

Minutes of a Meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Ramsey Methodist Church Hall, The Street, Ramsey on Thursday 20th January 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr L Donn, M Donn (Chairman), Ramsay, Prior, Smith

1. **To accept apologies for absence: Cllr Elmer, Brown, Passmore**
2. **To receive a report from Essex Police: information only:** Report circulated and discussed
No update on theft of trough received to date
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 hear questions from members of the public: 15 minutes allowed.** Mrs C Crofts made a request to the council for a salt bin to be placed in Parkeston village. The clerk summarised the problems in the recent request to ECC for a salt bin to be placed at the junction of Edward Street/Una Road and a further request for the new area manager to have a site visit when his identity has been confirmed. Reassurance was made that every attempt will be made to have bins in place for next winter; Mrs Crofts volunteered to be the co-ordinator for Parkeston.

Action: Ongoing Clerk

5. **To confirm the minutes of the RPPC meeting held on 18th November 2010**
Cllr L Donn 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 receive any announcement by the Chairman:**

There are 2 items to be discussed under Part B.

- i. **Cllr L Barringer Resignation as from May 2011:** this will leave vacancies for RPPC representative on the Ramsey War Memorial Hall Committee, Cllr L Donn showed an interest to take the post. Charities Trustee representing Ramsey will also become vacant, Cllr Smith showed an interest to take the post. Both posts will be covered in the Annual Meeting of the RPPC to be held following the May elections.

Action: Agenda Item Clerk

- ii. **Newsletter:** the clerk presented a draft newsletter for discussion. The content was approved with a final draft to be agreed at the February meeting of the RPPC to enable circulation to every household prior to the period of purdah commencing 28th March 2011.

Action: Clerk

7. **To discuss current venues for the RPPC meetings: Cllr M Donn**

Cllr M Donn proposed to move the meetings held in Ramsey from Methodist Chapel to the Millennium Room, St Michaels Church due to the suitability of the venue; seconded by Cllr Smith with all favour.

Action: Clerk

8. **To consider the proposed Network Meetings: Venue and Date to be agreed**

The Clerk is to collate details of local councils and make contact to establish interest in such meetings that was considered best to commence June 2011 following the elections.

Action: Clerk

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

Item 7 - Projector: Copy invoice to be presented to Cllr J Brown once a replacement of the original projector received damaged in transit has been received.

Action: Clerk

Item 7 - Speed Limits: Obtaining statistics of road traffic accidents in Ramsey are ongoing, contact to be made with Stanway Traffic Police and Essex Police HQ. A copy of the Essex Speed Management Strategy held by the Clerk is to be passed to Cllr Ramsay.

Action: Clerk/Cllr Ramsay

10. **To consider any Planning issues:**

TDC Draft Sex Establishment Policy: comments to be discussed for submission prior to 28 January: Details noted with no comment to be put forward

Decisions received:

- i. **Application No: 10/01152/FUL**

Proposal: Installation of a children's play area (approx 600m²), a multi-use games area measuring 24m x 15m and a youth shelter. None of the items exceed 4 m in height.

Location: Welfare Park, Garland Road, Parkeston – **Approval Full**

Report of decision noted.

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.

ii. Application No: 10/00840/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing building and construction of a new care home for the care of elderly residents and those suffering dementia consisting of 45 en-suite bedrooms and communal shared facilities and garden and parking.

Location: Ramsey County Primary School, Wix Road, Ramsey – **Refusal Full**

Report of decision discussed; details of the refusal to be requested from TDC.

Action: Clerk

iii. Application No: 10/01193/FUL

Proposal: Application for the change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian grazing together with the retention of stables for the over wintering of the applicants horses in the field off Church Hill, Ramsey.

Locations: Land to rear of 6 Church Hill, Ramsey – **Refusal Full**

Report of decision noted.

iv. Application No: 10/01331/FUL

Proposal: Proposed new residential dwelling,

Location: Connemara, Michaelstowe Drive, Ramsey – **Approval Full**

Report of decision noted.

v. The Chairman brought forward the following application received 20/01:

Application No: 10/01415/NMA

Proposal: 1. To change the width of the building extension externally to 7.500m from 7.400 as shown. 2. To change the depth from 5.200 to 5.260. 3. To change the width and depth of the chimney stack externally from 1.200 wide and .3500 deep to 1.500 wide and .4600 deep.

