



Minutes of a Meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Parkeston Methodist Church Hall, Garland Road, Parkeston on Wednesday 21st November 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs L Donn, M Donn, Elmer, Ramsay, Singh, Smith, Stertz

Also Present: ECC M Skeels

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllrs Ferguson, Colbourne, Prior
2. **To receive a report from Essex Police: information only**

The monthly report received was circulated for discussion; figures proved slightly higher for 2012 on October last year totals read 56/50.

Nick Alston became the new Essex Police Commissioner, voted in at the November elections.

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.** None

5. **To confirm the minutes of the RPPC meeting held on 18th October 2012**

Cllr L Donn proposed and Cllr D Smith 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 any announcement by the Chairman:**

- EALC in house training: date to made in New Year
- Concerns of Ash trees; Ramsey ward has 4 TPOs which Cllr Singh has checked with no signs for concern of disease; Parkeston ward has a possible 20 within the ward with some concern for one situated at the Parkeston Railway Club together with a line of 8/9 ash trees showing some evidence of infection situated in the lane at the back of Una Road. Close monitoring will continue.

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

- a) Item 4: Station Road: Mike Badger, Highways Rangers has made a site visit and recommended that the overhanging bushes are to be addressed fully.
- b) TDC Clerks Meeting: the clerk gave a report on the meeting that concentrated on the changes to the setting of the precept with recommendations to be put in place prior to formally agreeing the precept prior to the Budget meeting scheduled for Thursday 6th December.

8. **To receive a financial report and to consider the draft precept recommendations 2013/14:**

No issues were had been brought forward on the draft precept recommendations 2013/14.

Both main contracts for the Ramsey street lighting and landscaping are due for renewal during the new municipal year, prior to which an invite to tender for the contract is to be issued.

Action: Clerk/Chair

9. **To consider any Planning issues received to the meeting date:** None received

- a) Draft Local Plan 2012:

A copy of the draft policy Map and Section 7 of the Draft Local plan was circulated to each member present for discussion: a copy of the RPPC formal comments as submitted in May 2012 are attached.

Cllr Elmer circulated a copy of Appendix 3: Estimated Dwelling Numbers for Allocated Sites [copy attached] showing land in Ramsey being included in the allocation of Harwich and Dovercourt again causing concern on the evident boundary change.

Following a lengthy discussion Cllr Elmer proposed a sub-group to be formed to further research the effect on Ramsey & Parkeston wards in the proposed plan and any S106 monies available for both wards.

A concern of the boundary lines as shown in Section 7.1 are to be questioned as it appears that Harwich/Dovercourt have been amalgamated with Ramsey/Parkeston as 'surrounding villages' no other wards within the plan are shown as having any boundary changes.

Cllrs M Donn, Cllr Elmer, ECC Skeels and Cllr Singh showed an interest to arrange a visit TDC to raise concerns and have clarification assured.



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10. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery:

- a) Window Graphics: the current quote is for the smaller 'front facing' window not the large boarded 'back window' as thought – a new quote is to be sourced.
- b) Site visit with builders in New Year is to be organised for a quote for minor maintenance on the Chapel; in the meantime Cllr M Donn has re-secured the guttering.
- c) Internment of Ashes has been booked for 27th November 2012
- d) The production of a brochure to advertise the cemetery is in hand with content and photographs to be agreed
- e) Installation of the Jubilee Commemorative Bench is scheduled in better weather

Action: Clerk

11. St Pauls Church

The future of the site was discussed with concerns of the loss of memorabilia and the Lichgate; a proposal to re-site the Lichgate beside the old railway lines is one option to be put to Diocese of Chelmsford.

A meeting is to be set up by Cllr Colbourne.

To receive a report regarding the Ramsey War Memorial Hall:

- a) Cllr Elmer congratulated the committee for the service held for Commemorative Sunday with a good turnout of 52 in attendance.
- b) It has been confirmed that the hall and field ownership is that of Ramsey Village with RPPC as Custodian Trustee; this now allows the RWMH committee to move forward with applying for grant funding for playfield and an upgrade of the hall's heating system.
- c) Bookings have improved with new regular bookings commencing in the New Year
- d) New door: a request for a donation received by RPPC was proposed by Cllr Elmer, moved by Cllr Singh and seconded Cllr Stertz for the amount of £790.

12. To receive a report regarding the Welfare Park:

- a) The committee have agreed to take responsibility to check the park on a weekly basis
- b) Concrete rubble has now been cleared.
- c) John Glover, Landscape Services has cleared the entrance of vegetation; leaving just pathway to be finalised.
- d) Insurance has now been updated.

13. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives

Ramsey:

Cllr D Smith asked ECllr Mick Skeels to assist in having the necessary repair to Ramsey roundabout to be completed soonest,

Cllr Skeels confirmed that he has reported the damaged pavements outside Swan House, Ramsey and gave the following contact details as current for highways fault reporting:

Tel: 0845 603 7631 or via www.essex.gov.uk/highwaysfaultreporting

Parkeston:

Nothing not covered elsewhere

14. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings

- a) Petrochem Carless: attended by Cllrs Smith and Stertz who reported that investment continues in the site; business remains good with no concerns for job losses.
The on-going issue of lorries parking in Refinery Road is being addressed, lorries do have the permission to park in the refinery overnight.

15. To receive any correspondence not covered elsewhere: None



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- 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 unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman.**

To agree accounts for payment:

L Keating (Salary)	894.69	Banardos Donation Noisy Parkers Playgroup	500.00
H&D Rugby Club Donation	200.00	WG Elmer Stationery	29.99
Accent Stationers	147.04	E-On	80.83
A&J Lighting	152.08	Landscape Sers Cemetery Project	2134.80
Royal British Legion Donation	61.00	RWMH Donation	790.00

- 17. To confirm the date of the Budget Meeting will be held on Thursday 6th December 2012 at 7.00 pm, the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council to be held on Thursday 17th January 2013 at 7.00 pm to be held at the Parkeston Methodist Church Hall, Garland Road, Parkeston**

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.