

Minutes of a meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Millennium Room, St Michael's Church, Ramsey on Thursday 12th January 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs P Barrenger, L Donn, M Donn, Elmer (Chair), Glenn, Passmore, Prior

Also Present: Member of Press; PCSO Aylott; DC Brown

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllrs E Barrenger, Coughlin, McGarry
2. **To hear a report from Essex Police:** information only
3. PCSO Aylott circulated the monthly statistics that were discussed. The community police mobile number for the area is 07711147176 that is publicised for public use.
4. **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 received.
5. **To hear questions from members of the public:** DC Brown announced that he is again a member of the Development and Control Committee of TDC.
6. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2009:**
Referring to item 3: and following the amendment of 'item 5ii)' to read 'item 8ii)' Cllr M Donn 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.
7. **To receive any announcement by the Chairman:** A letter of resignation has been received from Cllr McGarry, however after a conversation Cllr McGarry retracted her resignation temporarily; Cllr Glenn proposed and Cllr L Donn seconded with all in favour for the Clerk to write to Cllr McGarry showing their support.

Action: Clerk

8. **To confirm committee representation of the RPPC by members:** Committee representatives were agreed (see Appendix (i)) an update will be issued with these minutes to all members.

Action: Clerk

9. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:**
No action points to cover from the previous minutes.

10. To consider any Planning issues:

- i) **Application No:** 08/01693/DETAIL

Proposal: Replacement dwelling and associated works (reserved matters)

Location: South House Farm, South House Farm Road Ramsey

The view of the RPPC is no objection

- ii) **Application No:** 08/01667/FUL

Proposal: Retention of boundary fence (2.2m -2.6m in height)

Location: 19 Edward Street Parkeston Essex

The view of the RPPC is no objection

- iii) **Application No:** 08/01583/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 2 No. warehouses (to replace 2 No. fire damaged warehouses)

Location: Unit 5 Europa Way Parkeston

The view of the RPPC is no objection

Decisions Received:

Application No: 08/01479/FUL

Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension and rear extension

Location: The Old Parsonage Makins Road Parkeston

Approved

Application No: 0/01590/FUL

Proposal: Erection of first floor side extension and single storey rear extension

Location: Revan Main Road Ramsey

Approved

Although not on the agenda the Chairman brought forward the proposed Vodafone base station proposed at South hall farm Ramsey; there is a base station planning application consented however has now expired; the general consensus was of no concern and a full application will follow.

11. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery:

- i) Cemetery Chapel maintenance update: the bad weather has not allowed work to start.
- ii) Cemetery Lodge maintenance (tenant): a letter received from the tenants was discussed and it was agreed to address the issues raised:
 - Heating not sufficient
 - Hot tap in bathroom
 - Security light not working

The option to have an assessment done by a professional to gain an Energy Performance Certificate (a legal requirement as from 1st October 2008 for any new tenancies being awarded) was agreed to be seen as good practice and should be carried out.

The Fire Brigade are to be contacted with the view of having smoke alarms fitted should they not already be in place.

Action: Cllr P Barrenger/Clerk

12. To receive a report regarding the Ramsey War Memorial Hall: Cllr Passmore read a report submitted by Cllr E Barrenger:

- Ditch – Cllrs Passmore/Elmer to follow up with Highways
- Dustbin at playing field – stolen and has been reported to TDC; Mike Bradley needs update as to its location as TDC have no record of a bin in that position.

Action: Cllr M Donn

- John Bishop raised the issue of an audit being carried out.

Action: Cllr Elmer

- Planning permission for a portacabin is being sought; funded by the money raised at the Christmas Market.
- The RWMH Committee questioned the position Cllr E Barrenger; clarification is to be made by letter.

Action: Clerk

- Cllr E Barrenger is to take over the monthly bingo sessions to raise money for hall

13. Ramsey Community Orchard: Cllr Passmore reported on a meeting held with Crispin Downes and associates; Cllrs P Barrenger and Elmer also attended; the idea has been fully supported; Crispin Downes will look into its feasibility officially.

Cllr M Donn reported on a meeting with the Dog Ward; a request for a dog litter bins; one is to be placed at the end of the bridleway near the church.

14. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives:

Ramsey: an email from Little Oakley Parish Council had been received regarding an issue of grass cutting on Mayes Lane/Ramsey Road junction towards Harwich. ECC Highways have been contacted on many occasions and the LOPC have asked for support from RPPC.

Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed for the RPPC to also write to ECC Highways; should there not be a successful response the RPPC will consider the feasibility of taking the responsibility of the grass cutting within the current contract in the next budget, 2010/2011.

Action: Clerk

15. To receive reports from councillors attending other meetings: None not covered elsewhere

16. To receive any correspondence for action not covered elsewhere: None

17. To receive a list of correspondence received for information only: None

18. To agree the accounts for payment

Autoprint (Business Cards)	£379.50	E-on Electricity	£79.31
A&J Lighting	£51.98	Clerks Salary	£853.20
BT	£132.37	Chairs Allowance	£250.00

19. 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.**

20. To confirm that the next meeting of Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council will be held on **Thursday, 12th February 2009** in the **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 9.00 p.m.

