



Minutes of the meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in Hamilton House, Foster Road, Parkeston on 20th October 2016 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Collis, Davidson, Donn, Elmer (Chair), Ferguson, Howe, Passmore, Ramsay, Smith, Stertz (Part)

Also Present:

Clerk: Lin Keating

- To accept apologies for absence:** ECC Cllr Erskine,
- To consider applications for the Casual Vacancy – Ramsey Ward**

The 2 applications were circulated for information, a paper ballot followed with a draw of 5 votes for Mr Colbourne and 5 for Mr Bird, the casting vote fell to the Chairman who used the vote in favour of Mr David Bird, a resident of Clayton Road, Ramsey to be invited to the next meeting on 17/11 to accept the office of Ramsey Ward Councillor. Both applicants are to be contacted in writing with the results.

Action: Clerk

- To receive a report on Essex Police crime information:** a report taken from Police.UK website for the months of July (29 crimes) and August (43 crimes) was circulated and discussed:
Crimes reported in August 2016: 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.

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East Dock Road (2)	Anti-social behaviour x 2	
Garland Road (8)	Anti-social behaviour x 5	
	Possession of weapons x 1	Under investigation
	Shoplifting x 1	No suspect identified
	Vehicle crime x 1	No suspect identified
Princess Street (12)	Anti-social behaviour x 12	
Tyler Street (1)	Burglary x 1	Under investigation
Adelaide Street (3)	Anti-social behaviour x 1	
	Criminal damage / arson x 2	No suspects identified
Station Road (1)	Other theft x 1	Suspect charged – awaiting court outcome
Foster Road (2)	Anti-social behaviour x 1	
	Other theft x 1	No suspect identified
Edward Street (1)	Anti-social behaviour x 1	

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Tinker Street (1)	Drugs x 1	Offender given possession warning
The Street (1)	Burglary x 1	No suspect identified
Nr Rayhaven (3)	Anti-social behaviour x 1	
	Criminal damage x 1	No suspect identified
	Drugs x 1	Offender given a caution
Stour Close (1)	Criminal damage / arson x 1	No suspect identified
Clayton Road (1)	Anti-social behaviour x 1	
Chevy Court (6)	Violence & sexual behaviour x 1	Formal action not in the public interest
	Anti-social behaviour x 3	
	Criminal damage / arson x 2	1 x no suspect identified 1 x unable to prosecute suspect



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Concerns of the rise in anti social behaviour was discussed. In the case of a burglary a request to enquire if it can be identified as a dwelling burglary is to be taken forward.

Action: Clerk

4. 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: None received.

5. To receive a report from Essex County Councillor Andrew Erskine: see comments submitted under items 8 & 9.

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

- a) Parkeston: reports of rats and rubbish in the area are to be taken forward to the TDC Environment. Surya rice factory are by law to hold a contract to control rat by traps that are installed at the site.
- b) Commemorative Rose: 15 additional plants of the limited edition are available from the growers at £3.75 each, 9 are on order with the remaining plants available to purchase.
- c) Garage Site HIP Port: issues of the site have been reported to TDC who have written to the owner with a recommendation to install hoarding around the site.
- d) Reports of abandoned vehicles, cars for sale on the roadside and flytipping have been taken forward to TDC Environment.
- e) Joint surgeries with ECC Cllr Erskine will be held at Parkeston House prior to the RPPC meetings with dates to be confirmed for Ramsey, proposed bi-monthly on a Saturday.
- f) Front line services at TDC are threatened with a saving to be found prior to the next budget of £2m. Cllr Elmer formerly requested that the TDC leader, Neil Stock is contacted to challenge the decision with the Chancellor, Phillip Hammond as successfully overthrown by other principle authorities such as West Yorkshire; proposed by Cllr Donn, seconded by Cllr Davidson with all in favour.

Action: Cllr Ferguson

- g) TDC cabinet has put forward a proposal to the Boundaries Commission for a cut in the number of TDC councillors to 48 against 60. There will be no change until 2019 elections following the consultation in place.

7. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the RPPC held on 22nd September 2016: Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Davidson 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.

8. To receive any announcement by the Chairman: the Chairman reminded all present of the Budget meeting to be held on 3rd November and the important for all to make every effort to attend.

9. To discuss the changes in Dovercourt Recycling Centre:

ECC Cllr Erskine, via email, has recommended that a letter of objection is to be sent by RPPC to ECC Member of Environment, Cllr S Walsh in regards of the changes imposed on the local area following the reduced service at Dovercourt Recycling Centre as from 31st October 2016; proposed by Cllr Passmore, seconded by Cllr Donn with all in favour.

Action: Clerk/Chair

10. To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting: nothing not covered elsewhere

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

- a) Planning Applications Received:
 - Application No: 16/01509/FUL
Proposal: Erection of 4 bedroom dwelling within the side garden area.
Location: Ashridge Church Hill Ramsey Harwich Essex CO12 5EX
View of the RPPC – No Objection, proposed by Cllr Elmer, seconded by Cllr Ramsay, Resolved with 6 members in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention.
 - Application No: 16/00879/Ful
Proposal: Proposed flat roof with roof lantern to existing gazebo
Location: 4 Lucas Cottages, The Street, Ramsey



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View of RPPC: No objection, proposed by Cllr Passmore, seconded by Cllr Donn with all in favour.

