

Minutes of a meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Parkeston Methodist Church Hall, Garland Road, Parkeston on Thursday 12th February 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs E Barrenger, P Barrenger, Coughlin, L Donn, M Donn, Elmer (Chairman), Glenn, Needham, Passmore, Prior

Also Present: Member of Press

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllrs McGarry
2. **To hear a report from Essex Police:** information only
Nothing Received
3. **Members Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda:** None
4. **To hear questions from members of the public:** 15 minutes allowed.
None
5. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2009**
With the addition of Cllr Needham's apologies being received, Cllr Passmore 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. Invitation to the Chelmsford Cathedral Civic Service, hosted by the Chairman of ECC has been received, the Chairman is unable to attend. Apologies to be sent.
Action: Clerk
 - ii. Oakey Dokeys Pre-School; letter received requesting a donation to assist in the purchased of a replacement playhouse. Following a discussion regarding the remaining available amount in the budget Cllr E Barrenger proposed and Cllr L Donn seconded a donation of £300.00 under Section 137 with all in favour. A breakdown of monies paid to date from the budget for grants 2008/09 is attached for discussion at the next RPPC meeting.
 - iii. Tree Hazard- Parkeston Road; a telephone call has led to concerns for safety to vehicles and pedestrians on the Parkeston Road bridge; a tree appears to be leaning over the road. A request to Clive Dawson, TDC Tree Officer to have the tree made safe was met with the identity of the landowner to be found. The Chairman is to write formally a request for emergency action to be taken, copied to Harwich Town Council as it is within their boundary.
Action: Cllr Elmer
 - iv. TDC Planning Services Briefing Session; 17th March 7p.m. Weeley Offices- 2 representatives are invited to the session. Cllrs M Donn, P Barrenger, Passmore and the Chairman all showed an interest in being able to attend, such a request is to be made.
Action: Clerk
 - v. TDALC presentation on Electronic Planning; 16th February 7.30p.m. Weeley Offices – Cllrs M Donn and P Barrenger showed an interest to attend.
7. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:**
Item 12. Cllr M Donn reported that the Ordnance Survey reference of the dustbin at the RWMH playing field has to be identified as TDC dispute the fact that there has ever been a bin in the area. Cllr M Donn/Passmore are to follow up.
Action: Cllrs M Donn/Passmore
Item 12: Clarification of the position of Cllr E Barrenger on the RWMH Committee. The Clerk has been unable to obtain documentation to write to the committee.
Action: Clerk
8. **To consider any Planning issues:**
 - i. Application No: 08/01485/FUL – Amended Plans
Proposal: Change of use of vacant 1st & 2nd floor offices to 10 (2bedrooms) residential flats
Location: Parkeston House Adelaide Street Parkeston Essex
The view of the RPPC is to object:
The plans of the car park as marked are impractical and would not physically work; should there only be one access then cars parked at the opposite side would be blocked in.
The access/egress is at the junction of Adelaide Street/Garland Road and would add to the already congestion at this point.
The double yellow lines are over the recommended length of 32 feet from this junction (Highway Code ref: 243) - by taking this down to 32 feet a further 2 vehicle spaces for parking in Adelaide Street would be available; this street is already tight for parking and it is felt that car owners of the proposed flats would not necessarily uses their allotted spaces. Bearing in mind 10 x 2 bedroom flats could generate an additional 20 vehicles on the road. Proposed by Cllr Needham, seconded by Cllr Elmer with all in favour.
Following a survey in relation to the above application held on 24th February 2009 with residents of Adelaide Street and the neighbouring part of Garland Road the following additional objections were submitted:

FURTHER TO THE OBJECTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE RAMSEY AND PARKESTON PARISH COUNCIL WE SHOULD BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FURTHER CONFLICTING STATEMENTS OF THE DEVELOPERS MADE WITHIN THE PLANNING APPLICATION:

1. **Waste Storage and Collection:** *There is a provision for 2 large bins for normal house hold waste. There is an agreement in place at present with waste management firm and that agreement will be continuing.*

The bin mentioned was destroyed by fire and left in a bead state; the clerk of the RPPC council spoke to the Landlord who informed her that contact had been made to have the bin replaced; as this did not happen the clerk then contacted Biffa directly; they had no record of a report to state the bin had been damaged and infact the contract had been cancelled by the Landlord in May 2008. Due to the circumstances Biffa agreed and did collect the damaged bin.

