**Present:** Cllrs Davidson, Norgan, Priestnall, Bird, Kadlec, Ferguson, Wogan, Passmore

**Also Present:**

**Clerk:** Teresa Le-Blanc

**Absent:** Cllr Smith and Cllr Fay, Cllr Stanford, Cllr Land

1. **Chairman’s welcome at 7.15pm**
2. **To accept apologies and reasons for absence:** Cllr Smith has sent apologies, Cllr Fay has also sent apologies.

# 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 Declared

# To allow public participation - 15 minutes – Members of the public are able to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the agenda and are welcome to stay and observe, but not comment upon, the rest of the meeting: None attended.

# To confirm the minutes of the RPPC Meeting held on 20th November 2023 Proposed by Cllr Kadlec and seconded by Cllr Norgan, all agreed and minutes signed as true record by Cllr Davidson.

# To receive a report from Essex County Councillor Daniel Land. Cllr Land has not supplied a report and did not attend the meeting.

# To receive a report from Tendring District Councillors Tanya Ferguson and Bill Davidson.

* Cllr Ferguson reported TDC have been scrutinising the corporate plan and once it has been to cabinet there will be more news.
* Cars for sale parked at the bottom of Ramsey Hill, Cllr Ferguson has spoken to Ramsey Hill Garage but they do not own the cars and do not know who does, Cllr Ferguson has reported the cars to TDC to get enforcement involved.
* Cllr Ferguson is speaking to Dan Land to request a speed assessment for the B414 Mayes Lane as cars are speeding.
* There is a meeting with MP Dan Land and other interested parties regarding Primrose Lane coming up.
* Meeting today with Cllr Ferguson and others regarding flooding on the road, thanks given to Cllr Priestnall for helping with the flooding.
* Stour Woods flooding, there were historically big ditches which would take the water, however, currently we don’t know who owns the land where the ditches were previously, in the meantime there is talk of pipes being unclogged in the woods to help alleviate the flooding, however, care needs to be taken as trees need to be protected.
* Chris Gant from Highways has already alleviated the flooding in Ramsey Village, a landowner in Ramsey has complained but highways believe the flooding is coming from their land. Drainage people are coming back within the week to check out Ramsey Village flooding again. Cllr Ferguson to keep us updated.

**Action: Cllr Ferguson**

# To receive a report from the Clerk and Councillors activities:

## Clerk’s Report –

* Kissing Gate at Jubilee Park – Comments on Facebook fielded by the clerk. Thanks given by Chairman Bill Davidson for wording the answers well.
* Invoice received from Ellisons Solicitors for Cemetery land registry fees. Chairman Bill Davidson explained that RPPC are currently in the process of having the cemetery registered in our name as it came to light that this has not previously been officially completed.
* Thank you letter received from the Air Ambulance for the RPPC donation to them.
* Email forwarded to councillors regarding a TDC planning committee meeting regarding the Railway Club. Councillors are aware of this.

## Ramsey Councillors Report:

* Wix Road gate on land owned by privately, has been reported by a concerned MoP as being used as caravan storage without any planning permission, update: There are no caravans currently on the land, landowner has been advised by Cllr Passmore to obtain permission and Cllr Passmore has contacted planning and left a message but not heard back.
* Lunish Hill Horses on road signs update: There are horse signs in the village and as Lunish Hill is national speed limit, horses should not be ridden up there, there is nowhere to put more signs up.
* Clayton Road Playpark update: There has been an article in the standard about money raised, we are waiting on Sanctuary Housing. Can the clerk contact the Standard to request that they contact Cllr Davidson or Cllr Ferguson before printing any more stories on it due to factual inaccuracies.

**Action: Clerk**

* MoP has emailed regarding vegetation on the pathway by St Michaels Church, this is so overgrown it has caused a slight injury please discuss and make a resolution where appropriate. Essex CC do it once a year, the agreement we have is that Cllr Passmore can ask Jonathan/Andy May to do it and they will do it and invoice us directly for payment, they are very reasonable.
* Park at Ramsey has been flooded for months, ditch has become a river again.

## Parkeston Councillors Report:

* Pumps in Dock River broke but they are back working again.
* Planning team are looking at Railway Club car park tomorrow morning.

## Parkeston Cemetery Report:

* CCTV Cameras update:
* Hot Water and leak at Cemetery Lodge have been repaired by Cllr Stanford, awaiting invoice for this.

