

Minutes of the Meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Parkeston Methodist Church Hall, Garland Road, Parkeston on Thursday 21st January 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs L Donn, M Donn, Elmer, Gee, Smith, Prior, Passmore

Also Present: DC John Brown

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllr P Barrenger, PC Aylott
2. **To hear a report from Essex Police: information only:** A report sent in from PC R Aylott for Ramsey & Parkeston wards for December 2009 were tabled and discussed with no major issues raised. Cllr Passmore passed on concerns re walk in burglaries in Tendring and house burglaries currently reported.
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.**

DC J Brown asked for the support of RPPC in relation to the Welfare Park; a lengthy discussion took place with the outcome agreed for a public meeting to be held by the Welfare Park Committee to identify the preferred use of the park; all Councillors present agreed to then try to assist in progressing any project without commitment of funding.
5. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2009**

Cllr M Donn proposed and Cllr L Donn 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**
 - i. John Brown was invited by the Chairman on behalf of the members to join RPPC; Cllr L Donn proposed and Cllr Smith seconded the invite with all in favour. J Brown accepted the invitation to represent the Ramsey Ward. Furthermore Cllr M Donn agreed to become a representative of Parkeston instead of Ramsey to balance representation on both wards. TDC to be notified.

Action: Clerk
 - ii. Ramsey Country Park: An application for funding with the support of ECC is at stage 1 through the Lottery and English Heritage schemes.
7. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting**
 - i. ID Cards; All Councillors are to bring forward a passport sized photograph to produce ID Cards and to be copied for the Website.

Action: ALL
 - ii. Mayes Lane 20mph Zone; further information has been sourced from the DfT
8. **To consider any Planning issues:**
 - i. **TDC Planning Services Audit Summary:** full document to be copied to all Councillors; a concern on how Parish Councils would be represented is to be raised with TDC.

Action: Clerk
 - ii. **Application No: 09/01305/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of equipment store building (alternative position to that approved under 08/00208/FUL)
Location: Harwich Golf Club Station Road Parkeston
The view of the RPPC is no objection.
 - iii. **Application No: 09/01289/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of single-storey extensions
Location: The Old Bakehouse The Street Ramsey
The view of the RPPC is no objection
9. **To discuss developments at Harwich International Port – Windfarm movements**

Cllr Elmer raised concerns of the extension at HIP to enable more storage and manufacture of components on site; the issue is to be raised at the next HIP meeting scheduled to be held in March 2010.
10. **To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery: Cllr Elmer**

The branches reported as broken off in recent high winds blocking part of the access road to the cemetery have been cleared.
11. **To receive a report regarding the Ramsey War Memorial Hall/Playing Field: Cllr E Barrenger/Passmore**
 - i. In preparation of the retirement of Mr Bishop, the position of Treasurer has been covered.
 - ii. Further interest has been received from football teams to use the playing field
 - iii. Outstanding issues with the Vipers have now been resolved
 - iv. The flood threat has been addressed with the Environment Agency
 - v. The committee of RWMH will formally contact the RPPC requesting support in the project for the proposed new community hall.

12. **To receive a report from the Transport Representatives**

Parkeston: Edward Street Parkeston – Grit Bin: following a request from residents ECC Highways have been approached to put a bin in place at the junction of Edward Street/Una Road. Insurance issues were discussed and are to be confirmed before any further action taken.

Action: Clerk

Ramsey: maintenance of ditches in Wix Road and other areas are still to be carried out; understood to be completed by the end of February 2010.

13. **To discuss the proposal to adopt a Parish Community Award Letter scheme**

Proposal brought forward by Cllr Passmore to give some recognition by letter from the RPPC to residents making an input to the community was well received by all present. A certificate design to be agreed and nominations to be requested via the media.

Action: Clerk/Cllr Smith

14. **To receive reports from councillors attending other meetings**

Cllr M Donn: Harwich Sports Centre; Progress Report received following a meeting has been copied with these minutes.

15. **To receive any correspondence for action not covered elsewhere:**

16. **To receive a list of correspondence received for information only: Clerk**

17. **To agree the accounts for payment**

Clerks Salary	£894.49	E-on	£79.31
A&J Lighting	£53.11	Autoprint (Business Cards)	£69.00
K McCarthy Copywriter (website development)	£100.00	C Ainsworth Web Developer	£200.00

18. 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.**

19. To confirm that the next **meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council** will be held on **Thursday 18th February 2010** in the **Ramsey Methodist Chapel, The Street, Ramsey at 7.30 p.m.**

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.

The Meeting closed at 21300hrs