

Present: Cllrs Bird, Davidson, Collis, Elmer (Chair), Howe, Passmore, Ramsay

Also Present:

ECC Cllr Andy Erskine

9 members of the public

Clerk: Lin Keating

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllrs Donn, Ferguson, Smith, Stertz
2. **To receive a report on Essex Police crime information:** no updated data available on the UK Police website since the last meeting. It was explained to the member of public in questioning why an officer cannot attend meetings that following cut backs in the service their attendance was no longer available.
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.
4. **To receive a report from Essex Councillor Andrew Erskine (Ramsey & Parkeston)**
 - a) LHP: Cllr Erskine was congratulated on his new role as Chairman, a challenge he has taken on with the aim to make changes for a better outcome.
 - b) Church Hill Pavement: ECC are aware of the defects, however deemed not to meet the criteria for immediate repair. The area is on a quarterly inspection schedule, a challenge of the decision is to be made with an invite for a site visit.

Action: Cllrs Erskine and Ferguson
 - c) Collier Road: Cllr Elmer reported the issue of the boundary fence of a development site down and laying across the pavement; contact with TDC for assistance was unsuccessful, the report will be taken forward by Cllr Erskine.
5. **To receive a report from TDC Councillor Tanya Ferguson:** in her absence Cllr Ferguson asked for her objection to the planning application for Land adjacent to Roborough to be noted.
6. **To confirm the minutes of the Annual meeting of the RPPC held on 18th May 2017:** Cllr Passmore proposed and Cllr Collis 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 hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting.**
8. **To consider any Planning issues and decisions submitted to the meeting date.**
 - Application No: 17/00873/OUT
Proposal: Erection of 3 dwellings
Location: Land adjacent Roborough Church Hill Ramsey
The view of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council is to strongly object to this application with great concerns of the site being that of the application submitted and refused - Application No: 15/00964 relates; a proposal then of 71 dwellings to the site, the current application of just 3 dwellings is deemed to be a starting point to fully develop the site as originally proposed.
It should be noted that the site no longer sits in the Tendring District Local plan and re-iterate the comments submitted as below to be taken into consideration:
 - The proposed development is not sustainable with current infrastructure as deemed inadequate.
 - The water mains currently struggles with the households reliant on it at present, additional dwellings will only add to the current problems of sewerage backing up onto properties.
 - Flooding into the village of Ramsey is a regular occurrence due to the inadequacy of the current pumping station, additional properties proposed in the area together with those already given planning permission would increase the risk of flooding.
 - Issues with the electricity substation, tripping on occasion due to the demand from current households, would not be able to support additional demand, with improvements to the service planned by UK Power Networks not expected until the end of 2018.
 - TDC support their policy to maintain the green gap land when considering planning applications; applications to develop this site contravene this policy.
 - Safety of pedestrians, many being school children and road users together with the impact on the Two Village C of E (VC) Primary School, Mayes Lane with additional

developments in the area will increase the risk of danger.

- Highways maintenance issues: The Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council have over the years and still have issues in trying to get maintenance placed within the Highways schedule to ensure vegetation at the junction of Mayes Lane/Church Hill is carried out on a regular basis to address the hazards to road users and pedestrians at this junction of poor visibility on oncoming traffic.

- Mayes Lane is a 'lane' not a substantial road built to take the high volume of traffic already using the route any additional traffic would increase the risk of safety again of road users and pedestrians.

- The Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council have campaigned for reduction along Mayes Lane to a 20mph zone was rejected by Highways following a survey of traffic during a limited period was undertaken.

The Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council request that the application is to be considered at a full planning committee and at any such time that the application is approved any S106 legal agreement funds from this site are awarded to the Ramsey War Memorial Hall Playing Field towards the project of a new Village Hall and enhanced leisure facilities. It should also be noted that with Tendring having met its statutory 5 years supply of Housing it is considered that any further planning application for housing is surplus to need.

• Application No: 17/00872/OUT

Proposal: Erection Of 14 dwellings

Location: Michaelstowe Farm Ramsey Road Ramsey (Formerly Horse Rangers Site)

The view of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council is to object due to the fact that with Tendring having met its statutory 5 years supply of Housing it is considered that any further planning application for housing is surplus to need, together with the following points requested to be considered:

- The proposed development is not sustainable with current infrastructure as deemed inadequate.

- The water mains currently struggles with the households reliant on it at present, additional dwellings will only add to the current problems of sewerage backing up onto properties.

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- Issues with the electricity substation, tripping on occasion due to the demand from current households, would not be able to support additional demand, with improvements to the service planned by UK Power Networks not expected until the end of 2018.

- Safety of pedestrians, many being school children and road users together with the impact on the Two Village C of E (VC) Primary School, Mayes Lane with additional developments in the area will increase the risk of danger, with only 1 access/egret proposed in application onto the Ramsey Road.

- It is requested that consideration is made for the site to remain as grazing land

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a) **To receive decisions submitted by the RPPC Planning Sub-Committee since the last meeting:** None

b) **To receive decisions received from TDC:** None

9. **To allow public participation: 15 minutes allowed** The members present made their comments on the planning applications considered at the meeting and were assured that those comments would be reflected in those submitted by the RPPC as copied in item 8 in these minutes.

