



Minutes of the meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Parkeston Community Centre, Hamilton Street, Parkeston on Thursday 15th November 2018 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Bird, Colbourne, Davidson, Ferguson, Kadlec, Lungley, Passmore (Chair), Ramsay, Stertz

Also Present: Essex County Councillor A Erskine, Mrs S Howe

Clerk: Lin Keating

Absent: None

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllr Smith
2. **Declaration of Interest: Councillors are invited to declare any disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other interest and nature where it, in relation to any item on the agenda.** None received
3. **To receive a report from Essex Councillor Andrew Erskine (Ramsey & Parkeston).**

- a) **HGV Signage:** positive feedback following the completion of a feasibility study to investigate the issues of HGVs through Ramsey village has been received. The design team have produced a detailed design of signage at the end of Wash Corner within the budget available to implement this financial year; Cllr Erskine is to accept the offer on behalf of RPPC to have the signs in place as soon as possible.

Action: Cllr Erskine

The request for similar signage at the end of Garland Road, Parkeston remains rejected due to the view that there is sufficient signage at the approach road from the roundabout. An alternative solution is to be sourced.

Action: Cllr Davidson

Cllr Passmore asked for the application sent from the Ramsey War Memorial Hall to LHP for the erection of a warning sign of pedestrians at the entrance of the playing field; this application has been submitted on the recommendation of the ROSPA inspections of the park.

Action: Cllr Erskine

Cllr Erskine encouraged further similar requests from the RPPC to be submitted through LHP.

- b) **Potholes:** currently 10 potholes classed as severe, are to be actioned within the next 3 months throughout the Tendring Rural East area; thereafter a proposed additional 10 will be actioned in January 2019; RPPC are welcomed to submit areas of concern for consideration.
- c) **Essex Library Services:** a public consultation on the future of the library services strategy (2019-2024) will be running from 29 November to 20 February 2019. All are encouraged to take part in the consultation; to be shared on the RPPC facebook page when available.

Action: Cllrs Bird/Davidson

Action: Clerk

4. To receive a report from TDC Councillor Tanya Ferguson.

- a) **CIL Funding for RWMH:** Suzanne Howe, Trustee/Secretary of the Ramsey War Memorial Hall addressed the council with a report of the current position for funding of the proposed new community hall in Ramsey. The sources of available funding were discussed:
 - S106 funding; RPPC are able to apply from the central pot on behalf of the RWMH without guarantee of success. A summary of the project and finances is to be made available from S Howe.

Action: Clerk/Cllr Ferguson

Cllr Erskine offered to facilitate a meeting with Cabinet Members to put a case forward for match funding.

Action: Cllr Erskine

- b) **Street Action Day – Parkeston 22 November:** the day has been arranged with support from Tendring District Council, Essex Police, CVST Harwich, Crimestoppers and Councillors; the aim of the day is to engage with residents on their concerns within the community. Cllr Ferguson and Cllr Davidson are to attend.
- c) **TDC Local Plan;** the plan is still on hold by the Inspectors who have shown concerns on the information relating to proposals of Gardent Community Projects; no formal timescale for completion has been confirmed.
- d) **Police Crime Advice:** Essex Police have issued advice and guidance through an electronic publication available from their website. Cllr Ferguson proposed that the RPPC should print an A5 copy for each households within the Ramsey & Parkeston Wards, seconded by Cllr Colbourne with all in favour. Cllrs Davidson and Lungley offered to arrange delivery of the publications when available.

Action: Clerk



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- e) A120 Litter Campaign: details of the proposed locations for signage along the ECC part of the road (Cochester bound from Parkeston Roundabout) to address the issue of littering along the A120 were circulated and discussed; Cllr Ferguson has put a request for the signage to be erected on behalf of RPPC in line with the deadline 14 November.
 - f) The Great War Centenary: during her personal visit to Menin Gate, Belgium, Cllr Ferguson laid a wreath on behalf of her family and the RPPC.
- 5. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the RPPC held on 18th October 2018.**
Cllr Davidson proposed and Cllr Ramsay 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.
- 6. To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:**
- Item 8a) Essex Highways Service Delivery Survey: 6 completed responses were received by the Clerk who has submitted the most common replies from those received.
- 7. To receive a report from the Chairman:**
- a) Council Website: Cllr Lungley proposed, with the aim to interact more with the community and enhance the website, to include a photograph of each Councillor alongside the details of them currently held on the website; seconded by Cllr Bird with all in favour.
It was agreed that Cllr Lungley is to be given administration access to the website.
Action: Clerk/Cllr Lungley
- 8. To consider any Planning issues and decisions submitted to the meeting date: None**
- a) To receive decisions submitted by the RPPC Planning Sub-Committee since the last meeting: None
 - b) To receive decisions determined by Tendring District Council: None received
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 - b) To receive decisions received from Tendring District Council: None
- 9. To allow public participation: 15 minutes allowed.** None present
- 10. To receive any report from Members on Community Activities.**
- a) Ramsey War Memorial Hall: Cllr Passmore reported:
 - Halloween Walk: it is with regret that the event was cancelled due to low ticket sales
 - Christmas Kiddie's Party: the committee thanked the RPPC for the £300 donation towards the event that is proving to be a popular event.
 - b) Parkeston Welfare Park and Residents Association: Cllr Davidson reported:
 - Halloween Party, held at the Parkeston Railway Club was a great success
 - Christmas Kiddie's Party: the committee thanked the RPPC for the £300 donation towards the event that is also proving to be a popular event
 - Christmas Carol Service in the park: confirmation from the choir is yet to be received to be able to give any confirmed details of the event
 - Dining Club, held in the Community Hall is well attended and now at maximum numbers
 - Christmas Dinner; volunteers have come forward to put on a Christmas dinner for 30 local residents who would otherwise be home alone on the day, if successful it is hoped to make this an annual affair
 - Winter Warmers, donations of clothing, toiletries etc are being collected for distribution through December.
- 11. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery:** Cllr Davidson reported
- a) Payback Team: an individual, skilled builder from the team has made a request to work alongside Cllr Davidson for works planned on the Chapel. Cllr Ferguson proposal approval of the request, seconded by Cllr Passmore with all in favour.
 - b) The Great War Ceneterary: the Chapel was opened for access to the memorials with Tommy on parade. Members of George Elmer's family joined Cllr Davidson, Cllr Kadlac, Cllr Smith and the Clerk for the 2 minutes silence after which the family placed candles on the newly received memorial bench for George. The family asked for their heartfelt thanks to be shared with all members of the Council for the bench as a permanent memorial.
- 12. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives:** there were no reports from either ward.
- 13. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings:**
- a) Haltermann Carless: Cllrs Ramsay and Davidson attended the meeting today and reported that business remains buoyant. A new emergency plan has been published with a copy received by RPPC. The company have recently upgraded security within the site. The lack of Fire Services in the area remains a concern. Cllr Ramsay noted that he has concerns to take forward to the next meeting with the fact that hoses are stored remotely and not next to the hydrants.

Action: Cllr Ramsay



PART B

Exclusion of the public: In accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt and confidential information (for example confidential personal or tender issues) can be considered by the council.

1. To accept apologies for absence: Cllr Smith

2. To confirm the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council budget 2019/20

The Clerk/RFO circulated a draft recommendation with supporting figures for her presentation summarised to show a minimal increase in the proposed 2019/20 precept of just %, mainly due to the decrease in the LTCSS grant awarded by TDC.

Proposed Colbourne, seconded Ramsay all in favour
Closed 2050hrs