



Minutes of a Meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in Hamilton House, Station Road, Parkeston on Thursday 20th March 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Also Present: ECC Cllr A Erskine, L Keating (Clerk), TDC Deputy Leader, Cllr Nick Turner, Mr Tim Clarke, TDC Street Scene Manager, 5 members of the public

To accept apologies for absence: Cllrs Singh, Mr R Passmore

1. With apologies accepted from Mr R Passmore it was agreed for the co-option of Mr Passmore to be made an agenda item at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

2. To Welcome TDC Deputy Leader, Councillor Nick Turner and Tim Clarke, Street Scene Manager

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Turner and Mr Clarke to the meeting.

Cllr Turner introduced his remit as being that of Public Experience with over 50 responsibilities including licencing and streets with Mr Clarke having the remit of Street Scene; the following points raised where discussed:

- a) **Parkeston Litter:** complaints of weekly litter picking and untidiness in Parkeston were discussed at length. A site visit was held with Jonathan Hamlet, TDC on 18/03 that concluded in litter bins identified in the village are of dual purpose for litter and dog mess therefore the request for additional bins was rejected. The locations of the bins identified are situated:

- Station Road bus stop outside Parkeston House
- Jubilee Park (dog litter only)
- Garland Road, entrance to Jubilee Park
- Garland Road, opposite Hamilton Road
- Collier Road, junction with Station Road

Mr Clark confirmed that a mechanical sweep is on a monthly programme and will ensure Jonathan Hamlet makes a check of the quality of the next sweep.

- b) **Station Road:** responsibility of clearing the area between the pavement and boundary of the industrial area and the banks between Garland Road and St Paul's Church is under debate due to confirmation of ownership not identified although believed to be that of ECC. To address the immediate problem Cllr Turner is to arrange for his horticultural service and/or the Highway Rangers to cut back vegetation.

The opposite of Station Road from Garland Road to the roundabout has been cut back by Essex County Council Highways.

Action: Cllr Turner

- c) **Ramsey Village Street Sweeping:** reports of none taking place over a long period is to be investigated and confirmation of the programme set out under the current contract with Veolia to be made available.

Action: Cllr Turner



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- d) **Captain Fryatt PH:** complaints of discarded cigarette ends from customers of the PH are to be addressed by an offer of a suitable bin to the Landlord, although the responsibility to empty any such bin will be that of the PH.

Action: Cllr Turner

- e) **General Litter:** Cllr Turner reported that an analysis of litter picked shows the culprits to be those between 12 and 25 year old; TDC will prosecute any reports of incidents supported by proof of car registration numbers that need to be received by the police within 6 days of the offence; reports can be made direct to Cllr Turner: (cllr.nturner@tendringdc.gov.uk)

The intention to encourage residents to team up in a litter picking day throughout the village can be supported by TDC in supplying equipment such as gloves, litter pickers and rubbish sacks; TDC are also prepared to have the rubbish collected by Veolia with notice given of any date arranged.

Cllr Elmer made a formal invitation for Cllr Turner to make a visit of Parkeston Village during daylight hours and to bring the Leader and CEO of TDC to get a better understanding of the frustrations of residents and the poor impression the area has on visitors, especially those arriving via the Harwich International Port, Cllr Turner agreed to take the request back to TDC and report their response.

Action: Cllr Turner

- f) **Parkeston House:** the members of the public present challenged Cllr Turner on the issues relating to the area of Parkeston House, asking why it has been allowed to continue for over 21/2 years to remain in such a bad state and the concerns of safety and vandalism to the building. Cllr Turner, unsure of the history of the site is to take the issues to the Full Cabinet meeting to be held 21/03 with the aim to have some action taken to address the issues of the untidy site. Mr Clarke confirmed that there are legal issues relating to the site and will forward an update in conjunction with TDC Legal Department that can be published in the next RPPC newsletter to the clerk.

Action: Cllr Turner/Mr Clarke

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

The report received for February 2014 was circulated and discussed: stats for the month showed 41 incidents and 7 crimes recorded against 34 incidents and 4crimes for the same period of the previous year.

4. 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.

5. To receive a report from Essex County Councillor Andrew Erskine: nothing not covered elsewhere

6. To receive a report from TDC Councillor Tony Colbourne:

- a) **Credit Union for Residents;** starting next month out of Clacton and Harwich giving affordable lending service and financial advice; TDC is working with Colchester Credit Union to provide the new facility including convenient savings and low interest loans to its members to assist in cracking down on loan sharks: reports of anyone suffering from borrowing from a loan shark can be reported in confidence on 0300 555 2222. Lines are open 24/7 with animosity an option.



