Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council

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To all members of the council
You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council to be held in the Parkeston Community Hall on **Monday 12th October 2026 at 7.15pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:



Teresa Le Blanc, Clerk (Cilca)

Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend

AGENDA

1. **Chairman's welcome**

2. **To accept apologies and reasons for absence:**

3. **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:**

4. **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:**

5. **To confirm the minutes of the RPPC Meeting held on 14th September 2026.**

6. **To receive a report from Essex County Councillors Linda McKenzie and Pat Murray**

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

8. **Chairman's report:**

9. **To receive a report from the Clerk and Councillors activities:**
   a) Clerk's Report –

- Clerk is still experiencing issues with Affinity Water, the online login no longer works, upon contacting them by telephone, it appears that the address/postcode for the location of the water source is incorrect from when it was set up. Affinity Water are looking into it as we may have been billed incorrectly and they have assured me that as I cannot access the invoice, payment can wait until the anomaly has been rectified but Clerk has received a letter subsequently demanding payment.

b) Ramsey Councillors Report:

c) Parkeston Councillors Report:

10. Parkeston Cemetery Report:

- Chapel Christmas Concert booked for December
- Clerk has been investigating prices for Cemetery Chapel pew cushions, to have them made with bespoke sizes to fir the pews, is proving to be very expensive

11. Planning Updates:

a) **Applications Received:** Any applications will be sent to all Councillors

- APPLICATION NO: 26/01253/FULHH
  PROPOSAL: Householder Planning Application - Exterior cladding
  LOCATION: Tinkers Lodge Tinker Street Ramsey Harwich
- APPLICAION NO: 26/01422/FUL
  PROPOSAL: Planning Application - Demolition and removal of existing structures and construction of 2 semi detached dwellings.
  LOCATION: F Page Butchers, 5 Main Road, Ramsey, Harwich, Essex CO12 5EY
- APPLICATION NO: 26/01460/FUL
  PROPOSAL: Planning Application - Change of use of land for the siting of storage containers
  LOCATION: Green Box Storage, Rectory Lane, Ramsey, Essex CO12 5HA

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

c) **Decisions received** – For information only: NONE

12. Annual Donations – Please review Donation list and agree any changes

13. Civic regalia being worn outside of our Parish - The Clerk of HTC has been in touch regarding a member of RPPC, who has been seen wearing their civic badge in the parish of Harwich and Dovercourt, without seeking permission from Harwich Town Council.
Apparently, It's an understood courtesy, that if a chairman is invited to an engagement outside of their parish boundary, permission is sought from the local authority of that parish, to ensure the wearing of chains/badges or other regalia is appropriate.
Although it is unlikely that HTC would refuse a request of this nature, there could be a reason that it was deemed inappropriate.
I have been asked to confirm the protocols going forward, for any future events outside of our parish, where regalia has been requested, please let the Clerk know and they will contact the Clerk of that Parish/Town to seek permission.

14. Crime and anti-social behaviour

a) Newsletter – Can Cllr's help to gather information to add a a section on crime and anti-social behaviour in Ramsey and Parkeston
b) To officially Appoint a Police Liaison Councillor for RPPC

15. Emergency Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 30th September: Clerk was unable to attend, did anyone from RPPC attend?

16. Women's Safety Charter – Presentation by Cllr Ferguson who is a Women's Safety Champion deferred from last meeting.

17. **AGAR –** has been completed and completion certificates displayed.
    - Clerk to work on ensuring all links work on the website and that we are compliant with assertion 10 for the next audit, also to ensure figures and dates are double checked prior to submission to prevent typos/errors.

18. **Ramsey footpaths**: Any updates

19. **Newsletter:** Autumn edition has been printed and mostly distributed. Any stories or suggestions for the Winter edition are very welcome.

20. **Ramsey litter-pick:** Any update.

21. **The junction at Primrose Lane, although the new 50mph speed limit is helping can more be done,** Cllr Ferguson has requested a meeting with Highways and Cllr Murray is involved too, please update:

22. **Flooding in Ramsey and Parkeston:** Cllr Williams has reported flooding in Una Road after some recent rainfall, please update.

23. **Proposals submitted for 2027 budget:**
    - £1000 TO Host four concerts at the chapel in 2027 this will involve local people in a free gathering that will be excellent for the wellbeing of the community this will include live music and a buffet. – Cllr Davidson
    - To put in some kind of heating in the chapel £1,500 – Cllr Davidson
    - To purchase a stand alone cctv to record hot spots in both parishes when req. Price to follow. – Cllr Davidson
    - To increase our budget to allow for flytipping removal and overgrown hedges. – Cllr Davidson
    - To explore further the speed awareness signs for Ramsey and Parkeston - £7,000 already held from previous budget.

24. **Finance:**
    a) To agree accounts for payment as approved by the Chair/Vice Chair as previously circulated.

25. **Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda:**

26. **To agree the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council is to be held on Monday, 16th November 2026 at 7.15pm in the Parkeston Community Centre.**