



Minutes of the meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in Hamilton House, Station Road, Parkeston on Thursday 16th October 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Elmer (Chair), L Donn, M Donn, Howe, Passmore, Singh, Smith, Stertz

Also Present: Lin Keating (Clerk)
ECC Cllr Andy Erskine,
Nigel Brown, Tendring District Council Communications & Public Relations
Manager
1 resident of Parkeston

1. To accept apologies for absence: Cllrs Colbourne, Ferguson

1a. Nigel Brown, TDC Communications & Public Relations Manager

Parkeston House Update: Nigel Brown reported that all comments received have been taken into consideration with the following to be undertaken by TDC following an independent survey carried out by a structural engineer and a surveyor; access being gained by warrant issued by the Magistrates Court:

To block all window and doors with steel on the ground floor and plywood on the upper floors; cost circa £19k + vat. The cost will be covered from the public purse with a charge put on the property.

This will secure all accesses and allow the fencing to be taken down to give access to the RPPC noticeboard, public telephone box and pavement.

The authorisation to carry out the work has been given by TDC CEO and Leader of TDC Rose Builders of Harwich have been awarded the contract to commence asap.

Cllr Elmer reported that an invite to Bernard Jenkins, MP has been accepted and will take place on site at 0930hrs, Friday 31st October; this will be open to all to attend and put questions to the MP and the local press are to be invited. Nigel Brown confirmed that there will be representation from TDC.

Cllr Elmer thanked Nigel Brown for his commitment in having actions taken on this issue and invited him back to the next RPPC meeting.

Nigel Brown left the meeting with details of Makins Road, an untidy site left exposed to flytipping.

2. To receive a report from Essex Police: information only:

Paul Goyle, Acting Inspector was unavailable to attend the meeting due to a prior engagement and will try to attend another meeting.

A report received from PC Trevor Abrahams for the month of September was circulated for discussion: 79 incidents had been reported against 47 and 17 crimes recorded against 5 for the same period of the previous year raising concerns of the high increase:

- Burglary dwelling in Garland Road
- 5 x theft from motor vehicles
- 2 x burglary non-dwelling
- 3 x criminal damage
- 3 x assault; Ramsey Road, Parkeston Road and Garland Road
- 3 x harassment

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 and/or debate and declare any interest on any of the remaining agenda items.



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

- a) Bench, Church Hill, Ramsey: the bench has been removed by TDC, reason unknown. The question will be put to Hollie Gwillim, TDC to follow up.
Action: Clerk
- b) School Parking: ticketing powers are being given to PCSOs to address the problems of inconsiderate parking during timings of dropping off/collecting pupils from schools.
- c) Road Closure – Horsley Cross to Ramsey Roundabout: overnight closure for resurfacing raised concerns of the lack of communications in making local road users aware. Cllr Erskine was asked to enquire if ECC Highways were aware of the proposed maintenance and what avenues they use to make road users aware.
Action: Cllr A Erskine
- d) Ramsey Hill Bus Stop: the responsibility of the need for a replacement flag has not been resolved; the post is still in situ and further enquiries are to be undertaken.
Action: Cllr A Erskine
- e) TDC Rangers: a request for the vegetation to be cut back along the boundaries of Church Hill and Mayes Lane is to be taken forward.
Action: Cllr A Erskine

5. To receive a report from TDC Councillor Tony Colbourne: nothing received

6. To hear questions from members of the public:

- a) **Surya Rice Factory:** a report of flooding from the building from the 8" overflow pipe has been reported to TDC from the Welfare Park Committee; a request for the RPPC to assist in addressing the issue with the owners was made; Cllr Elmer asked for the request to be made formally in writing.

7. To confirm the minutes of the RPPC meeting held on 18th September 2014

Cllr Stertz proposed and Cllr Smith 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:

- a) RWMH Custodian Trustee: due to fact RPPC have no other involvement than holding documents and the recent changes imposed by the Management Committee of the role of the RPPC representative on the committee Cllr Elmer proposed motion that the RPPC relinquish the role in relation to the RWMH Committee and Playing Field. All present made a declaration of interest as members of the RPPC, Custodian Trustee of the RWMH and agreed to allow all to participate in the discussion was proposed by Cllr L Donn, seconded by Cllr Stertz.
Cllr Elmer summarised the history of the position of the RPPC in relation to the RWMH with a lengthy discussion following; with the motion carried with 6 in favour and 0 against. Cllr Howe, Ramsay and Passmore abstained.
A request for such to be actioned is to be sent to the Charities Commission.
Action: Clerk
- b) 1st/2nd Parkeston Scouts 40th Anniversary Reunion: an invitation is to be taken by Cllr Elmer to attend
- c) Election Training Day: delivered by the EALC, Cllr Elmer, Cllr M Donn and Clerk to attend 13/11.