10. To receive any report from Members on Community Activities.

- a) RWMH: Cllrs Howe and Passmore reported:
- Library: the launch of the satellite library at the hall is on Thursday 6th July on a weekly basis for a 3 month pilot trial.
 - Ramsey Soup: working with the Essex Fire Service to introduce the event at the hall where 3 charities are invited to give a presentation; £5 entrance fee includes refreshments with the charity voted the best to receive an award from the fees.
 - Ramsey Mill FC: the club have been accepted in both Ramsey and Colchester leagues with 4 teams joining; thanks were given to the RPPC for their support of the teams.
- b) Welfare Park/Parkeston Residents Association: Cllr Davidson reported:
- Dining Club: the new event is running well with a growing membership
 - HIP: negotiations for the pitch and empty building to be transferred to the park at the end of Foster Road will come to a closure at a meeting scheduled Monday.

11. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery. Cllrs Davidson and Elmer reported:

- Fly tipping: a further incident of building materials left at the entrance has occurred; the coverage of the CCTV did not show the culprit clearly. A quote for an additional 2 cameras to be installed to ensure full coverage to the area has been sourced for £455, Cllr Davidson proposed and Cllr Passmore seconded to go ahead with the additional cameras, the motion was carried with all in favour.
- Action: Clerk
- Indecent Behaviour: Cllr Passmore reported on a recent report of an incident of sexual activity in the grounds with concerns of the breaks in the hedge on the Hangings boundary being address with TDC. Following a site visit with TDC officers who confirm the boundary to be their responsibility, a chestnut fence is to be erected along the boundary, monitoring the effect and should it be deemed not secure enough consideration for a more substantial material to be used will be given. The request for the fence to be erected prior to the start of the school holidays has been accepted.
 - Cemetery Lodge Windows: an estimate to replace all windows in the property has been received circa £4k. A discussion on options to make the windows good with maintenance at a much lower cost led to Cllr Davidson opposing the full replacement and make the current windows good, seconded by Cllr Passmore, 7 in favour with Cllr Elmer against the motion was carried.

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

- a) Two Village School: Cllr Howe reported:
- The new head teacher has settled in well bringing lots of enthusiasm to the role
 - The term is busy with the new intake of students and sports day
 - Following a member of public taking a video, explained by the person to be in support of addressing the parking problems, concerns were addressed by the Head sending an email to all parents with the explanation and asking for their support in parking sensibly.

13. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives:

- a) **Winter Salt Scheme: Essex County Council 1 tonne delivery for distribution:** the RWMH have agreed to take delivery of the salt due September/ October with the understanding distribution will follow immediately once received.
- b) **Roadside Hedgerows overgrowth: Ramsey & Parkeston:** Cllrs Howe, Ferguson and Erskine inspected the areas raising concerns overgrowth and fly tipping pas the old Ramsey School, road signs outside Michaelstowe Hall hidden and the bust stop on Michaelstowe Drive also hidden. Highways Rangers are to be approached with all issues.
- Action: Cllrs Ferguson and Erskine
- c) **Ramsey:**
- Ramsey Roundabout: the ongoing issue and disappointing response from Kier was discussed at length. Proposed by Cllr Howe to invite both Kier and Highways England to the next meeting of the RPPC to explain why works promised have not been carried out and to be made aware the parish council will take action to have relevant works done, seconded by Cllr Passmore with all in favour.

Action: Clerk

Minutes of the meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Ramsey War Memorial Hall, Ramsey on 15th June 2017 at 7.15 p.m.

- Clayton Road Noticeboard: TDC have authorised for the erection of a new noticeboard on their land in Clayton Road, the noticeboard is on order.
 - Flytipping: Cllr Bird reported on an incident of fly tipping in Clayton Road, his liaising with TDC had the rubbish removed.
- d) **Parkeston:**
- Bus Service: it has been explained following a complaint of the poor service that the local council has no powers and fought through the consultation period on changes without success.
 - HGVs: Cllr Davidson reported further issues with HGVs going down Garland Road, the request for signage submitted to the LHP is to be followed up.

Action: Cllr Erskine

14. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meeting.

- a) Carless Haltermann: Cllr Davidson reported on his recent attendance at a meeting where assurance was given of the company being on high security following the recent terrorist attacks. The company are in the process of recruiting additional personnel.

15. Correspondence to note. None

16. 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.

17. To agree accounts for payment. The Clerk reported on the external audit process is progressing with all documents submitted 22nd May, for approval. The deadline for the report to be received from the external auditor is 30th September 2017. The notice of public rights and publication of the unaudited annual return for year ended 31st March 2017 was issued 2nd June for a period 5th June to 14th July 2017 which gives any person interested, by appointment, the right to inspect and request copies of all records relating to the financial year ended 31 March 2017.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			Bank Balance
Payee	Description	Payment Ref	£p	Name	Description	£p	
L Keating	Clerks Salary/hol pay	online	£1,273.92		Brought Forward		£73,826.26
	Expenses/BT		£87.71				
Ramsey War Memorial Hall	Hall Rent	online	£24.00		Cemetery Lodge Rent	£570.00	
Acumen Wages Service	Service	online	£24.00		Cemetery Memorials	£192.00	
EALC	Affiliation 17/18	online	£483.48		CIF Funding	£1,350.00	
E-On	Electricity supply	online	£138.37				
A&J Lighting Solutions	Contract	cheque	£55.80				
		Total	£2,087.28				
Cemetery Account Balance	including budget figures for water rates, business rates, landscaping less expenditure and lodge rent to date.		£5,823.00		Total	£2,112.00	£68,027.98

18. To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council is to held in the Ramsey War Memorial Hall on Thursday 20th July 2017 at 7.15 p.m.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 p.m.