



Minutes of the meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in Ramsey War Memorial Hall, Church Hill, Ramsey on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.15 p.m.

**Present:** Cllrs Bird, Colbourne, Collis, Davidson, Ferguson, Passmore (Chair), Smith

**Also Present:** ECC Cllr Erskine

**Clerk:** Lin Keating

The meeting opened with a two minutes silence held to mark the passing of Councillor George Elmer, Past Chairman of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council who sadly passed away on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

1. **To accept apologies for absence.** Cllrs Ramsay, Stertz, Donn
2. **Declaration of Interest: Councillors are invited to declare any disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other interest and nature of it, in relation to any item on the agenda. : None**
3. **To receive a report from Essex Councillor Andrew Erskine (Ramsey & Parkeston).**
  - a) Highways: with a cut at the Wix Road/A120 junction vegetation the visibility has improved, although the hedge has not been cut, the responsibility lies with Highways England. Cllr Erskine warned of additional cuts in the budget from both County and District councils; consideration for the RPPC to adopt some areas is to be given following the full details of costs have been sourced.

Action: Clerk/Cllr Passmore
  - b) Signage: the request for warning signs for HGVs entering the villages and signage to alert the access to the Ramsey Playing Field are ongoing.
  - c) Harwich Train Maintenance Centre: the presentation, attended by both Cllrs Erskine and Davidson, for the proposed works depot has been well received by local stakeholders. A seconded site is also being considered at the Harwich International Port for dismantling old stock, with a potential additional 17 jobs being created.
4. **To receive a report from TDC Councillor Tanya Ferguson.**
  - a) A120 dualling Stansted to Harwich: debated at a full council meeting of TDC on 3<sup>rd</sup> July resulted in a cross party agreement headed by Ivan Henderson and Neil Stock all support the proposal of dually the major trade route for the area; the topic is at Parliament this week.
  - b) Ramsey Roundabout: confirmation of works to the entire lengths of the 2 approach islands are to be cut again; additional costs incurred may mean no commitment can be given for further cuts this year. It is also the intention to weed spray the roundabout again later in the year. Kevin Doherty, Highways England has reported that under the new contract as from October 2019 he will be able to specify a more regular maintenance regime for the Ramsey area.
  - c) Clayton Road site: Cllr Davidson has worked hard to identify the responsibility of the work required to clear the area.
  - d) Parkeston flytipping: the article in the Parkeston Community newsletter was commended as being partially responsible the Hamilton Street alleyway being cleared by a person(s) unknown. Cllr Ferguson proposed for a clean up through the village with some resistance from members due to the costs that would be incurred. A copy of the article is to be sent to the press to reach a wider audience. The option to contact Tendring District Council for an assistance was agreed as a starting point.

Four cases of flytipping in Ramsey were addressed with the support of residents.  
Action: Cllrs Davidson and Ferguson
5. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the RPPC held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

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

Nothing not covered elsewhere



**7. To receive a report from the Chairman.**

- a) A message of condolences on the passing of George Elmer has been received from the Children, Staff and Governors of Two Village Primary School remembering his generosity and support he gave to the school.
- b) Ramsey Street Lighting Contract Renewal: the renewal contract with A & J Lighting Solutions proved to show an increase of 5%, fixed for 5 years 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023, Cllr Ferguson proposed and Cllr Davidson seconded a motion with all in favour to accept the renewal offer.  
Action: Clerk
- c) Memorial Bench: Cllr Passmore proposed that a bench in memory of George Elmer to be installed in the Parkeston Cemetery; a design of a 4' pew style oak bench, inscribed into the wooden back was put forward, circa £500. The cost would be covered from the 2017/18 £1,000 budget set aside for memorials: seconded by Cllr Davidson with all in favour.  
Action: Clerk
- d) Cllr Passmore proposed for the Chairmans badge to be resigned (asset value £207), and to be mounted thereafter present to the family of George Elmer, seconded by Cllr Ferguson with all in favour. The cost of an identical replacement is to be sourced; Cllr Passmore was commended for the proposal and thanks were noted for the Clerk's support to George in his many years as a devoted Councillor and Chairman.  
Action: Clerk

