



Minutes of the meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in Hamilton House,
Foster Road, Parkeston on 12th January 2017 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Bird, Davidson, Elmer (Chair), Ferguson, Howe, Passmore, Ramsay, Stertz

Councillor Davidson was congratulated in receiving a Pride of Tendring Award, he will be joined at the ceremony to receive the award by the Chairman and TDC Cllr Ferguson.

Also Present: ECC Cllr Erskine

Clerk: Lin Keating

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllrs Collis, Donn, Smith
2. **To receive a report on Essex Police crime information: a report taken from Police.UK website for the months of October (24 crimes) and November (19 crimes) was circulated and discussed.**

Crimes reported in November 2016:

<u>PARKESTON (15)</u>		
East Dock Road (1)	Vehicle Crime	Investigation completed/no suspect identified
Station Road (1)	Burglary	Investigation completed/no suspect identified
Adelaide Street (7)	Violence and sexual offences (3)	Under investigation
	Criminal damage/arson (2)	Investigation completed/no suspect identified
	Anti-social behaviour (2)	
Tyler Street (2)	Burglary (2)	Investigation completed/no suspect identified
Princess Street (3)	Anti-social behaviour (1)	
	Burglary (1)	Investigation completed/no suspect identified
	Vehicle Crime (1)	Awaiting court outcome
Park/Open Space near Golf Club (1)	Other theft	Investigation completed/no suspect identified
<u>RAMSEY (4)</u>		
Clayton Road (1)	Anti-social behaviour	
Orchard Close (1)	Criminal damage/arson	Investigation completed/no suspect identified
Tinker Street Parking Area (1)	Criminal damage/arson	Investigation completed/no suspect identified
Windmill Close (1)	Violence and sexual offences	Under investigation

The additional information added is that shown on the Police UK website of the status of the crimes. With reference to Anti-social behaviour no details are provided.

Cllr Passmore reported that the Home Office intend to reclassify crimes of burglary to be deemed as dwellings; this indicates there will be a better response and investigation to any reports of this nature will be carried out by local police forces.

3. Declaration of Interest: Councillors are invited to declare any disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other interest and nature of it, in relation to any item on the agenda:

- a) Relating to Item 11.c) and item 11.d) on the agenda Cllrs Howe and Cllr Passmore declared an interest as Trustees of the Ramsey War Memorial Hall, the Chairman invited both to remain during the discussion on the item.

4. To receive a report from Essex County Councillor Andrew Erskine:

LHP: at the meeting on 04/01 it has been confirmed that:

- a) **Garland Road:** weight restriction is to be reinstated.
b) **Wix Road Playground:** warning signs are included in 2017/18 budget - £2,500
The recommendation to reduce the speed in this area from the national speed limit of 60mph has been refused following a survey carried out. Cllr Passmore reported that the survey was carried out in the week with children at school and traffic low. As Chairman of the Ramsey War Memorial Hall a petition will be run to appeal on the decision of Highways failing in their duties. ECC Erskine is to present the petition to the portfolio holder for highways and to ask for his comment or make a decision to overrule to officer's decision.
c) **Wix Road Pavement:** junction of Wix Road/Tinker Street the scheme is to progress in 2017/18 with a survey cost of £8,000 in place to determine the number of people using the play area with a proposal for the pavement to continue from its current end in Wix Road on towards the entrance of the play area.
d) Ramsey HGVs: £10,000 is in place to erect signs in 2017/18 to divert HGVs from the village

5. To receive a report from TDC Councillor Tanya Ferguson:

- a) **Old Garage Site, Parkston:** TDC have now withdrawn from the process under section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act as an untidy site following improvements by the owner in securing the building and clearing rubbish: Cllr Ferguson is to further request that hoarding is erected on the site boundary along Station Road.
b) **Garland Road Methodist Church site:** the owner has cleared the site with heras fencing erected along the boundary to stop fly tipping which is increasing in the village; Cllr Davidson reported that all incidents have been reported to TDC with a positive action of items being removed.
c) **District Ward Boundaries:** TDC have submitted a draft proposal of district ward boundaries with the aim to reduce the number of District Councillors from 60 to 48 in a cost cutting exercise, to be in place for the May 2019 District Elections. The boundaries are based on an average electorate of 2,417 (currently 1,871) per Councillor. The impact on Ramsey and Parkeston Parish Council would see Ramsey falling within the boundary of the 'Stour Valley' and Parkeston Ward falling within the boundary of 'Spring Meadows & Parkeston'. Following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed concerns raised are to be taken forward by Cllr Ferguson.

'The Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council are concerned that the proposed split of the wards would destroy the current successful working relationship of the two wards and could cause confusion for residents as to which of the two appointed Councillors would be representing them. Being mindful of the proposed expanse of 'Stour Valley' that would put pressure on time of the District Councillor having to cover the area, concerns are that the support to Ramsey would be diluted.

Further concerns are that this proposed split over District Boundaries could later in the future reflect down to Parish level.'

Action: Cllr Ferguson

6. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the RPPC held on 17th November 2016:

With the amendment to item 12 to read that Cllr Ferguson advised a formal request to test the water temperature, not for testing in relation to a virus, Cllr Davidson proposed and Cllr Stertz 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 confirm the minutes of the Budget meeting held on 3rd November 2016 and to confirm the revised budget proposal 2017/18 as set following such meeting.

