



Minutes of a Meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Parkeston Methodist Church Hall, Garland Road, Parkeston on Thursday 16th February 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs L Donn, M Donn, Elmer [Chair], Ramsay, Singh, Smith and Stertz

Also Present: PCSO Aylott

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllr Colbourne, Prior, Sheers, ECC Skeels
2. **To receive a report from Essex Police: information only**

The monthly statistics were tabled for discussion: 59 reports received [39 on previous year] no trend to identify increase.
A request for a breakdown of detail in relation to those recorded as miscellaneous was made.
Action: PCSO Aylott
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.**
4. **To hear questions from members of the public: 15 minutes allowed.** None Present
5. **To confirm the minutes of the RPPC meeting held on 19th January 2012**

With inclusion of Cllr Sheers and Ramsay being added as present Cllr M Donn proposed and Cllr Ramsay 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**
 - a) **St Pauls Church, Parkeston:** a letter has been received to report on the proposed closure of the church due to extensive maintenance/improvement costs and high insurance costs following vandalism and theft. A public meeting is to be held following the Sunday morning service this week: The Chairman is to attend with the intention to request any memorabilia held at the church to stay in the village of Parkeston.
 - b) **Queens Jubilee Celebrations:** the Chairman asked all members to bring ideas to the next meeting to be discussed under an agenda item.
Action: All
7. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:**
 - **Councillor In House Training** – 17th May 2012 has been booked with EALC to be held in the Parkeston Methodist Church Hall with details of the content and times to be confirmed. All members have been booked to attend with the Clerk able to attend free of charge.
 - **Neighbourhood Networking Meeting:** Carlo Guglielmi, Planning Portfolio Holder has accepted an invite to attend the next meeting scheduled to be held on 5th April 2012; venue to be confirmed. It has been agreed for 2 members to attend as at the last meeting, representatives from the RPPC will be The Chairman and Vice Chairman.
8. **To consider any Planning issues received to the meeting date:**
 - I. Application Nos: 12/00052/FUL and 12/00530/CON
Proposal: Demolition of existing bungalow and garages and erection of 2no. private residential properties with garaging and new vehicular access.
Location: Noyna The Street Ramsey
The view of the RPPC is no objection, proposed by Cllr L Donn, seconded by Cllr D Smith with all in favour.
9. **To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery.**

M Donn reported:

 - work carried out the contractor remains of high standard
 - the recent bad weather has had no adverse affect to either the grounds or access road.
 - estimates for the planting of a hedge [Laurel] on the eastern boundary have been sourced and were discussed. Landscape Services quote to carry out the work as detailed below was moved by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Singh with all in favour.



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- a) To prepare ground at rear [eastern side] of cemetery boundary and plant common laurel plants, 50 cm in height at 3 plants per metre along full length of boundary and mulch over to preserve moisture.
£875.00 + VAT
 - b) To provide and install rabbit netting on wooden posts, netting buried into ground along new laurel hedging as set out in 1.
£800.00 + VAT
 - c) To level areas to the side and back of the eastern boundary fence to enable access for mowers.
£475.00 + VAT
 - d) To maintain the new hedging once established as part of the current contract.
£to be confirmed
- The agreed increase at the Budget Meeting of the RPPC on burials and memorials effective as of 1st April 2012 [5%] has been circulated to all concerned. The tenants have also been informed of the Lodge Rent increase and the intention of the RPPC to reclaim the land used by the tenants at the entrance of the cemetery. The proposal to use this land as a small area for natural planting is to be researched.

Action: Clerk

10. To receive a report regarding the Ramsey War Memorial Hall/Playing Field:

Cllr Smith reported:

- New windows in process of going in with full funds in hand
- Events going well with a psychic evening on 23rd March booked and Jumble sale on 7th April.
- Committee members are needed on a voluntary basis.

11. To receive a report regarding the Welfare Park.

Nothing to report the next meeting is to be held on 29th February

12. To receive a report on the Community Pay Back Scheme.

Cllr M Donn reported on projects in hand:

- Ramsey; working clearing bridle way entrance
- Parkeston; gritting full length of Garland Road
- Funding available from the Probation Service circa £16k has been earmarked for the Welfare Park

13. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives

Salt Bins: the 3 bins owned by RPPC have been in place at the Captain Fryatt, supported by the Payback team, RWMH, managed by Cllr M Donn to cover Ramsey Hill and Una Road, managed by volunteers. One tonne of the salt has been distributed over the 3 bins with one additional tonne still held in stock.

Ramsey:

- Defective light reported RPPC 9011 has been corrected

Parkeston:

Cllr Smith reported:

- Contact has been made with Carless in relation to the condition of Refinery Road
- The hole in the road at the end of Hamilton Street has been reported to Highways
- Subsidence at 43 Garland Road has been reported to Highways

14. To discuss input to 'Harwich Echo' [sample copy circulated with this agenda]

Following a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Smith to the fee of £20 per month to have the RPPC details advertised together with any news within the wards to be added; seconded by Cllr L Donn with all in favour the motion was carried.



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15. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings

- a) Cllr M Donn reported on the TDLAC meeting he attended:
Recycling: proposed new collections from TDC to include food/paper products and plastic will be further explained by William Smith, TDC Officer who will be attending the RPPC Assembly meeting in April.
- b) TDC Chairman's Pride of Tendring Awards; attended by Cllr L Donn and Cllr M Donn; to recognise the work of volunteers with sponsorship by Dong Energy. As an annual event nominations should be filtered through from District Councillors.

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

17. 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.

- a) PRRC Assembly guest speakers [Clerk]
- b) St Paul's Church, Parkeston [Cllr Elmer]
- c) Parkeston Back Alleys [Cllr Elmer]
- d) Parkeston Clean up [Cllr Elmer]
- e) Newsletter [monthly agenda item]

18. To agree accounts for payment.

1	Clerks Salary	715.75	E-On	79.31
	Veolia Water	317.66	A&J Lighting	50.74
	Accent Stationers	65.25	Acumen Wages	21.00
	Welfare Park [S106 funds from TDC]	17,077.00	W G Elmer 2 nd ½ Chairs Allowance	250.00

19. To confirm that the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council will be held on Thursday 15th March 2012 in the Parkeston Methodist Church Hall, Garland Road at 7.00 p.m.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.