

**Minutes of a meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Parkeston Methodist Church Hall, Garland Road, Parkeston on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

**Also Present:** Member of Press, PCSO Phil Barnes

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllrs Passmore, L Donn
2. **To hear a report from Essex Police:** information only  
PCSO Barnes circulated monthly statistics for discussion; with no concerns were raised
3. **Members Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda:** Cllrs E & P Barrenger registered an interest regarding item 5 ii)
4. **To hear questions from members of the public:** 15 minutes allowed.  
None
5. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2008**  
With the addition of Cllr Glenn to item 1; apologies for absence, Cllr M Donn proposed and Cllr L 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:**
7. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:**
8. **To consider any Planning issues:**
  - i) Application No: 08/01479/FUL  
Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension and rear extension  
Location: The Old Parsonage Makins Road Parkeston
  - ii) Application No: 0/01590/FUL  
Proposal: Erection of first floor side extension and single storey rear extension  
Location: Revan Main Road Ramsey
  - iii) Application No: 08/01485/FUL  
Proposal: Change of use of vacant 1<sup>st</sup> & 2nd floor offices to 10 (2bedrooms) residential flats  
Location: Parkeston House Adelaide Street Parkeston Essex

The view of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council is to strongly object due to the following:

  1. To date there is no evidence of any notification or consultation with the local residents; although it is stated within the documentation of the application, signed by Matthew Lang, that 50 residents have been consulted. The RPPC therefore request evidence of said consultation.
  2. Employment Proposals:  
The RPPC request details of the proposed employment shown in the application; stating 10 full-time and 3 part-time?
  3. Within the area at present there are many proposed/actual residential developments giving an approximate total in excess of 250 new residential homes:
    - Una Road, Parkeston = 30
    - Parkeston Garage, Parkeston = 9
    - Garland Road, Parkeston = 13
    - Iconfield Site, Dovercourt/Parkeston boundary = 200+

In addition the proposed development would raise the number of residential properties in the area to over **260** new vacant properties.

The RPPC therefore object to any additional residential development and view this application as an over development of the area with no additional supporting infrastructure being considered to support any of the above or future proposed developments.

    4. Referring to Chapter 9 of the Tendring District Council Adopted Local Plan 2007 a key issue for the area is "ensuring sufficient land is available for the needs of industry and commerce, including stimulating local employment and economic activity in association with the proposed Bathside Bay development."

The proposed change of use will add to the commercial space that is being taken for residential developments. Commercial properties are necessary for the regeneration of the area and currently the offices house established businesses that provide employment in the area.
    5. Referring to Chapter 9 of the Tendring District Council Adopted Local Plan 2007 a key issue is "Transport, including addressing traffic, parking and pedestrian issues generally."

The RPPC re-iterates objections raised in the previous applications for change of use of Parkeston House and quote:

Application No: 05/00911/FUL – June 2005

Application No: 05/01584/FUL – September 2005

- “In the small confined village of Parkeston a number of flats are already existing, causing congestion regarding parking in the area for all residents and are concerned that the impact this proposal would have would increase the congestion.
  - Adelaide Street is a cul-de-sac making access on the junction with Garland Road, and very close to Station Road, hazardous for incoming and outgoing traffic. The entrance to the car park to Parkeston House is directly on the corner of Adelaide Street and Garland Road and the addition of extra traffic would only add to the congestion and a potential safety risk to pedestrians, many being school children walking from the village to the bus stop on Station Road.
  - Securing of the Station Road opening of the car park is needed to prevent people crossing through the car park; mainly children going to the bus stop; the entry of the car park is to be secured to prevent children using it as a play area as the current position to ensure their safety (noted on the previous application as being secured by a gate)
  - Concern has been raised by a neighbour to Parkeston House regarding fire exits; with only one in place at present from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
  - In addition it is believed the change of use would take away valuable office space that is currently in short supply in the area”
9. **To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery:** Cllr Elmer
- i) Cemetery Chapel maintenance tenders: BSB Property Services Limited have been confirmed in writing as the successful tender; weather permitting work will start as soon as possible.
10. **To receive a report regarding the Ramsey War Memorial Hall:** The sanding /sealing of the floor has been arranged 22/12; all costs have been covered by RWMH.
11. **Ramsey Community Orchard- Country Park; Ramsey:** A report submitted by Cllr Passmore was well received; a site visit is planned for early January 09.; Cllr Donn reported that the installation of a dog litter bin at either end of the bridle path has been requested.
12. **To receive a report from the Transport Representatives**  
Cllr Donn: meeting regarding bus routes; some routes are to be taken out; RPPC to monitor and fight for local services if affected.
13. **To receive reports from councillors attending other meetings:** Cllr McGarry enjoyed attending the performance put on by the Fame Theatre Group.
14. **To receive correspondence for action not covered elsewhere:** None
15. i) Tree Planting Grants/Harwich & Dovercourt Golf Club: Cllr Elmer has confirmed in writing the RPPC donation of £300 on sight of invoice for £1400 minimum.
16. **To receive a list of correspondence received for information only:**
- Christmas Waste Collection dates
  - Fame Theatre Group: thanks for donation of £500
17. **To agree the accounts for payment**
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| Clerk's Salary | £673.06  | Fame Theatre Group | £500.00 |
| Eon Energy     | £158.62  | Accent Stationers  | £14.14  |
| Landscape Sers | £1081.00 | A&J Lighting       | £51.98  |
18. 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.**  
The Clerk requested that the document regarding the revised Freedom of Information Policy, to be adopted by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 to be signed; Cllr M Donn proposed and Cll E Barranger seconded that the revision policy to be adopted by the RPPC; the Chairman signed the revised policy.
19. To confirm that the next **meeting of Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council** will be held on **Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2009** in the **Millennium Room, St Michaels' Church, Ramsey at 7.30 p.m:**

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.