TDC have confirmed a reduction in the LTCSS grant by 5%, confirmed for 2017/18 as £4,034.

The proposal of upgrading the 33 lamps on a rolling programme to LED was rejected with all in favour.

The inclusion of Councillors Allowance (+£6234) and for maintenance and waste management (+£12,464) was proposed by Cllr Ramsay, seconded by Cllr Bird. The motion was carried following a vote concluding 5 in favour, 2 against with 1 abstention.

The precept request for 2017/18 is to be submitted to TDC by 25th January deadline for an amount of £67,090, with the grant of £4,034 to those properties paying full council tax is £63,056 (+64.2% on 2016/17). For a Band D property this equates to an annual increase of £35.43 or £0.68pence per week.

Action: Clerk

8. To allow public participation: 15 minutes allowed: None present.

9. To discuss the proposed closure of the Minor Injuries Unit, Fryatt Hospital: a letter of objection is to be sent from the Chairman to S Hepplewhite, CEO of NHS North East Essex CCG, copied to Bernard Jenkin MP and L McWilliams, TDC Portfolio holder for Health & Leisure as proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Bird with all in favour.

Action: Clerk

10. To agree the formation of a sub-committee for Parkeston Cemetery: The Chairman showed his disappointment that no interest was shown.

11. To consider any Planning issues and receive any decisions submitted to the meeting date:

Applications Received:

- a) Planning Application No: 16/02062/FUL
Proposal: Proposed single storey front extension and single storey rear extension
Location: Michaelstowe Villa Ramsey Road Ramsey
The view of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council is No Objection, proposed by Cllr Ferguson, seconded by Cllr Davidson with all in favour.
- b) Planning Application No: 16/02104/FUL
Proposal: Two storey side extension and detached outbuilding (existing garage to be demolished)
Location: Andalucia, The Street Ramsey
Cllrs Howe and Passmore declare an interest on this item and made no comment in the discussion.
The view of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council is No Objection, proposed by Cllr Elmer, seconded by Cllr Ferguson with all in favour.
- c) Planning Application No: 16/02078/FUL
Proposal: Renewal for siting of two portacabins
Location: Ramsey War Memorial Recreation Field, Wix Road, Ramsey
The view of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council is No Objection, proposed by Cllr Ferguson, seconded by Cllr Davidson with all in favour.
- d) Planning Application No: 16/02070/FUL
Proposal: Proposed village hall
Location: Recreation Field Wix Road Ramsey
The view of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council is to fully support the proposal, proposed by Cllr Ramsay, seconded by Cllr Ferguson with all in favour.
Cllr Ferguson advised that the target date for decision is 13-15th February.

Decisions submitted by the RPPC Planning Sub-Committee:

- a) **Application No: 16/01897/FUL**
Proposal: An O&M building split into three main area (warehouse space, space for office staff and space for offshore technicians). The building will be a two storey high portal frame structure. A helipad and hanger. A new floating berthing facility for Crew transfer Vessels (CTV) in the north-west end of Bathside Bay. External storage and parking areas. An access road.
Location: Operations and Maintenance Facility, Parkeston Quay, Parkeston

The view of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council submitted is to fully support the application.

Decisions Received:

- **Application No: 16/00879/FUL**
Proposal: flat roof with roof lantern to existing gazebo
Location: 4 Lucas Cottages The Street Ramsey
Approval – Full – Delegated Decision
- **Application No: 16/00834/FUL**
Proposal: Proposed use of land as a riding school to include an outdoor riding arena/surface, and conversion of derelict barn to stables and room in bungalow to store tack and facilities.
Location: The Bungalow Ramsey Manor Michaelstowe Drive
Approval – Full – Delegated Decision
- **Application No: 16/01509/FUL**
Proposal: Erection of 4 bedroom dwelling within the side garden area
Location: Ashridge Church Hill Ramsey
Approval - Full - Delegated Decision
- **Application No: 16/01731/FUL**
Proposal: Two storey and single storey side extension for private use
Location: Cambri Ramsey Road Ramsey
Approval - Full - Delegated Decision

12. To receive any correspondence to note:

- a) Harwich & Dovercourt Rugby Union FC: letter of thanks for sponsorship of match ball.
- b) Highways England: notice of planned works to improve the A120 near Great Bromley

13. Councillor's 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. Nothing brought forward.

14. To agree accounts for payment:

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			Bank Balance
Payee	Description	Payment Ref	£p	Name	Description	£p	
A&J Lighting	Contract	cheque	£111.60		Brought Forward		£51,210.48
E-On	Supply	cheque	£248.94				
W G Elmer	Chairman's Allowance	online	£650.00				
L Keating	Salary/expenses December	online	£830.84	Bank	Interest (November)	£2.21	
	Salary/Expenses January	online	£806.30	M Jay	Cemetery Lodge Rent (November)	£570.00	
Acumen	Service	online	£48.00	M Jay	Cemetery Lodge Rent (December)	£570.00	
Accent Stationers	Supply	online	£52.31				
		Total	£2,747.99		Total	£1,142.21	£49,604.70

15. To confirm that date of the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council to be rescheduled to be held on Thursday 16th February 2017 at 7.15 in Hamilton House, Foster Road, Parkeston

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.