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7. **To hear questions from members of the public: 15 minutes allowed.** None not covered elsewhere.
8. **To confirm the minutes of the RPPC meeting held on 20th February 2014**
With the amendment of the apologies of Cllr Ramsay being added, Cllr L Donn proposed and Cllr Stertz 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.
9. **To receive any announcement by the Chairman:**
 - a) **Lychgate, St Paul's Church, Parkeston:** contact with Nathan Whitehead in relation to the request for any memorabilia from the church to stay within the ward is ongoing. Boarding of the windows for security has been put in place and the area has been cleared, although flytipping remains a concern.
Action: Cllr Elmer/Clerk
10. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:**
Nothing not covered elsewhere
11. **To consider any Planning issues received to the meeting date:** None
12. **To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery:**
 - a) Trees on access road, some have been cut; others still remain a concern of falling across the road; contact with Harwich Town Council to request action to be taken is to be made.
Action: Clerk
 - b) Guttering on the chapel has been replaced with good workmanship.
 - c) The hole that has appeared by the high side by footpath, addressed by Cllr M Donn is to be made good by fencing that is due to be delivered this week for installation.
Action: Cllr Ramsay
13. **To receive a report regarding the Ramsey War Memorial Hall/Playing Field:**
 - a) Next meeting is the AGM scheduled for Monday 7th April
 - b) Decoration of the hall has been completed
 - c) Resurfacing of the car park has been completed
 - d) Playing field; a decision re funding for the play area is expected to be made by TDC shortly.
14. **To receive a report regarding the Welfare Park:**
 - a) Rubbish clearance has been carried out by the Payback team
 - b) Public meeting to encourage new committee members is to take place on 5th April at the Parkeston Railway Club.
 - c) Change of signatory on the bank account from Natalie Prior to Sarah Stertz is in hand.
15. **To receive a report regarding the RPPC newsletter:**
The draft copy submitted was agreed to be printed for circulation, Cllrs Stertz and Ferguson volunteered to cover Parkeston and Cllrs Smith and Colbourne volunteered to cover Ramsey.
16. **To receive a report regarding Parkeston Neighbourhood Watch:**
Cllr Stertz has been in touch with the Oakley scheme to gain advice.



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17. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives:

- a) **Ramsey:** nothing not covered elsewhere
 - b) **Parkeston:**
 - Advertising boards: a concern received from a resident in relation to advertising boards and a 'tuc tuc' on the Parkston Roundabout has been reported to Harwich Town Council for action.
 - Village Sign: Cllrs M Donn and Cllr Stertz met with Adrian Ward, Colchester Institute, in relation to manufacturing a planter to compliment the village sign as part of their coursework for apprentices based at Hamilton House: designs are to be submitted for consideration.
 - **Station Road Speeding:** concerns of dangerous driving at high speed is to be taken forward to Stanway Traffic Officers, together with a request for a survey to be put in place on the approach to Garland Road which was agreed to be where the highest speeds would be recorded and 30mph signage to be put in place.
- Action: Cllr Erskine**

18. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings:

- a) **HIP Liaison:** Cllr Ramsay reported on attending the meeting with Cllr Singh:
 - Harwich/Hook ferries has seen a growth of 13%
 - Rotterdam Route via DFDS has suffered a decrease due to the incident on the No.3 RoRo berth.
 - Cruise Ship schedule for 2014 stands at 42 visits, lower than last year mainly due to the raise in taxes on sulphur emissions raising costs to customers.
 - Wood chipping fire: confirmed cause as self combustion with owners now in receivership

19. To receive any correspondence for action/information not covered elsewhere: None

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.

21. To agree accounts for payment: a change of signatories is in hand to continue with 3 signatories on each cheque

WG Elmer, Chairs Allowance	300.00	Colchester Institute	
Chairs Telephone Allowance	69.00	Meeting Room Rent	45.00
British Telecommunications	183.98	Accent Stationers	102.29
Acumen Wages Service	22.20	E-On	73.01
ICO; Data Protection	35.00	Aon UK: Insurance	925.70
Howard Roofing (Cemetery Lodge)	1020.00	Landscape Sers	708.00
P Strelitz Legal	522.00	A&J Lighting	120.59



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22. To confirm that:

- **the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council will be held on Thursday 17th April 2014 in Hamilton House, Parkeston at 7.00 p.m.**
- **the Assembly meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council will be held on Thursday 17th April 2014 in Hamilton House, Parkeston at 6.30 p.m.**
- **the Annual meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council will be held on Thursday 1st May 2014 in Hamilton House, Parkeston at 6.30 p.m.**
- **the following meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council will be held on Thursday 15th May 2014 in Hamilton House at 7.00 p.m.**

The meeting closed at 21.15 hours