**8. To consider any Planning issues and decisions submitted to the meeting date:**

- Application No: 18/01010/FUL  
Proposal: Erection of 5 dwellings (replacement of dwellings under 15/01575/FUL)  
Location: Land site of former Ramsey Primary School Wix Road Ramsey  
The view of the RPPC is to support the application, proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Ferguson with all in favour.
  - Application No: 18/01097/FUL  
Proposal: Single storey rear extension, including extension to rear dormer.  
Location: 20 Mayes Lane Ramsey  
The view of the RPPC is no objection proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Collis with all in favour
  - Application No: 18/01126/FUL  
Proposal: Two storey side extension, and first floor extension. Detached garage/cartlodge.  
Location: Cromhurst Wrabness Road Ramsey  
The view of the RPPC is no objection proposed by Cllr Ferguson, seconded by Cllr Davidson with all in favour
  - Application No: 18/01156/TPO  
Proposal: 2 No. Lime - Lift canopy to 2.5 m, cut branches from phone line. 1 No Oak - Cut branches from phone line. 1 No. Sycamore - reduce canopy by 5m. 1 No. Sycamore - reduce all stems to 10m. 1 No. Turkey Oak - Lift canopy to 2.5m  
Location: St Michaels Parish Church Church Hill Ramsey  
The view of the RPPC is no objection proposed by Cllr Passmore, seconded by Cllr Bird with all in favour
- a) **To receive decisions submitted by the RPPC Planning Sub-Committee since the last meeting:**
- Application No: 18/00966/FUL  
Proposal: Proposed detached double garage.  
Location: Swan House The Street Ramsey Harwich Essex  
RPPC comments submitted: No objection
  - Application No: 18/00885/FUL  
Proposal: Single storey extension to east elevation to form inglenook fireplace. Bigger fireplace and chimney to be built. Removal of load bearing wall.  
Location: Willowfields The Street Ramsey Harwich Essex  
RPPC comments submitted: No objection
  - Application No: 18/00906/FUL  
Proposal: Two storey rear extension.  
Location: Garden Villa Ramsey Road Ramsey Harwich  
RPPC comments submitted: No objection
  - Application No: 18/01081/TCA  
Proposal: 1 No. Cypress - Fell  
Location: Eboli House Back Lane Ramsey  
RPPC comments submitted: No objection



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- b) To receive decisions received from Tendring District Council:
- Application No:18/00922/TCA  
Proposal: 1 No. Cherry - Fell. 1 No. Lawson's Cypress - Fell. 1 No. Pine - Fell.  
Location: Eboli House Back Lane Ramsey Harwich Essex CO12 5H  
Approval - Full 02.07.2018 Delegated Decision

**9. To allow public participation: 15 minutes allowed.** None present

**10. To receive any report from Members on Community Activities.**

- a) Welfare Park and Resients Association: Cllr Davidson reported
- The Inflateable Funday held in the park was well attended
  - The Community Centre is being used and ongoing improvements going well
- b) Ramsey War Memorial Hall: Cllr Passmore reported
- The committee are celebrating the approval of the planning application that now allows funding applications to be moved forward for the new hall
  - Play area; the grounds have suffered in the heatwave with the ground becoming extremely hard; there is no option to water the grounds due to the costs of being on a water meter
  - Football: both Ramsey & Mistley are progressing. Mistley Parish Council are considering a donation to support the club, an approach to RPPC is also to be made for a donation that would assist in accommodating 6 teams and moving towards setting up a youth team
- c) Clayton Road: Cllr Bird reported
- Residents have come forward to volunteer in a litterpicking campaign
  - The play area has been inspected; the damaged zip wire has been taken down as unsafe and will be reinstalled following necessary maintenance. The responsibility for ownership of the land is still in dispute between the Sanctuary Housing Association and TDC. Concerns of no insurance believed to be in place would mean immediate closure of the area; RPPC has no responsibility in connection with the area or equipment. Contact with TDC Adndew White is to be made to try and clarify ownership of the land.

Action: Cllr Ferguson

**11. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery:** Cllr Davidson reported:

- a) Lychgate: the project has successfully been completed with many compliments and thanks received for safing the memorial; to enhance the area laurels have been planted and a small area will be planted with an array of colourful plants. Cllr Ferguson has 2 additional Captain Fryatt rose bushes that was agreed to be added as part of the memorial. A press release is to be arranged in the near future.
- b) Chapel: all external doors have been maintained to a high standard; further works on the building that were being led by George Elmer will be given further consideration at a later date.

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

- a) Ramsey:
- Ramsey Roundabout: see item 4 b) above
  - Cllr Colbourne reported on complaints received of speed along Wrabness Road leading into the village; he is to take the issue forward to Speedwatch to be considered an area to be covered under the scheme
- b) **Parkeston:**
- A letter received of concerns of speeding along Station Road with a report of speed limit signs having been removed in the area are to be investigated.

Action: Cllr Colbourne

**13. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meeting.**

None not covered elsewhere

**14. Correspondence to note.** None

**15. 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.**

- a) Election of Chairman
- b) Eection of Vice Chairman
- c) Parkeston Ward Vacancy – process to be in place with a potential of being able to co-opt a new member at the next meeting
- d) Adoption of the H&S risk assessment for volunteers working within the Parkeston Cemetery