- Application No: 16/01505/FUL
Proposal: Alterations to the existing elevations
Location: Parkeston House, Adelaide Street, Parkeston
View of RPPC: RPPC are unable to make any comment at this present time as we believe the plans to be incorrect in as such the drawings show the proposals appear to be the actual existing and vice versa.
The boundary as shown in the Drawing No: P9/001 is also incorrect as it includes the paved garden area and bus stop on Station Road that is the property of Highways as previously confirmed by Tendring District Council. The Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council therefore requests a new set of drawings and plans to be submitted with an extension on time to submit a comment, proposed by Cllr Elmer, seconded by Cllr Howe with all in favour.

b) Planning Decisions Received:

- Appeal Ref: APP/P1560/W/16/3146802
Proposed development of 71 dwellings and associated garages.
Land adjacent to Two Village School, Mayes Lane, Ramsey
Decision: The appeal is dismissed
The main issues are the effect of the proposed development on the character and appearance of the area including its effect on the setting of the nearby Grade 1 listed St Michael's Parish Church, and whether it would be sustainable development as defined by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).
- Application No: 16/00321/OUT
Proposal: Demolition of bungalow and replacement with one 3 x bed house and one x 4 bed house
Location: 121 Garland Road Parkeston Harwich Essex CO12 4PA
Decision: Approval – Outline
- Appeal for application no: 16/00223/OUT – INFORMATION ONLY
Proposal: Demolition of one dwelling and erection of residential development of up to 13 houses and bungalows.
Location: Land rear of 21 - 27 Mayes Lane Ramsey
RPPC objected strongly to this application

c) To receive decisions submitted by the RPPC Planning Sub-Committee since the last meeting: None

d) Tendring District Council Local Plan: the next meeting of the Local Plan Committee is scheduled 3rd November 2016.

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

13. To discuss the imminent closure of Ramsey Methodist Church: Cllr Donn reported that no further information has been received.

14. To receive any report from Members on Community Activities:

a) Welfare Park: Cllr Davidson reported on the continuing success of the newly installed equipment being well used and a new male adult football team starting this season.

b) RWMH: Cllr Howe reported:

- a new playgroup launched with funding raised that also allowed a donation to Shine Charity to be made of £550. The playgroup will be for pre-school children with a quieter session for children with special needs; both have been well received.
- Halloween Walk 28/10 in conjunction with the Ramsey Windmill is planned.
- Planning application for new hall: Cllr Howe and Cllr Passmore declared and interest and were invited to give details on the proposal.

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The design of the proposed new hall will encompass 2 halls with the flexibility for meeting rooms to be used independently; a bar will be onsite to be used with booked function only; changing facilities and WCs are incorporated in the plans. A request was made for RPPC to submit the application on behalf of the RWMH to benefit in receiving a 50% reduction of the full cost of £3000, the amount paid is to be reimbursed by the RWMH; proposed by Cllr Ferguson, seconded by Cllr Davidson with all in favour.

15. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery: Cllr Davidson reported:

- a) **Entrance Gates:** Landguard Engineering have submitted a quote of £290 for the repair to the gates that have snapped off their posts. The works have been ordered.
- b) Cllr Elmer met with the Landscaper John Glover to discuss additional works to remove the laurels along the bank opposite the chapel at a cost of £350 plus flailing of the bankside of the Access Road at a cost of £320, funds are available from the 2016/17 budget. Cllr Davidson proposed, seconded by Cllr Passmore with all in favour that the works are to be ordered.

Action: Clerk

16. To receive a report regarding the Community Pay Back Team: no work has been undertaken since the last meeting.

17. To receive a report regarding Spring Meadows CP School and the Two Village School

- a) Spring Meadows: Cllr Smith reported:
 - School roll has increased to 286 from 253 with planning permission to erect a temporary classroom and reinstate the library back to a classroom to accommodate the new intake.
 - Issues with leaks in the roof and collapsed drains are being addressed with ECC.
 - A letter of thanks was passed to RPPC in response to the donation of £1000 to support the new Poly Tunnel that is used as a popular after school club.
- b) Two Village School: Cllr Howe reported:
 - The Head has submitted their resignation with effect following the Easter holidays 2017; a recruitment process for their replacement is in hand.
 - Cllr Howe has attended a full Governors meeting 12/10 and Curriculum and Student meeting 19/10.
 - A disco for the end of term was held today.

18. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives:

- a) **Winter Salt Scheme:** due to EALC submitting incorrect contact details to ECC the RPPC have missed the opportunity this year in receiving 1 tonne of salt; the issue has been addressed with EALC for the future.
All the salt from the store was distributed in the bins last year and the remainder used on the alleyways in Parkeston as a weed killer. Approximately 10 bags of grit remain in store.

b) **Ramsey:**

- **Footpaths/bridlepaths:** complaints received of the area from Ramsey Bridge to St Michael's Church together with the parameter around the Two Village School have been addressed by Cllr Howe who reported that the main issue is litter rather than overgrown vegetation.
- Church Hill pavement is in poor condition with vegetation reducing the clear pathway that is cracked; the issues have been forward to TDC Cllr Ferguson, ECC Cllr Erskine and Highways England. A site visit has been made to inspect the pavement which has been recognised as a primary route.
- HGVs: reports of 3 HGVs in the village have been received: the option to erect additional signage to those proposed by LHP to discourage HGV drivers through the village is to be explored for consideration is ongoing.

Action: Cllr Passmore

- **Speeding:** reports of visiting football teams speeding will be taken forward to reiterate the request to be responsible whilst driving in the village.

Action: Cllr Passmore



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23. To confirm that date of the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council to be held on Thursday 17th November 2016 at 7.15 in Hamilton House, Foster Road, Parkeston
24. To agree a date for the meeting of the setting of the annual budget 2017/18 (proposed Thursday 3rd November).

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 p.m.