



Minutes of the meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in Hamilton House,
Station Road, Parkeston on Thursday 16th October 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Elmer (Chair), Colbourne, L Donn, M Donn, Ferguson, Howe, Passmore, Ramsay, Singh, Smith, Stertz

Also Present: Lin Keating (Clerk)
ECC Cllr Andy Erskine,
Nigel Brown, Tendring District Council Communications & Public Relations
Manager
1 resident of Parkeston
Member of the Press

1. To accept apologies for absence:

1a. Nigel Brown, TDC Communications & Public Relations Manager

Following meeting with Bernard Jenkins, who was happy with press release; independent reports structural engineer and survey reports

Happy with site visit to finalise reports; now with Building regs team; doubtful states dangerous build

Concern on taking work on boarding; need warrant ? confirmed from courts last warrant covers inspection and works carried out following inspection

Yesterday order in for steel from Rose builders; had to wait on inspections; 6 week lead in time predicted will start steel on ground floor and treated ply on upper floor

Report of one fly tipping under building

Owner at at no 4; asked if asbestos or anything flammable: ownership problem

TDC will check when in there unable to do any work within property

TDC meeting next Tuesday; on agenda; all welcome being ; Tony asked to speak on behalf of TDC: Nigel residents petition ;

Tony will ask on night to speak; Princess Theatre, 7.30pm

Prithvi; charge against property already for all work carried out; proposal to put invoice direct to owner legal team will not do at this time; waiting to see what he does when he comes out with Mrs H Mr K recognised as developer

Parkeston House Update: Nigel Brown reported that all comments received have been taken into consideration with the following to be undertaken by TDC following an independent survey carried out by a structural engineer and a surveyor; access being gained by warrant issued by the Magistrates Court:

To block all window and doors with steel on the ground floor and plywood on the upper floors; cost circa £19k + vat. The cost will be covered from the public purse with a charge put on the property.

This will secure all accesses and allow the fencing to be taken down to give access to the RPPC noticeboard, public telephone box and pavement.

The authorisation to carry out the work has been given by TDC CEO and Leader of TDC Rose Builders of Harwich have been awarded the contract to commence asap.

Cllr Elmer reported that an invite to Bernard Jenkins, MP has been accepted and will take place on site at 0930hrs, Friday 31st October; this will be open to all to attend and put questions to the MP and the local press are to be invited. Nigel Brown confirmed that there will be representation from TDC.

Cllr Elmer thanked Nigel Brown for his commitment in having actions taken on this issue and invited him back to the next RPPC meeting.



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Nigel Brown left the meeting with details of Makins Road, an untidy site left exposed to flytipping.

2. To receive a report from Essex Police: information only:

73 incidents against 75 October; 14 crimes against 18 last year
Slight reduction on September; although more serious crimes a concern

5 pcs and 1 pcso currently in Harwich

Paul Goyle, Acting Inspector was unavailable to attend the meeting due to a prior engagement and will try to attend another meeting.

A report received from PC Trevor Abrahams for the month of September was circulated for discussion: 79 incidents had been reported against 47 and 17 crimes recorded against 5 for the same period of the previous year raising concerns of the high increase:

- Burglary dwelling in Garland Road
- 5 x theft from motor vehicles
- 2 x burglary non-dwelling
- 3 x criminal damage
- 3 x assault; Ramsey Road, Parkeston Road and Garland Road
- 3 x harassment

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 and/or debate and declare any interest on any of the remaining agenda items.

4. To receive a report from Essex County Councillor Andrew Erskine reported:

- a) Bench, Church Hill, Ramsey: the bench has been removed by TDC, reason unknown. The question will be put to Hollie Gwillim, TDC to follow up.

Action: Clerk

- b) School Parking: ticketing powers are being given to PCSOs to address the problems of inconsiderate parking during timings of dropping off/collecting pupils from schools.
- c) Road Closure – Horsley Cross to Ramsey Roundabout: overnight closure for resurfacing raised concerns of the lack of communications in making local road users aware. Cllr Erskine was asked to enquire if ECC Highways were aware of the proposed maintenance and what avenues they use to make road users aware.

Action: Cllr A Erskine

Conversation with North parking partnership with forcements able to use; yellow lines no powers



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Road Closure; A120 unsure of reason unable to comment

Flag ; ongoing = rob thinks in place

Rangers vegetation ongoing high workload
May follow into spring until work done

List to take forward copied to Ed and Tanya
Need full details itemised fully; address/lighting etc
Keep as list –

Produce form for defect reporting: send to all include photos where possible

Pot holes with ruler to show depth

Full list of streets in both wards (see nameplates survey)
Action Clerk:

Tony to Andy: lighting back on? Trial run of led to encourage parishes have more control
over – led change??? ECC looking at areas in Colchester ;
Check with A&J Lighting on costs etc

Lights going on Christmas eve and New Years eve only Cllr Bass

- d) Ramsey Hill Bus Stop: the responsibility of the need for a replacement flag has not been resolved; the post is still in situ and further enquiries are to be undertaken.
Action: Cllr A Erskine
- e) TDC Rangers: a request for the vegetation to be cut back along the boundaries of Church Hill and Mayes Lane is to be taken forward.
Action: Cllr A Erskine

