



Minutes of the meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Ramsey War Memorial Hall, Ramsey on 18th August 2016 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Collis, Donn, Elmer, Ferguson, Howe, Ramsay, Smith, Stertz

Also Present:

Clerk: Lin Keating
5 members of public

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** ECC Cllr Erskine, Cllr Davidson, Passmore
2. **To receive a report on Essex Police crime information:** a report taken from Police.UK website for the months of May(20 crimes) and June (28 crimes) was circulated and discussed:
Crimes reported in June 2016:

Parkeston:

East Dock Road – Anti-social behaviour x 1
Other Crime x 4

Hamilton Street - Violence & sexual offences x 3
Garland Road - Public order offence x 1
Anti-social behaviour x 4
Criminal damage/arson x 1
Burglary x 1

Tyler Street - Public order offence x 1
Violence & sexual offences x 1

Foster Road - Anti-social behaviour x 1
Other crime x 1

Una Road - Anti-social behaviour x 1
Station Road- Anti-social behaviour x 2

Ramsey:,

The Street - Anti-social behaviour x 3

Clayton Road - Anti social behaviour x 2

Chevy Court - Anti social behaviour x 1

Reports of any incident can be made on line at: www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/
Cllr Donn reported of incidents of anti-social behaviour on motorcycles in Ramsey with aggressive response from drivers when approached.

3. **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.**
4. **To receive a report from Essex County Councillor Andrew Erskine:** asked in his absence for it to be made known that his plans have changed and will be in the area during August.
5. **To receive a report from TDC Councillor Tanya Ferguson:**
 - a) Captain Fryatt Memorial Event: the ceremony was well attended by the Fryatt family who thoroughly enjoyed the event. Orders have been received for the final 15 roses held with the grower, being sold at £10 plus p&p. It was agreed that a letter of thanks are to be sent to:
Cpt Fryatt PH for hosting the afternoon tea
Ella Mowle for the reading
Ellie Bould for her rendition of the Last Post on the bugle
Harwich Haven Authority for renovating and re-installing the rose frame in time for the event
Thanks were also made to the Clerk and husband, Jeff Keating for their help prior and during the event.
Action: Clerk
 - b) TDC, Adam McGoldrick was unavailable to join Cllr Ferguson on their monthly check of Parkeston due to the Clacton air show preparations in place.
 - c) Local Plan: 3 meetings for the consultation period remain, Weeley 19/08, Manningtree 22/08 and Elmstead 30/08. Cllr Elmer encouraged all to attend if possible and RPPC are to hold a separate meeting 01/09 to discuss any comments to be submitted. It was confirmed that land adjacent to Two Village Primary School, Mayes Lane has been removed from the draft plan.

- d) Princess Street: reports of anti-social behaviour received have been passed to TDC, the correct channel for direct reporting, either by telephone or online. Those who wish to remain anonymous have the option to submit a report through Crime Stoppers website.
- e) Parkeston House: TDC are responding to complaints received in relation to the property with a meeting to be held on 25/08, an invite to meet with the Owner, Agent and TDC officers is to be attended by Cllr Ferguson in her capacity as TDC Councillor, Cllr Stertz and extended to Cllr Davidson to attend in his capacity as Chairman of the Parkeston Residents Association.

Action: Clerk

- f) Untidy Site: the owner of the Methodist Church, Garland Road has been written to with no response received to date.
- 6. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the RPPC held on 21st July 2016:** Cllr 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.
- 7. To receive any announcement by the Chairman:**
- a) TDC Cuts: an announcement in the press was discussed of the threats of further cuts proposed impacting on services already reduced, including waste and recycling, street cleaning, public toilets, playgrounds and leisure facilities and a reduction in the number of councillors in a bid to save a further £2m next year.
Cllr Elmer proposed, seconded by Cllr Donn with all in favour for RPPC to submit an article in the press reminding all residents of their responsibility in addressing issues of littering and dog fouling of their areas.
- Action: Cllrs Elmer, Smith**
- 8. To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:**
Referring to item 5. b): a letter has been sent to eight local letting agencies identified, requesting that they remind tenants of their responsibility of disposing of household items through the correct channels.
Referring to item 7. a): a letter of appreciation has been sent to Mr Prithvi Singh for his work whilst a member of the RPPC.
- 9. To consider the options for cost savings regarding Ramsey Street Lighting:** The Clerk reported on her findings of research that resulted in changing electricity suppliers would not make a saving, however to change over to LED lamps would make a large saving over the years. A summary of the savings available was circulated and discussed. The programme to move to LED lamps would be a total of circa £19k with a saving of circa £1,250 per annum with all 33 lamps upgraded. Consideration of a rolling programme over 3 years is to be submitted in the new budget recommendations for further consideration.
- Action: Clerk**
- 10. To consider the preparation of a community-led neighbourhood Plan:** following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the costs outweighed the benefit. A proposal by Cllr Ferguson, seconded by Cllr Howe with all in favour, to further consider topic following the new Local Plan being in place.
- 11. To consider any Planning issues and receive any decisions submitted to the meeting date:**
- a) **Planning Appeal:** APP/P1560/W/163154350 - 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 32-27 Mayes Lane, Little Oakley
Little Oakley Parish Council are reported to be opposing the appeal.
 - b) **Application No:** 16/00659/FUL
Proposal: Erection of addition floor to provide 4 self-contained residential flats with provision of 1 car parking space
Location: Parkeston House, Adelaide Street, Parkeston
Decision: Approval Full – Delegated Decision

It was the general consensus of disappointment that TDC has not given an opportunity as requested for a site visit and the application to be considered at a full planning committee meeting.

