



Minutes of a Meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in Hamilton House, Station Road, Parkeston on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Cllrs Elmer (Chair), L Donn, M Donn, S Howe, D Smith, S Stertz, T Ferguson(7.10pm)

**Also Present:**

ECC Andrew Erskine

**1. To accept apologies for absence:** Lin Keating (Clerk), P Singh, T Colbourne

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

The report received for December 2013 was circulated and discussed: stats for the month showed 65 incidents and 12 crimes recorded against 58 incidents and 11 crimes for the same period of the previous year.

Cllr M Donn commented that these stats do not give a clear picture of what is going on and need to be more specific.

Main concerns are burglaries, criminal damage and theft.

The Police Commissioners meeting held in December was briefly mentioned although none of the councillors present attended.

No feedback from the Police received from the report made regarding the Fly Tipping incident as the Ramsey War Memorial Hall recreation site.

**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 receive a report from Essex County Councillor Andrew Erskine:**

Cllr Erskine reported:

a) A copy of a brief from Essex County Council regarding Community Initiative Funding was passed on from Cllr Erskine for information only and to be held on file for future reference.

b) Cllr Erskine has received an email from a resident Mr Wayne Tearle (a copy was forwarded to the Clerk). A subsequent email has been received by Cllr Erskine. Cllr Elmer read out the contents of the email to all councillors present. A request was made for Cllr Erskine to follow up the comments made concerning speeding. With regards to the comments concerning litter along Station Road, the bank belongs to Highways and therefore TDC will not pick up rubbish from the bushes. The Rat issue is believed to come from the rice mill and there are traps in place. With regards to dog fouling, this can be reported to the Dog Warden. We need to look into whether there are sufficient dog bins and that they are situated correctly. New bins can be purchased at a cost of £60 each. Cllr Erskine had invited Mr Tearle to attend the meeting but he was unable to and sent a subsequent email(a copy to be forwarded to the Clerk). Request for Cllr Erskine to invite Mr Tearle along to the next meeting. Comments were made from Cllr Ferguson stating that Tyler Street much cleaner than Hamilton Street which is littered with dog fouling and general waste. Cllr Elmer has made complaints about this in the past.

**Action Cllr Erskine**

It was suggested that Nick Turner be invited to the next meeting.

**Action Clerk**



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Cllr Stertz is looking into a village clean up along with residents and she can source free skips. Cllr Howe to add to the newsletter requesting volunteers and they contact Cllr Stertz.

**Action Cllr Howe**

Cllr Erskine suggested we also invite Jonathan Hamlet from TDC Street Cleaning Department to the next meeting and public can be made aware of his attendance.

Purchase of new dog bins was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr L Donn. All councillors present in favour.

Cllr Elmer requested we acknowledge Mr Tearles letter.

**Action Clerk**

Road surfaces: Mayes Lane road surfacing – surfacing collapsing again after gritting has taken place. Cllr Erskine advised action is being taken by ECC. Cllr M Donn requested a survey of The Street Ramsey be carried out as he is concerned of a road collapse there, it sounds echoing/hollow.

**Action Cllr Erskine**

5. **To receive a report from TDC Councillor Tony Colbourne: no report received**
6. **To hear questions from members of the public: 15 minutes allowed.** None Present
7. **To confirm the minutes of the RPPC meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013**  
Cllr L Donn 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 councillor vacancy has arisen for Parkeston Ward. A notice is to be placed in the Harwich and Manningtree Standard.  
**Action: Cllr Smith**

Cllr Ferguson would like to become a member of the Crime Prevention Panel. She also mentioned she has information from Parish Safety agents Group who could attend a meeting and give a talk. This was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Stertz. Diane Boyde, Community Builder for TDC CAB to be contacted 01255 377080.

**Action: Clerk**

Neighbourhood watch being worked on and a meeting to be taken forward by Cllr Stertz and Cllr Elmer.

9. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:**
  - a) Village Agents: Cllr Smith has put together a report and this was circulated at the meeting. It was agreed that Brian Goodwin from Village Agents be invited to attend a meeting to explain its benefits before taking to a Public meeting,

**Action: Cllr Smith**

10. **To consider any Planning issues received to the meeting date:**
  - a) **Ramsey War Memorial Recreation Field Wix Road Ramsey**  
Application No: 13/01105/FUL  
The application has been granted for a further three years and comments state that on expiration of the permission the portable buildings be removed and the land



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reinstated to its former condition and to ensure a more acceptable building or structure be approved.