5. To receive a report from TDC Councillor Tony Colbourne: nothing not covered elsewhere

Opening of welfare park cheque paid in -8 sept

G Elmer – TDC petition; ? has money been agreed for work to be carried out at PH – see our mintes

6. To hear questions from members of the public:

1935;

Bill Davidson

Apologised to Chairman should he have felt any disrespect was shown towards him
£700 spent in welfare park; since been on committee

Banking:

Insurance policy and swing can be done

Landscaping contract confirmed

- a) **Surya Rice Factory:** a report of flooding from the building from the 8" overflow pipe has been reported to TDC from the Welfare Park Committee; a request for the RPPC to assist in addressing the issue with the owners was made; Cllr Elmer asked for the request to be made formally in writing.

7. To confirm the minutes of the RPPC meeting held on 16th October 2014



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With the addition of Cllr Ramsay as being present; correction of Rose in Mistley and Paul Gale; Lesley, seconded Sarah all in favour Cllr Stertz proposed and Cllr 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.

8. To receive any announcement by the Chairman:

- a) RWMH Custodian Trustee: due to fact RPPC have no other involvement than holding documents and the recent changes imposed by the Management Committee of the role of the RPPC representative on the committee Cllr Elmer proposed motion that the RPPC relinquish the role in relation to the RWMH Committee and Playing Field. All present made a declaration of interest as members of the RPPC, Custodian Trustee of the RWMH and agreed to allow all to participate in the discussion was proposed by Cllr L Donn, seconded by Cllr Stertz.

Cllr Elmer summarised the history of the position of the RPPC in relation to the RWMH with a lengthy discussion following; with the motion carried with 6 in favour and 0 against. Cllr Howe, Ramsay and Passmore abstained.

A request for such to be actioned is to be sent to the Charities Commission.

Action: Clerk

Response received; formal memo to be raised;

- b) 1st/2nd Parkeston Scouts 40th Anniversary Reunion: an invitation is to be taken by Cllr Elmer to attend
c) Election Training Day: delivered by the EALC, Cllr Elmer, Cllr M Donn and Clerk to attend 13/11.

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

Nothing not covered elsewhere

10. To consider any Planning issues received to the meeting date

Harwich Valley Development; Public meeting 24th RWMH – planning officer invited no takers

George/Martyn HTC meeting;

Linear Park

Details of application here:

Application No: 14/01431/OUT

Current 297 dwellings; outline could mean increase ;

George to investigate with planning officer

Full approval:

Extension of time to submit comments to be done 25th November

Works first housing or industrial?

Full: industrial

Outline: housing

When on agenda?

- a) Application No: 14/01398/FUL
Location: 19A Garland Road Parkeston Harwich Essex CO12 4PB
Proposal: change of use from commercial to residential
The view of the RPPC is to support the proposal, proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Elmer with all in favour.
- b) Application No: 14/01179/FUL
Location: 2 Ramsey Hall Cottages, Tinker Street, Ramsey
Proposal: Two storey side and rear flat roof extension
The view of the RPPC is No Objection, proposed by Cllr Ramsay, seconded by Cllr Singh with all in favour

11. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery:

Work commenced on windows

1 & 2 world war; cleaned and mounted and installed in chapel ; secure; opened with wreath on Sunday; public attended



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Leak in main part of chapel ; following lead not replaced
Tree damage; hgv accessing lids took branch down think; as ripped Highways rangers cleared
pathway; some minor maintenance to do
War Graves; re their stones
Start of natural garden;

Lesley tanks to HHA

- a) Headstone Risk Assessment has been undertaken with no major concerns
- b) Youth Offenders: 16 hours payback has been used in a clean-up of the graffiti in the Chapel in time for Remembrance Sunday and litter picking of Parkeston Village
- c) Memorial Plaques removed from St Pauls Lychgate have been renovated and mounted to be fixed on the wall within the secure porch of the Chapel
- d) Mock Stained Windows: contractor unable to begin due to an overrun of a previous contract and weather conditions
- e) The hedge at the west side of the chapel has been cut down with the dead tree removed
- f) Ownership of the access road has been sourced and to be taken forward to the Harwich Town Council with a request that regular maintenance of the road and vegetation is taken in hand.

12. To receive a report regarding the Welfare Park:

ground cleared at end by environment agency
football started

ClIr Stertz reported:

- a) Nesting boxes have been installed
- b) A new committee has been formed in linking in with the Residents Association
- c) Football team has now been established
- d) The land at the bottom of park currently owned by the Environment Agency is under a request for the land to be donated to the Welfare Park Committee taking the boundary to the river bank.