9. To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:

Nothing not covered elsewhere

10. To consider any Planning issues received to the meeting date:

- a) Application No: 14/01398/FUL
Location: 19A Garland Road Parkeston Harwich Essex CO12 4PB
Proposal: change of use from commercial to residential
The view of the RPPC is to support the proposal, prosed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Elmer with all in favour.



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- b) Application No: 14/01179/FUL
Location: 2 Ramsey Hall Cottages, Tinker Street, Ramsey
Proposal: Two storey side and rear flat roof extension
The view of the RPPC is No Objection, proposed by Cllr Ramsay, seconded by Cllr Singh with all in favour

11. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery:

- a) Headstone Risk Assessment has been undertaken with no major concerns
- b) Youth Offenders: 16 hours payback has been used in a clean-up of the graffiti in the Chapel in time for Remembrance Sunday and litter picking of Parkeston Village
- c) Memorial Plaques removed from St Pauls Lychgate have been renovated and mounted to be fixed on the wall within the secure porch of the Chapel
- d) Mock Stained Windows: contractor unable to begin due to an overrun of a previous contract and weather conditions
- e) The hedge at the west side of the chapel has been cut down with the dead tree removed
- f) Ownership of the access road has been sourced and to be taken forward to the Harwich Town Council with a request that regular maintenance of the road and vegetation is taken in hand.

12. To receive a report regarding the Welfare Park:

Cllr Stertz reported:

- a) Nesting boxes have been installed
- b) A new committee has been formed in linking in with the Residents Association
- c) Football team has now been established
- d) The land at the bottom of park currently owned by the Environment Agency is under a request for the land to be donated to the Welfare Park Committee taking the boundary to the river bank.

13. To receive a report regarding the Payback Team:

Cllr Passmore reported current work being undertaken:

- a) Ditch clearance
- b) Hedge work
- c) Proposed work at the Welfare Park

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

Cllr Smith made the following report relating to Spring Meadows CB:

- a) Current numbers of pupils stand at 235 with some vacancies; with land available to extend the school
- b) Nursery school taking 2yrs + as a feeder to the school is behind schedule, planned opening end November.
- c) Youth Council; the school is interested in a low key visit of Councillors for a mock Council meeting

Cllr Howe made the following report relating to the Two Village School:

- a) Current number of pupils stands at 200
- b) The Board are currently looking into parking issues at the school
- c) Youth Council; to be introduced as an opportunity to link with RPPC

15. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives:

- a) Ramsey:
 - Triangle: a request for the installation of planters of 1mtr circumference tubs, following consultation with TDC Highways and assurance of insurance issues was proposed by Cllr M Donn, seconded by Cllr Elmer with all in favour
 - 20mph sign in the Street reported as down to be addressed
 - Installation of the Children's Play Area sign at the Playing Field is to be followed up



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b) Parkeston:

- Bus Service: the adjusted and reduced service through Parkeston Village has caused issues for residents who asked for the RPPC to investigate.

On-going Action: Cllr Ferguson

16. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings:

Nothing not covered elsewhere.

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

- Invitation received to the Annual Sausage Throwing Festival: Cllr M Donn to attend
- Invitation to attend the second Briefing on the Tendring Local Plans Vision and Strategy 20/10: Cllr Donn and Cllr Elmer to attend

18. 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.

- Welfare Park Flooding; R Passmore
- Les Nicolls: Safety Agents voluntary role: January Meeting
- Parking Hewitt Road/Oakley Road; request for yellow lines
- Emails
- Noya The Street Ramsey

19. To agree accounts for payment: in addition the Clerk reported that the mandate to change signatories on the RPPC account has been submitted to the Co-Operative Bank 10/10. The Annual Return 2013/14 external audit has been return by the Audit Commission with not queries.

Harwich & District First Responders Donation S137	500.00	Essex Air Ambulance Donation S137	500.00
H&D Rugby Club Donation S137	200.00	L Keating Expenses Chapel Project	722.88 188.75
G Elmer Chairs 1 st ½ Annual Allowance	300.00	PFK Littlejohn External Audit	240.00
Landscape Services	1722.00	A&J Lighting	122.60
E-On	78.23	Acumen Wages Sers	44.40
BT April – Oct	293.73		

20. of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council & Budget will be held on Thursday 20th November 2014 in Hamilton House, Parkeston at 7.00 p.m.

The Chairman reminded all Councillors of the importance of attending the Budget meeting and asked for any projects for the Budget 2015/16 to be made known to the Clerk as soon as possible prior to the meeting.

Action: All

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.