- b) Captain Fryatt – RPPC comments on this application submitted by the Clerk on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014.
- c) Tendring District Council Local Plan – Changes have been made to the local plan for Parkeston and an area is now no longer listed as an area for development. A copy of the amended area shown at the meeting. The attached comment form to be completed and returned stating RPPC support.

**Action: Clerk**

- d) Harwich Valley Plan, including Linear Park – concerns were raised regarding the vehicle movement, with the potential of 200+ dwellings, could result on 500+ vehicles and how these would exit, either onto A120 or via clayton Road?? Highways not happy with Residential traffic exiting on A120 although industrial traffic would be deemed ok. A copy of the plan has been requested. RPPC will support the development subject to traffic conditions, proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr L Donn with all in favour.
- e) Untidy sites – ongoing - no further action. Will require copies of planning agendas from TDC.

**11. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery:**

Cllr M Donn reported that guttering came down in the recent high winds. A estimate has been received of £10k to replace in cast iron or £850 + vat to replace in plastic, awaiting receipt of written estimate. Agreement that should be replaced in plastic. Concerns raised regarding monuments and headstones that are appearing – has been taken up with the Clerk and a site visit with the appropriate documentation is to be made. Five trees waiting to drop and concerns raised re power cables near cemetery house. Need to take up with Harwich Town Council. Clive Dawson looking into who owns the land. Suggested we could call out UK Power Networks to check power cables, also need to consider tenants and check if insurance covers us.

**Action: Clerk**

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

Cllr L Donn reported:

Meetings held bi-monthly, last meeting beginning December, next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Nothing else to report. Rates bill received for RWMH by the Clerk, details need to be From RPPC to RWMH – amount seems incorrect, handed to Cllr Smith to action.

**Action: Cllr Smith**

**13. To receive a report regarding the Welfare Park:**

Nothing to report

**14. To receive a report regarding the RPPC newsletter:**

Cllr Howe circulated a draft copy of the newsletter, Cllr Elmer ran through the contents, additions to be made and all councillors to work on their input for next meeting. Copies to be forwarded to all councillors via Cllr Elmer.

**Action: Cllr Howe**

**15. To receive a report regarding Parkeston Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing further**



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**16. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives:**

- a) Ramsey - Mayes Lane – already covered in Cllr Erskine's report
- b) Parkeston: speeding issues and plastic bottles littering Station Road already discussed. Could introduce speed awareness signs, request for speed monitoring from ECC. Can also approach Highways Panel for mobile checks and traffic survey. Suggestion for permanent 30mph signage.

**Action:Cllr Erskine**

- c) Litchgate st Pauls – Church to close in 10 days time, Cllr Elmer would like to see monument from Litchgate saved and relocated elsewhere within the Village. HIP would support.

**17. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings:** nothing to report

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

A letter has been received from TDC about recycling and they would like to attend one of our meetings to talk about recycling matters and how TDC and RPPC could work together. Agreed that could be invited to attend a meeting.

**Action:Clerk**

Email received from David Underhill regarding interest in setting up an enterprise at St Pauls to be added to agenda for February meeting.

**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 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.**

**20. To agree the Precept Yr 2014/15**

Cllr M Donn proposed, seconded by Cllr Stertz, all in favour

**21. To agree accounts for payment:**

EON	80.83 75.63 80.83	A&J Lighting	55.80 55.80 55.80
Acumen Wages	44.40 44.40	P Strelitz – Legal	1653.00
L Keating – Dec Salary Petty Cash Jan Salary	722.88 100.00 903.60	Autoart Replica monument St Paul's Church	378.85
BT (LKeating paid CC)	159.22	EALC – In house training 30/10/13	376.00
Accent Stationers	150.93	Landscape Sers	1218.00
Colchester CC – Legal	80.00	W G Elmer Chairman's Phone Allowance	69.00

**22. To confirm that the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014 in Hamilton House, Parkeston at 7.00 p.m.**

The meeting closed at 20.55 hours.