- c) **Application No:** 16/00773/FUL
Proposal: Proposed extension to provide tractor/trailer store
Location: Bridge Cottage Main Road Ramsey Harwich Essex CO12 5EY
The View of the RPPC, proposed by Cllr Ramsay, seconded by Cllr Stertz with all in favour is No objection
- d) **Decisions submitted by RPPC Sub- Committee:**
Application No: 16/01153/FUL
Proposal: Single storey rear extension
Location: Joystan Ramsey Road, Essex CO12 4TF
Decision submitted: No Objection

Application No: 16/01206/TCA
Proposal: Cupressus - reduce height by one third, shorten branches on trunk
Location: 15 The Street, Harwich Essex CO12 5HL
Decision submitted: No objection

Application No: 16/01010/OUT
Proposal: proposed erection of 3 detached dwellings with associated access, garages, parking, landscaping and ancillary works.
Location: Land South of Church Hill Ramsey Essex CO12 5EX
Decision submitted: No Objection

- e) Tendring District Council Local Plan Consultation: covered in item 5. c) of these minutes.

12. To allow public participation: 15 minutes allowed: It was resolved to suspend Standing Order No. 1 (e) of the RPPC to allow additional time for public participation.

Two residents of Parkeston House spoke and answered questions from all present to give an understanding of the position they have been put in by Lewisham Council's housing programme. They described the issues of the property that they have raised with the agents, including no bins provided, bare wires in an open light switch socket in the communal corridor, the rusted steps on the fire escape, lack of hot water which has made them to have to boil kettles to have a bath, boxed in bedroom windows making the family sleep in the lounge due to lack of ventilation in the current hot weather. They have been led to understand that the move is temporary, between 3-5 years, whilst waiting for council accommodation to become available in Lewisham.

The suggestion for the press to highlight their plight was refused as the residents felt it would violate their privacy in bringing more attention on themselves and thanked the council for the support they have been receiving to address the issues.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and hopes that all issues are resolved for them soon.

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

- a) Cllr Davidson submitted a report in his absence on recent activities in the Welfare Park:
- Installation of both the Zip Wire and Outside Gym now complete and proving popular
 - Now looking for funding a pyramid climbing frame
- The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Stertz, with all in favour, that a press release is submitted to highlight the success and improved facilities following the hard work of the committees for both parks.

Action: Cllr Smith

- b) Cllr Howe reported on recent activities in the RWMH
- Regular events continue to be well attended and bookings remain high.

14. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery:

- a) **Water Butt:** Cllr Elmer proposed that the vandalised tank should be replaced as soon as possible, with Cllr Ramsay offering to source and install an appropriate replacement.

Action: Cllr Ramsay

- b) Items from St Michael's Church have now been moved to the cemetery with thanks to Cllr Davidson in arranging the move with the support of the Payback Team and Landguard Engineering.
- 15. To receive a report regarding the Community Pay Back Team:** assisting Cllr Davidson at the Chapel.
- 16. To receive a report regarding Spring Meadows CP School and the Two Village School**
- a) Spring Meadows: Cllr Smith reported that the donation towards the replacement of the poly tunnel was well received and hoping to be in place in readiness for the new term where students will be able to use it for planting vegetables.
- b) Two Village School: Cllr Howe had nothing to report with the school closed for the summer holidays.
- 17. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives:**
- a) **Ramsey:**
- Ramsey Roundabout: Cllr Howe reported that following contacting Highways England the weed restrictions have been carried out.
 - Church Hill: Cllr Howe reported concerns of the cracked pavement that is also restricted by overgrown vegetation with school children returning to use the route soon have been submitted to Highways.
- b) **Parkeston:** No report received.
- 18. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings:** None
- 19. To receive any correspondence to note:**
- a) TDC Notice of Casual Vacancy, Ramsey Ward: the notice has been posted, if no election called by 02/09 RPPC to fill the vacancy by co-option.
- 20. Councillor's 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.**
- a) Cllr Collis reported that a notice in the BT phone box outside Parkeston House informs of a consultation on the removal of the service.
- 21. To agree accounts for payment:**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			Bank Balance
Payee	Description	Payment Ref	£p	Name	Description	£p	
					Brought Forward		£42,682.84
A&J Lighting	Contract	cheque	£55.80	Bank	Interest (July)	£2.70	
E-On	Supply	cheque	£108.94	M Jay	Cemetery Lodge Rent (July)	£570.00	
L Keating	Salary/expenses	online	£847.80	E Barker	Memorial	£127.00	
RWMH	Hall Rent	online	£24.00				
namesco	web/email host	cheque	£143.87				
Landscape Sers	Contract	online	£914.00				
EALC	Publication	online	£60.00				
Acumen	Service	online	£24.00				
TDALC	Affiliation	cheque	£15.00				
SLCC	Membership	online	£149.00				
		Total	£2,342.41		Total	£699.70	£41,040.13

- 22. To confirm that date of the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council to be held on Thursday 22nd September 2016 at 7.15 p.m. in the Ramsey War Memorial Hall, Ramsey**

Councillors are reminded that an extraordinary meeting to discuss the draft Local Plan will be held on Thursday 1st September in Hamilton House, Parkeston at 7.15 p.m.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00