Location: The Old Bakehouse, The Street, Ramsey

View of the RPPC: No objection, proposed by Cllr Ramsay, seconded by Cllr Smith

vi. Bathside Bay: a revised date for the visit to Felixstowe Port, open to all Councillors will be circulated as soon as the date is confirmed.

Action: Cllr Brown

11.To discuss the current landscape contract: Cllr M Donn

RWMH: playing field is currently cut under the landscape contract with Landscape Services (to be reviewed end March 2013) under a special expense for Ramsey and is included in the annual budget. The last cut to the playing field was carried out in October due to the grass getting too wet.

Following concerns put forward by the football league who use the field, the RWMH committee have now confirmed they wish for this service to continue.

12.To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery: Cllr Elmer

Cllr M Donn reported that during the recent bad weather some large branches have come down and are in need of being removed. Quote for work to be sourced.

Action: Clerk

13.To receive a report regarding the Ramsey War Memorial Hall/Playing Field: Cllr Barrenger

Cllr L Donn reported:

- The corrugated roof of the old kitchen area is in need of replacing with funding currently being sourced.
- Bookings remain high with further events being planned
- The Christmas market proved a great success and was well attended
- Cllr D Smith has now been elected to the committee as Treasurer

14.To receive a report regarding the Welfare Park: Cllr Prior

Cllr Prior reported:

- The grass pitch has been completed with further maintenance planned in the spring
- The youth shelter is now in place
- Flower beds are ongoing with the work supported by the Pay Back Scheme team
- Community Spaces funding of £50k for play equipment should be received soon
- MUGA still waiting for the installation date to be confirmed

15.To receive a report on the Community Pay Back Scheme: Cllr M Donn

Cllr M Donn reported:

- Work continues in the Welfare Park – weather permitting
- Parkeston alleyways strimming carried out to keep on top of vegetation as a running programme
- Station Road Banks; HIP will dispose of cut vegetation and rubbish collected
- Project ideas welcomed for Ramsey Village

16. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives

Parkeston:

- A report has been received of a hole appearing in the alleyway between Princess Street and Parkeston Road; responsibility lays with the landowners of the properties on the boundary of the alleyway.

Taxi Service: Cllr Ramsay raised a concern of the lack of service available from local taxi companies, especially late at night. Details of any constitution or regulations in place with TDC are to be requested.

Action: Clerk

17. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings

Cllr M Donn, supported by Cllr L Donn and Cllr Brown attended the licencing of the new Vicar

Cllrs M and L Donn attended the TDC Chairman's' Christmas reception

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

Surya Rice: a collection of letters complaining about the site have been presented by Mr Marcus Needham via the Clerk; it was agreed to be added as an agenda item for the February meeting of the RPPC to enable relevant documents relating to the site to be available.

Action: Clerk

19. To agree the accounts for payment.

BT (Chairmans Tel Allowance included)	£161.40	A& J Lighting	£198.52
Disprint (Printed CDs)	£56.40	Accent Stationers	£16.12
L Keating (salary Nov-January)	£1610.44	E-On Electricity	£158.62
Finnigans (late claim 09 internal audit)	£960.00	Landscape Services	£456.00
SLCC Membership	£106.00	EALC (Election Day Training)	£180.00

20. 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.**

- i. Cllr Prior: Street Party in celebration of the Royal Wedding

21. To confirm that the next **meeting of Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council** will be held on **Thursday, 17th February 2011** at 7.30pm – venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 2126hrs

Part B – Open 2130hrs

Cemetery Lodge: The clerk confirmed that a post dated cheque for 18th January has been received for £953.16 being payment for the rent of the lodge to January 2011. This was received together with a signed acknowledgment by both Mr Matthew Jay and Ms Heather Russell of the rent increase as from 1st April 2011 to a weekly rent of £112.00 and a guarantee that a standing order for the rent will be raised as from that date. The tenants responded to a letter dated 7th January reminding them of the conditions of their tenancy. Following a suggestion by Cllr M Donn a revised tenancy agreement is to be drawn up that will include details of a guarantor for payment of the rent.

Action: Clerk

Parkeston House: The Clerk reported that the issue with the owner, Mr Ensey of the property where he has issued a claim for defamation of character and harassment against the clerk and her husband for actions carried out during the planning application process is still ongoing. The offer of consulting a solicitor with the expense met by the RPPC budget has been taken up by the clerk and has an appointment with Mrs J Winward, Ellisons Solicitors to take place 25/01; cost advised circa £200 for an hours consultation. The Clerk again thanked the members of RPPC for their support with this issue.

Part B closed at 2145