

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

**Present:** Cllrs E Barrenger, P Barrenger, Coughlin, L Donn, M Donn, Elmer (Chair), Glenn, Prior

**Also Present:** Member of Press;

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllr Passmore
2. **To hear a report from Essex Police:** information only:  
None Received
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 Received
4. **To hear questions from members of the public:** 15 minutes allowed.  
None Present
5. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009**  
Cllr M Donn proposed and Cllr Glenn 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) Marcus Needham has resigned in writing his position as Councillor for the ward of Parkeston. A letter of gratitude for his work whilst on the RPPC to be sent. TDC to be notified to start the process of advertising the vacancy.  
**Action: Clerk**
  - ii) Councillor training 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 confirmed to start at 7.30p.m.; Cllr Glenn has sent his apologies in not being able to attend.
  - iii) Planning Services meeting 17<sup>th</sup> March: Cllrs P Barrenger, M Donn, Elmer and Passmore to attend.
  - iv) Core Strategy workshop; Park Pavillion Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April: Cllrs P Barrenger, M Donn, Elmer and Passmore to attend.
7. **To confirm committee representation of the RPPC by members.**  
Item to be addressed once Parkeston ward vacancy has been filled
8. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting**
  - item 6 iii) Tree Hazard; Cllr Elmer reported TDC tree officer has reported the problem to ECC tree officer, Simon Smith no action taken to date. Cllr M Donn stated other trees in area need attention: a request for a site meeting with ECC is to be made.  
**Action: Cllr M Donn**
  - Item 7 RWMH Playing Field Dog Bin: Cllr Passmore has been following up with the aim to get a replacement bin at the same site. Letter to TDC stating the post is still in the ground and the mounting bracket still stands.  
**Action: Clerk**
  - Item 12 RWMH Committee representative of RPPC; ongoing  
**Action: Clerk/Cllr E Barrenger**
9. **To consider any Planning issues:**
  - i) **Application No:** 09/00143/FUL  
**Proposal:** Erection of metal fence and gates to front boundary (retention of)  
**Location:** Rose Lodge Wrabness Road Ramsey

The view of the RPPC is to object due to the design and placement of the fence being out of character with the area; Out of keeping of character, proposed by Cllr Glenn, seconded by Cllr E Barrenger with all in favour.

ii) Planning Decisions received since the last meeting:

No	Application	Location	Proposal	Decision
08/01667/FUL		19 Edward Street Parkeston	Retention of boundary fence (2.2m – 2.6m in height)	Approval - Full
08/01693/DETAIL		South House Farm South House Farm Road Ramsey	Replacement dwelling and associated works (reserved matters)	Approval – Reserved Matters/Detailed
08/01583/FUL		Unit 5 Europa Way Parkeston	Erection of 2 No warehouses for B8 storage use (to a 2 No fire damaged warehouses)	Approval - Full
08/01485/FUL – Amended Plans		Parkeston House Adelaide Street Parkeston	Change of use of vacant 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor offices to 10 (2 bedrooms) residential flats	Refusal - Full

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

- (i) Cemetery Tree branch fallen at top of cemetery; to be addressed by the tenant at lodge; location of tree to be confirmed if in cemetery boundary or the Hangings

**Action: Cllr M Donn**

- (ii) A letter from B Knights showing concern of the holly shrubs located on the boundary is to be drawn to the attention of the contractor to avoid damage to the shrubs.

**Action: Cllr Elmer/Clerk**

- (iii) Chapel Maintenance to be carried out by BSB Property Services on 17<sup>th</sup> March

- (iv) Cemetery Lodge: 3 quotes have been obtained for an Energy Performance Certificate; winning quote agreed EnergyChek with a cost of £70

**Action: Cllr P Barrenger**

- All heaters are now in place in the bedrooms/living room
- 2 low energy remote control plinth heaters have been fitted in the kitchen
- Back outside light has been completed with a new fitting

Cllr P Barrenger was thanked by all for his hard work in addressing all issues in a timely and professional manner.

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

- At a recent meeting it was reported that bookings and funds were healthy
- Cllr Passmore is arranging a site visit with WS Atkins (Highways Agency contractors) to address further the issue of the ditch.
- Plans were tabled for consultation re new Village Hall/changing rooms on the playing field  
The view of the RPPC is to support the idea with full public consultation to take place once all details have been collated.

12. **Ramsey Community Orchard:** Cllr Passmore in his absence submitted a report via Cllr E Barrenger:

- Contact and progression is ongoing with ECCTDC and confirmation that the wetlands project is being actively investigated; enhancing the flood alleviation and wildlife settlements.

- Local schools and youth groups have been contacted with a positive reception of being involved.
13. **To receive a report from the Transport Representatives**
    - a. To confirm a date for a site meeting between RPPC and ECC Highways regarding parking within Parkeston Village. Cllrs M Donn/Elmer agreed 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.
  14. **To receive reports from councillors attending other meetings:**  
Cllr Donn: Essex Health Seminar in conjunction with Essex Transport regarding access for the disabled to health services premises; it proved that the Dental services to be the poorest in providing access.
  15. **To receive any correspondence for action not covered elsewhere: None**
  16. **To receive a list of correspondence received for information only: Clerk**
  17. **To discuss proposed donation requests received/brought forward.**
    - (i) **RWMH**; request for £500 ; refused on the grounds that £2000 has been awarded over 2 years; further funding to be considered in 2009/10 budget
    - (ii) **Ramsey Methodist Chapel**: under Section 19 £1000 awarded, proposed by M Donn, seconded by Cllr L Donn with all infavour to assist in the cost of resurfacing the car parking area against the quotation of £2,500 submitted
    - (iii) **Ramsey Horse Rangers**: Under section 137 £450 awarded
    - (iv) **Parkeston Ark Centre Play Group**: Under section 137 £ 450 awarded
  18. **To agree the accounts for payment**

H&D Golf Club	£1000.00	BSB Property Services	£158.00
Clerks Salary	£673.06	A&J Lighting	£51.98
Accent Stationers	£59.88	E-On Electricity	£79.31
BT Telecommunications	£114.57	AOn Insurance	£907.48
DIS ( 3 yr Subscription)	£279.45		

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, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2009** in the **Methodist Church Hall, Garland Road, Parkeston at 7.30 p.m.**

The meeting closed 2110hrs