RAMSEY AND PARKESTON NEWS

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Ramsey and Parkeston Parish Council, Meet your Councillors



Chairman: Councillor Bill Davidson, is a Parkeston Councillor who is also Chairman for Tendring District Council, Head of the Welfare Park Association, in charge of the Parkeston Community Hub, the Parkeston Children's football team and running Friday Dining Club, as well as lots of other projects, Cllr Davidson is passionate about Parkeston Village.



Vice Chair: Councillor Rob Passmore, is a Ramsey Councillor who also looks after the Ramsey War Memorial Hall and play park, Cllr Passmore is passionate about Ramsey Village.

Ramsey Councillors:



Councillor Maureen Norgan



Councillor Melanie Moakson



Councillor Joe Pedersen



Councillor Sean Fay



Councillor David Smith

Parkeston Councillors:



Councillor Dave Priestnall



Councillor David Williams



Councillor Sonya Corris



Councillor Tanya Ferguson (also a District Councillor).



Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer: Teresa Le-Blanc (Cilca qualified), a Parkeston resident for many years.

Current Ramsey and Parkeston Parish Council Projects



Following a resoundingly successful Carol Concert led by Harwich Sing, held at Parkeston Cemetery Chapel on 16th December 2025, Ramsey and Parkeston Parish Council are working on having Solar Panels fitted to the Cemetery Chapel roof, currently the Chapel is off the grid and powered by a generator, but so that it can be used more by the community, Ramsey and Parkeston Parish Council are planning an environmentally friendly electricity supply, we anticipate that works will take place shortly, once the weather improves and plan to hold more concerts along with Harwich Sing.

Dock River—Flooding, weeds and fly-tipping



Ramsey and Parkeston Parish Council have taken a lot of interest in Dock River over the last few years, this has resulted in a Dock River committee being set to try to prevent the regular flooding of the river and to clear the Penny Knotweed that seems to be plaguing the river.

Just before our February Council meeting, we had a visit from a representative from the Environment Agency, who was keen to hear about the issues affecting Ramsey and Parkeston, this has resulted in the pumping station being checked to see if any adjustments can help with the water flow and reassurance from the Environment Agency that they will look into the reeds, Penny Knotweed and fly-tipping that appear to be making the localised flooding worse.

Wildlife Flourishing at Parkeston Welfare Park



Parkeston Welfare Park is proving to be a small haven for wildlife, with an increasing number of species calling the green space home.

Visitors regularly spot hedgehogs foraging at dusk, while woodpeckers can often be heard tapping away in the trees overhead. Squirrels remain a lively daytime presence, and as evening falls, badgers are known to quietly emerge on their nightly rounds.

The park is also visited by muntjac deer, along with a wide variety of wild birds that bring life and birdsong to the area throughout the year. If you are very lucky, you may even catch a glimpse of the elusive barn owl gliding silently across the park at dusk. The wildlife area at the rear of the park has become an important refuge for these species. It is currently out of bounds while improvements and additional habitat features are being put in place. Once complete, the area will open on selected days each month, allowing visitors to enjoy the space while ensuring the protection of its wildlife. Of course, the park's regular feline visitors continue to keep a watchful eye on proceedings, adding a familiar local touch to this thriving natural space.

Parkeston Welfare Park remains a reminder that even small green spaces can play a vital role in supporting nature and bringing the community closer to the wildlife on its doorstep.

Check out the Parkeston Welfare Park wildlife website: https://parkeston.com/wildlife.html

Ramsey and Parkeston Parish Council's next meeting is on Monday 13th April at the Parkeston Community hub, the meeting consists of an Annual public meeting at 6.45pm followed by Council meeting from 7.15pm.

Meeting dates for the Municipal Year 2026-27 of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council

Date	Venue	Meeting Time
Monday, 11th May '26	Parkeston Community Centre, Hamilton Street, Parkeston	Annual Council Meeting at 7.15 p.m. followed by meeting
Monday, 15th June '26		7.15 p.m.
Monday, 13th July '26		7.15 p.m.
Monday, 14th September '26		7.15 p.m.
Monday 12th October '26		7.15 p.m.
Monday, 16th November '26		7.15 p.m.
Monday, 11th January '27		7.15 p.m.
Monday, 15th February '27		7.15 p.m.
Monday, 15th March '27		7.15 p.m.
Monday, 12th April '27		Annual public meeting at 6.45 p.m. followed by Council meeting

VENUES:

Additional Meetings relating to specific issues within either ward will be held in:

Ramsey: **The Ramsey War Memorial Hall, Ramsey**

Parkeston: **Parkeston Community Centre, Hamilton Street, Parkeston**

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC & PRESS.

Exclusion of the public: In accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt and confidential information (for example confidential personal or tender issues) can be considered by the council.

The Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council endeavour to keep to the advertised dates, however withhold the right to change the date, time or venue if deemed necessary.

Should a special meeting to address any issue raised during the year, arrangements made will be advertised to the public via noticeboards, the Council's website and the local press.

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In an emergency please call 999 for Police/ Ambulance/Fire.

Other emergency numbers:

Essex Flood and Water Management Flood Warden – Investigation only not for response **0345 988 1188** flood.essex.gov.uk

Environment Agency Report flooding https://www.gov.uk/report-environmental-incident Incident Hotline: **0800 80 7060**

National Highways Strategic road network (A120) Info@nationalhighways.co.uk or **0300 123 5000**