



Minutes of the a meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Ramsey War Memorial Hall, Ramsey on Thursday 17th September 2015 at 7.15 p.m.

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

Clerk: Lin Keating

Also Present: Cllr ECC Erskine, 1 member of the public

1. **To accept apologies for absence: Cllr Singh**
2. **To receive a report from Essex Police: information only :Nothing 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 receive a report from Essex County Councillor Andrew Erskine:**
 - a) Vegetation; cutting responsibility: it has been established that ECC will meet the cost of one cut only and supply all relevant PPE and training, any further cuts will require the assistance of volunteers. Cllr Erskine advised to remain with the one cut carried out by ECC and any further required cuts to be submitted to the Highway Rangers to be done. Further cutbacks expected in the County and District Councils could put further pressure on the Parish Council to take on additional responsibilities.

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 - b) LHP Tending: Cllr Erskine confirmed that the submission of requests by RPPC under the Quiet Lanes Appeal was unsuccessful with no further information received. A decision is still to be received from the members of the LHP in relation to speed reduction on hazardous blind corners. Cllr Erskine continues to put pressure on the panel in requesting that the full network of roads through the Oakleys and RPPC wards are to be considered.
 - c) Parish Paths Partnership: the suggestion to invite Shirley Anglin from the Partnership to give a presentation on the P3 scheme was discussed with a decision to decline the offer due RPPC not wanting to take on the additional work through the scheme.
5. **To receive a report from TDC Councillor Tanya Ferguson:**
 - a) Parkeston House: due to unsafe working practices observed Cllr Ferguson spoke to the site manager to warn him of H&S issues; a fence has since been erected and any further reports will be taken to TDC Enforcement Officer by Cllr Ferguson, acting as District Councillor.
 - b) Garland Road; no further information has been received in relation to the dangerous site.
 - c) Garland Road Street Light Post: the post outside 13 Garland Road that is leaning against the new post has been reported as unsafe.
 - d) Dog Watch: Cllrs Ferguson and Smith will be attending the event on 17th November.
 - e) CIF Funding projects: the three projects were agreed to be taken to the next stage in completing formal applications as invited to do:
 - Ramsey Village Sign for installation on the Triangle, the design to be agreed with consultation with the residents and Two Village School.
 - Ramsey Village Noticeboard, a replacement larger noticeboard of the same design as that outside Parkeston House.
 - Captain Fryatt Memorial Rose for planting in the memorial garden outside Parkeston House.

6. **To confirm the minutes of the RPPC meeting held on 20th August 2015:** Cllr Smith 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 receive any announcement by the Chairman:**
 - a) The Chairman and all members are invited to the RWMH Funday to be held on Sunday 23/08 on the playing field at 2.p.m.
8. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:**
 - a) Social Media: the Clerk and Cllr Howe are to attend the EALC training session to be held on Tuesday 13th October at Dunmow.
9. **To discuss possible security risks in publishing members personal contact details: following a scam Cllr Singh has been caught up in where credit has been applied for circa £35k by the offender was highlighted for awareness; investigations carried out has concluded that an internet fraud is suspected. Member's details on the RPPC website include mobile numbers and RPPC email addresses only.**
10. **To consider any Planning issues and receive any decisions submitted to the meeting date:**
 - a) Application No: 15/01345/TPO
Proposal: 1 No. Lime – remove growth around tree and remove lower branches. 1 No. Oak – remove all dead wood. 1 No. Sycamore – remove ivy and lift front branches. 1 No Turkey Oak – remove lower branches to 15 feet for safe access.
Location: St Michaels Parish Church, Church Hill, Ramsey
The view of the RPPC proposed by Cllr Ramsay and seconded by Cllr Donn with all in favour is No Objection.
 - b) Application No: 15/00964/OUT
Proposal: Erection of seventy-one dwellings and associated garages.
Location: Land Adj Two Villages School Mayes Lane Ramsey Essex CO12 5EL
The newly appointed Planning Officer, Claire David, has agreed to a site visit with Cllr Ferguson during the school run time at 3p.m. Cllrs Howe and Elmer requested to be notified of the date to be able to attend. Cllr Ferguson further reported that the application has been withdrawn temporarily from the TDC Planning Committee agenda due to a report not received in relation to drainage of the site. Cllr Ferguson will speak at the meeting, date to be confirmed.