13. To receive a report regarding the Payback Team:

Ramsey rec
To welfare park clearing brambles from Jubilee park

Ongoing ditch clearance in ramsey

MD: Youth offenders 16 hours in Cemetery wood work in chapel; and stained bench
Litter picking in village; one to one

Mark: officer cleared makins road/coller road ;

Mark bat/owl boxes to make; an also give some owls

ClIr Passmore reported current work being undertaken:

- a) Ditch clearance
- b) Hedge work
- c) Proposed work at the Welfare Park

14. To receive a report regarding Spring Meadows CP School and the Two Village School

ClIr Smith made the following report relating to Spring Meadows CB:

1st meeting as governor; David report here
School council; 3 dates

25th Nov
27th Nov
12 Dec: 0900
To be confirmed



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- a) Current numbers of pupils stand at 235 with some vacancies; with land available to extend the school
- b) Nursery school taking 2yrs + as a feeder to the school is behind schedule, planned opening end November.
- c) Youth Council; the school is interested in a low key visit of Councillors for a mock Council meeting

Cllr Howe made the following report relating to the Two Village School:

Meeting next weds

Sub committee

Pending ofsted inspection

School council meeting ; sitting in to gain details

Parking; ongoing issues Andy Erskine to take forward reuest prescene for monitoring

Will give details to Suzanne

- a) Current number of pupils stands at 200
- b) The Board are currently looking into parking issues at the school
- c) Youth Council; to be introduced as an opportunity to link with RPPC

15. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives:

a) Ramsey:

Triangle; in budget for project with planters; bench in situ;

M Donn: Sunday resident; moved by park marker thought to be end of ditch; but was in middle

Rob to follow up

Ditch blocked: needs to be reinstated?

Hewitt Road parking; Andy on case waiting for response

Wanting yellow lines;

Noya, The Street Ramsey, building in process; bungalow not demolished ; to be done first? G Elmer to confirm

Get copy of applicaton/amend :

Action Clerk

- Triangle: a request for the installation of planters of 1mtr circumference tubs, following consultation with TDC Highways and assurance of insurance issues was proposed by Cllr M Donn, seconded by Cllr Elmer with all in favour
- 20mph sign in the Street reported as down to be addressed
- Installation of the Children's Play Area sign at the Playing Field is to be followed up

b) Parkeston:

- Bus Service: the adjusted and reduced service through Parkeston Village has caused issues for residents who asked for the RPPC to investigate.

On-going Action: Cllr Ferguson

Not changing; request bus service dial a ride Harwich connexions being promoted as an option – good website for details;



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Jubilee Park; cutting early yesterday morning (7am); dug up area contractor; under TDC
take to TDC get photos to attach:

George to take to TDC – Andy Mills

16. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings:

M Donn/G Elmer seminar framework development TDC

12000 new properties now to 2031

Weeley 746 houses proposed 1200 additional with small commercial centre/ additional schooling/ Drs

Colchester/Ardleith; 3000 proposed TDC/Colchester clash

TDC current stock rate paying 100000

Harwich Valley; 297

Mayes lane 186 – horse rangers

Low road 360 ; was proposed new football/

Total looking at 500 per year

Harwich valley site approx. 50 per annum

New school demands 1000 houses on one site or drs

Additional vacant sites bernards/vacumatic

1500 /church hill 220 behind RWMH considering

Concerns over supporting current infrastructure

A Colburne: rice factory; Mathew Lang case officer looking at complaints looking at working
practices/planning conditions

Surya proposed to cut vegetation on station road boundary?

G Elmer: Parkeston Residents Associaton:

Village sign at Garland Road; 19 Parkeston Road states has ownership to use for drive;

Check ownership

Look at area

To check

EALC: Election Training; Elections circa £1k – TDC state £2750-3000

Diary process and timetable

Precept

Nothing not covered elsewhere.

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

a) Invitation received to the Annual Sausage Throwing Festival: Cllr M Donn to attend

b) Invitation to attend the second Briefing on the Tendring Local Plans Vision and Strategy
20/10: Cllr Donn and Cllr Elmer to attend

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. Budget:



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Projects;

Ramsey Triangle:

- Welfare Park Flooding; R Passmore
- Les Nicolls: Safety Agents voluntary role: January Meeting
- Parking Hewitt Road/Oakley Road; request for yellow lines
- Emails
- Noya The Street Ramsey

- 20. To agree accounts for payment:** in addition the Clerk reported that the mandate to change signatories on the RPPC account has been submitted to the Co-Operative Bank 10/10. The Annual Return 2013/14 external audit has been return by the Audit Commission with not queries.

Harwich & District First Responders Donation S137	500.00	Essex Air Ambulance Donation S137	500.00
H&D Rugby Club Donation S137	200.00	L Keating Expenses Chapel Project	722.88 188.75
G Elmer Chairs 1 st ½ Annual Allowance	300.00	PFK Littlejohn External Audit	240.00
Landscape Services	1722.00	A&J Lighting	122.60
E-On	78.23	Acumen Wages Sers	44.40
BT April – Oct	293.73		

- 21. of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council & Budget will be held on Thursday 20th November 2014 in Hamilton House, Parkeston at 7.00 p.m.**
The Chairman reminded all Councillors of the importance of attending the Budget meeting and asked for any projects for the Budget 2015/16 to be made known to the Clerk as soon as possible prior to the meeting.

Action: All

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 p.m.