a 17<sup>th</sup> birthday party has raised concern for the committee. All party bookings are done so on the understanding that there will be adult supervision; this appears not to have been the case on this occasion: future bookings will be made only with a deposit of £150 against any damage being held. An invoice for £100 has been sent to the hirer to reclaim costs.
  - **Clairvoyance Evening:** well supporting with £250 profit reached.
  - **Bingo:** December 8<sup>th</sup> – all welcome  
Additional events and advertising the venue are being considered.
11. **To receive a report regarding the Welfare Park:** Cllr Prior
  - **Muga:** planning application now being processed
  - **Container:** HIP have agreed to move the container within the park in better weather
  - **Garden Area:** Safer Essex funding £30k will be used in a raised bedding area, hoping to encourage residents to assist in the maintenance of the area and to include schools in planting the area.

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- **Tube Youth Shelter:** to be installed as part of Safer Essex funding; scheduled December 2010
12. **To receive a report from the Transport Representatives**
- Identification labels on each street lamp are now in place
  - Salt Bins: proposed sites considered are junction of Edward Street/Una road and the bottom of Church Hill, Ramsey.

**Action: Clerk**

13. **To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings**

**Election Day:** EALC one day training attended by Cllr M Donn and the Clerk; very informative with learning for planning for the election: proposed date for the RPPC Assembly to be held on 17 March 2011 prior to the Council meeting was proposed by Cllr Sheers, seconded by Cllr M Donn. Proposed leaflet drops with information relating to becoming a Councillor and the run up to Election Day are to be sampled for consideration.

**Action: Clerk**

14. **To receive any correspondence for action/information not covered elsewhere:** None

15. **To agree the accounts for payment:**

Clerks Salary	795.28	E-On	79.31
A&J Lighting	286.50	Accent Stationers	62.09
Audit Commission	358.38	Landscape Services	383.05
Travel – Cllr M Donn	38.40		

16. **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.**

17. **To confirm that the next meeting of Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 in the Parkeston Methodist Church Hall, Parkeston at 7.30 p.m.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2110hrs

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