Action: Cllr Ferguson
 - c) Tendring District Council Local Plan – Issues and Options Consultation 2015: Cllrs Elmer, reported on his attendance of the consultation meeting at the Park Pavillion. To promulgate the information a public meeting has been arranged by RPPC on Wednesday 7th October at 6.30 p.m. in the Ramsey War Memorial Hall, Gary Guiver, TDC Planning Policy Manager, will be attending.
 - d) Harwich Valley Development: a copy of a letter addressed to TDC has been received from a Parkeston resident has been received raising concerns of the development site being in the Carless Boundary zone, no concerns were raised by members.
11. **To allow public participation: 15 minutes allowed:** Mr DeRoy brought his concerns to members in regarding the proposed dwellings development in Mayes Lane in relation to the Local Plan, disputing the fact that any proposed site in the 2012 draft Local Plan, such as this development, cannot be recognised as the 202 draft Local Plan was rejected by the government therefore the 2007 Local Plan remains in place as the adopted Local Plan.
12. **To receive any report from Members on Community Activities as submitted to the clerk by email within 3 days of the meeting date:**
 - a) Parkeston Railway Club: the application for a donation submitted to the RPPC has been rejected in line with legislation that prohibits any award being made to registered organisations. A letter of explanation has been sent to the Chairman. To assist in raising the profile of the club to secure additional members, RPPC has assisted in producing a leaflet, 400 have been printed free of charge courtesy of Autoprint, Parkeston.
 - b) Welfare Park:
 - the Funday was well attended, raising £749.
 - top soil has been levelled with the help of the Payback team.

- The Parkeston Residents Association Newsletter has made an appeal for rubbish bags not to be put out until the evening before collection day

13. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery:

- a) Entrance; the area has been made tidy by the contractor at an additional cost to the landscape contract of £30.
- b) Chapel Lodge Gates; the wooden gates have rotted over time and need replacing; alternatives are being sourced.
- c) Flytipping; vegetation left in the main area of the open cemetery is to be cleared by the Payback team.
- d) Chapel Lodge Tenants; Cllr Elmer and the Clerk met with the tenants to ensure all with the property was within agreed standards. It was established that the large pond in the grounds is not using water from the mains.
- e) Chapel Lodge Fencing; to secure the boundary where a dog gained access a chain link fence is to be erected by the landscape contractor.
- f) Laurels: an additional cut to the laurels has been added to the contract to increase it to 2 cuts per annum with an additional cost to the contract of £390 per annum. A request to completely remove the laurel at the back of the chapel is to be made to the contractor.
- g) Water Leak: Fairweather Utility Services Limited have been contracted to address the leak as per their quotation, due to work load they will not be able to start the works until mid-October.

14. To receive a report regarding the Community Pay Back Team: the teams have been working at the Welfare Park and the RWMH playing field.

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

- a) Two Village School: Cllr Howe reported:
 - The next full governors meeting is to be held on 30/09.
 - An afternoon tea is being hosted for new student's parents prior to the start of the new term.
 - Collections are being made for the October Harvest Festival which will benefit the hospice in Ipswich.
 - Winter Salt Scheme; the issue of gritting the car park area was discussed. The RPPC is part of the scheme and owns salt bins and grit spreaders that could be sited at the school during the winter months. The scheme allows a delivery of 1tonne made up of 25kgs bags free of charge; an application for a delivery is to be submitted by RPPC; a donation of grit bags could be made to the school with the suggestion that Little Oakley Parish Council could also donate a quantity of grit. Cllr Howe will take the offer to the next Governor's meeting.