# Chairman’s report: Already covered.

# Planning Updates:

## **Applications received for consultation/information: None**

## Applications considered by the Planning Committee since the last meeting: **None**

## **Decisions received** – For information only:

* Application No: 23/01335/FULHH Approval – Full 02.01.24 Delegated Decision

Proposal: Proposed two storey extension to rear with new roof (including raising its height) and single storey extension to side and rear.

Location: Fornham, Ramsey Road, Dovercourt, Harwich, Essex CO12 4TF

* Application No: 23/01812/NMA – Application withdrawn 04.01.24 Delegated decision

Proposal: Non-material amendments to planning approval 23/01149/FULHH to include alterations to the door/window reconfiguration to the single storey rear extension as well as alterations to the first floor extension roof.

Location: Ivydale, Church Hill, Ramsey, Harwich, Essex CO12 5EU

* Application No: 23/01527/OUT – Refusal – Outline 18.12.23 Delegated Decision

Proposal: Outline planning application (Access to be considered) for the erection of 5 dwellings.

Location: The Old Parsonage, Makins Road, Parkeston, Harwich, Essex CO12 4QD

* Application No: 23/01541/FULHH – Refusal – Full 20.12.23 Delegated Decision

Proposal: Proposed additional front porch, roof alterations and changes to fenestration (Retention of).

Location: Land adjacent Windmill House, The Street, Ramsey, Essex, CO12 5HW

* Application No: 23/01550/VOC – Approval – Full 11.12.23 Delegated Decision

Proposal: Application under 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act to allow a variation of condition 2 (alteration to approved plan) of application 22/00957/FULHH to allow change in material to match existing panel at front.

Location: Millstone, The Street, Ramsey, Harwich, Essex, CO12 5HW – **Noted on block**

1. **Newsletter:**

# Newsletter has been agreed and is in the process of being restarted, RPPC will contribute financially and with a section to be written by RPPC, any updates: Newsletter will start soon need parish info Entrac printers are happy to print.

# Speed Awareness Signs: Any Updates. Cllr Wogan requested setting a meeting up with Dan Land but needs some notice. Clerk to email Cllr Land and set up a meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

# Emergency Planning Leaflet: Any Updates. No updates.

# 2024/25 Budget: 2023/24 finance report and 2024/25 recommendations report completed, also Ready Reckoner has been printed and is ready to be agreed and signed.

# Defibrillators: For Parkeston and Ramsey, any updates. Parkeston Defibrillator has still not been replaced, some debate about whether it needs power, Cllr Wogan has offered to check who opened it last and contact them.

# Action: Cllr Wogan

# Finance:

## To agree accounts for payment as approved by the Chair/Vice Chair as previously circulated.

1. Finance emails sent by PC Help IT, they are raising fees by £10 per month and sending lots of emails out, Clerk has answered correctly. Clerk to check contract and to write to them enforcing the contract or go to tender.

**Action: Clerk**

# Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda:

* Cllr Passmore requested pumping station at Parkeston, causing flooding and ruining the eco-system for next agenda. Can we write to them and arrange to meet with council.
* PCSO can we get an update.
* Persimmon Homes will be starting a development at Stour Close near Clayton Road, Cllr Ferguson.

# To agree the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council is to be held on Monday 19th February 2024 at 7.15pm in the Parkeston Community Centre.

# Agreed

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| **Monday, 15th May ‘23** | **Parkeston Community Centre, Hamilton Street, Parkeston** | **Annual Council Meeting at 7.15 p.m. followed by meeting** |
| **Monday, 19th June ‘23** | **7.15 p.m.** |
| **Monday, 17th July ‘23** | **7.15 p.m.** |
| **Monday, 18th September ‘23** | **7.15 p.m.** |
| **Monday, 23rd October ‘23** | **7.15 p.m.** |
| **Monday, 20th November ‘23** | **7.15 p.m.** |
| **Monday, 15th January ‘24** | **7.15 p.m.** |
| **Monday, 19th February ‘24** | **7.15 p.m.** |
| **Monday, 19th March ‘24** | **7.15 p.m.** |
| **Monday, 15th April ‘24** | **Assembly at 6.45 p.m. followed by meeting** |

1. **Meeting closed at 20:22**