Currently there is no bin or any known contract to collect rubbish that is left in the car park under Parkeston House.

2. **Need for Change of Use:** *One thing all the experts agreed on is there is absolutely no demand for this property as per its current use.*

Why are the current tenants being evicted if this is the case?

3. **Availability of new and modern office blocks inside the Quay, the waterfront and nearby?**

Unable to identify the location of any of the above premises; no example as alternative sites named re Bathside Bay development are in Parkeston.

4. **Policy HG3:** *I have just recently conducted door-to-door inquiry in the neighbouring properties to gauge opinion of local residents about my proposal. I spoke to 50 residents and had 95% positive feedback and 5% no comments.*

The supporting survey proves that this 'consultation' did not take place. (37 signatures obtain stating that no contact had been made by the applicant and the signatory objected to the plan)

The Chairman brought forward the following applications received following the distribution of the agenda:

- ii. Application No: 09/00067/TELECOM

Proposal: 1 x lattice tower 15m high with 3 antennas, communications cabinet and meter cabinet and new fenced compound.

Location: South Hall Farm Oakley Road Ramsey

The view of the RPPC is No objection: Proposed by Cllr P Barrenger, seconded by Cllr M Donn with all in favour.

- iii. Application No: 09/00074/FUL

Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension

Location: 53 Una Road Parkeston

The view of RPPC is No Objection: Proposed by Cllr P Barrenger, seconded Cllr Passmore with all in favour.

9. **To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery:** Cllrs Elmer/P Barrenger

- i. Cemetery Chapel maintenance has been unable to start due to weather conditions.

- ii. Cemetery Lodge maintenance: 2 missing heaters are to be replaced; 1 other to be upgraded with the spare to be moved into the main lounge; this will need an additional circuit. All heaters have been delivered and installation is to take place on Friday 13th February.

The water pressure needs some repair.

The outside light has yet to be repaired.

Installation of smoke alarms is to be addressed with the Fire Service.

10. **To receive a report regarding the Ramsey War Memorial Hall:**

- i. Cllr Passmore reported on a fallen tree that has been sawn and left by the ditch adjacent to the A120; believed to be the cause of blocking the flow of the creek and flooding of the A120. A report will be submitted to the Highways Agency.

- ii. Vandalism has caused damage to the roof of the portacabin/changing rooms. A request for a donation towards the repair will be considered once received formally.

11. **Ramsey Community Orchard- Country Park; Ramsey:**

The project has been well received and confirmation of the proposed orchard has been made that it will sit in the boundary the St Michael's Country Park. A further meeting has been scheduled with Crispin Downes 19th February, Cllrs Passmore, P Barrenger and G Elmer are to attend to progress the project. A public meeting is to be arranged once all details have been agreed and collated.

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

Parkeston: Rubbish left on the pavement from Parkeston House works has been reported to TDC by Cllrs Coughlin, Needham and the Clerk on separate occasions.

HIP – Port Road - a camera has been put in place opposite the junction of the slip road from Hamilton Street; contact is to be made to enquire if it is connected to the request of RPPC to remove the restriction of turning right from the village into the Port Road. The next liaison meeting is scheduled for March 16th; copy of agenda and minutes to be forwarded to Cllr M Donn.

Action: Clerk

13. **To receive reports from councillors attending other meetings:** Cllrs Donn reported that the Ramsey Methodist Church (The Street,Ramsey) runs a community lunch club that is well attended; the car par area of 4-6 cars is in need of resurfacing; a request for a donation towards such costs will be considered by the RPPC once a formal request has been received.
14. **To receive correspondence for action not covered elsewhere:**
 - i. TDC payment of £700.00.for tree planting awarded to Harwich & Dovercourt Golf Club:RPPC to release payment of £300.00 under Section 137 as receipt of an invoice for £14000 plus VAT has been received in proof of purchase of the Willow plants.
15. **To receive a list of correspondence received for information only:**
16. **To agree the accounts for payment**

Clerk's Salary	£673.06	E-on Electricity	£79.31
Tending Hundred Water	£208.75	A&J Lighting	£143.35
PSB (Lodge Heaters)	£1245.00	Oakey Dokeys Donation	£300.00

17. 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.**
18. To confirm that the next **meeting of Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council** will be held on **Thursday, March 12th 2009** in the **Millennium Room, St Michaels' Church, Ramsey at 7.30 p.m:**

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.