Action: Clerk

- Vegetation: the issue of overgrown brambles encroaching onto the pavement has been taken up with EC Cllr Erskine together with the Little Oakley Parish Council, confirmation has been received from Mike Badger that the issue will be address by Highways Rangers. The issue of overgrown grass along the boundary of the school is to be taken to Cllr Bass by Cllr Erskine.
- b) Spring Meadow CP School: Cllr Smith reported:
 - The school has received a letter of congratulations from ECC for its outstanding summer results, achieving over 96% in all three measures of progress whilst still improving on last year's progress in level 4, with only 58 other schools in the county having reached this level of achievement.

16. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives:

- a) Part-Night Street Lighting: the invitation to submit comments from TDC has been responded to, reiterating the RPPC views that the lights in both wards should carry over the night due to the rural scene of Ramsey and shift workers in Parkeston. Cllr Ferguson reported that she had also submitted a similar response.

- b) Ramsey: Cllr Passmore reported;
- the new drainage works have worked well in Wix Road
 - Damaged railings suspected to have been caused whilst work on the Ramsey Roundabout 2 years ago still remains unrepaired. Cllr Erskine to take the matter forward.

Action: Cllr Erskine

- Church Hill Flooding; the road at the bottom of the hill floods in bad weather and has been reported by Cllr Howe

- c) Parkeston: Cllr Collis reported:

- Good feedback has been received in relation to the fencing erected along Makins Road
- Station Road: maintenance to the surface of the road outside Hamilton House is scheduled 21/09.
- Station Road vegetation: a report has been submitted to ECC with a request for the landowners to be contacted to have the overgrown vegetation from the roundabout to Garland Road to be cut back, no response has been received and the report was passed to Cllr Erskine to take forward.

Action: Cllr Erskine

- Station Road: reports of large cracks along the pavement have been raised, concerns that they will not fall within the criteria for maintenance is to be checked.

Action: Cllr Collis

- a report has been submitted via ECC website on the No. 2 traffic light that has been out of action for some time on the Parkeston roundabout.
- River Walk: the vegetation has been cut back today by the Environment Agency making the area a clear walk way again.

17. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings:

- a) Harwich International Port Liaison: Cllr Ramsay reported on his attendance at the recent meeting:

- Business is very buoyant at present with an increase in volume by 20% due to the migrant crisis at Calais with haulage re-routing through Harwich.
- Security levels have increased with the x-ray scanner being used as a permanent measure for haulage vehicles.
- DFDS have lost one service which has had an impact in France with job losses.
- Station Road Banks: the issues of overgrown vegetation along the banks was raised, HIP dispute ownership and will not take responsibility of the problem.

18. To receive any correspondence for action/information not covered elsewhere:

Although not an agenda item the Chairman authorised the decision on donations to be made:

- a) Essex Air Ambulance, Cllr Donn proposed a motion to donate £500, seconded by Cllr Smith with all in favour the motion was carried.
- b) H&D Rugby Club, Cllr Donn declared an interest and left the room for the period of debate; Cllr Ramsay proposed a motion to sponsor a Match Ball for £60, seconded by Cllr Stertz with all in favour the motion was carried.
- c) Ramsey Football Club; Cllr Ramsay proposed a motion to donate £200, seconded by Cllr Ferguson with all in favour the motion was carried.
- d) Harwich & Parkeston Football Club: Cllr Sing proposed a motion to donate £200, seconded by Cllr Stertz with all in favour the motion was carried.

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 agendand 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.
None

To agree accounts for payment:



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The change of signatory mandate has now been completed and return to the bank.

W G Elmer Chair's Allowance	300.00	S Collis Travel expenses	51.79
L Keating Clerk's salary & Expenses	738.72 64.67	EALC Training	140.00
Accent Stationers	92.54	RWMH Hall Rent	24.00
Landscape Services	804.00	Essex Air Ambulance	500.00
Harwich & Dovercourt RUFC	60.00	Doverston F.C Ramsey	200.00
Harwich & Parkeston FC	200.00		

20. To confirm that the date of the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council to be held on Thursday 15th October 2015 at 7.15 p.m. in Hamilton House, Foster Road, Parkeston.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15