



Minutes of a Meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Parkeston Methodist Church Hall, Garland Road, Parkeston on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

**Present:** Cllrs Colbourne, L Donn, M Donn, Elmer (Chair), Prior, Ramsay, Sheers, Singh, Smith and Stertz

**Also Present:** EC Councillor M Skeels and, PCSO Barnes, 3 members of the public

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** All Members present
2. **To receive a presentation from Mr Jason Botelho, Public Rights of Way Officer, Environment, Sustainability and Highways, Essex County Council**

Overview of the P3 Parish Paths Partnership was presented explaining that the definitive map was conclusive evidence in law showing all routes that Jason and his team are able to act on. 21kilometres of Public Rights of Way fall within the wards of the RPPC; involvement in the maintenance and enhancement of the routes was discussed; some ideas brought forward included:

  - Bat Boxes
  - Benches (design and maintenance to be considered)
  - Geocaching (a treasure hunt game using a GPS (Global Positioning System))
  - Producing a local guide to walks

Support on all topics and details of P3 training and equipment is available from the Area Officer, Sarah Potter (sarah.potter@essex.gov.uk). The Area Officer visits the Parish on a 5 yearly cycle to cover routine maintenance.

The Chairman thanked Mr Botelho for his presentation that was both informative and enjoyable.
3. **To receive a report from Essex Police: information only**

June statistics proved similar to the previous year were tabled and discussed with the following issues raised:

  - Carless Refinery workshop burglary raised concerns of the security of the site that are to be made know to the company.

**Action: EC Cllr Skeels**
  - Horse Trough theft: the suspected offender appeared at Colchester Magistrates Court
  - Una Road 'Banger Track': part ownership has been identified and authorisation has been granted for the Police to act on the land following complaints.
  - Crime Prevention Panel: confirmed as still active and due to meet again in September. Contact details for RPPC to be confirmed (Cllr Prior, Parkeston and Cllr Singh, Ramsey) to received meeting arrangements,

**Action: Clerk**
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 hear questions from members of the public: 15 minutes allowed.**

The Chairman allowed the planning application received by the RPPC to be discussed: item 9 refers.
6. **To confirm the minutes of the RPPC meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011 :**

Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Colbourne 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.
7. **To receive any announcement by the Chairman**
8. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting**

Item 4: Two Village School representative; the clerk confirmed that a letter of introduction to Cllr Sheers has been sent to the Head; no reply received to date.

Item 16: Salt Bins: EC Cllr Skeels reported that in preparing for the winter ECC has salt available in 20 kilo bags to be distributed to a maximum of 1 tonne lots x 2 over the winter: a request for both Ramsey and Parkeston wards is to be submitted:

**Action: EC Cllr Skeels/Clerk**



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**9. To consider any Planning issues received to the meeting date:**

**i. Application No: 11/00672/FUL**

Proposal: Convert loft into habitable space including dormer windows, and raise roof and eaves above existing double garage to provide additional habitable space.

Location: 29 Burr Close, Ramsey

Cllr Singh showed an interest in the item and sustained from commenting.

3 local residents to the site were in attendance and addressed the members through the Chair explaining their strong objections against this proposal, considered as an overdevelopment in making the property a 7 bed dwelling.

The view of the RPPC as proposed by Cllr Colbourne, seconded by Cllr L Donn with all in favour: To recommend refusal with concerns of this proposal being an over development of the area and not in keeping with the surrounding development. Parking is also a concern and additional potential traffic in a cul de sac that could give rise to safety issues for residents.

**ii. Application No: 11/00716/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of 3.0m high galvanized palisade fencing to replace existing fencing on perimeter of site.

Location: Petrochem Carless Ltd, Refinery Road, Parkeston

The view of the RPPC as proposed by Cllr Elmer, seconded by Cllr M Donn with all in favour is to support the application.

**iii. Application No: 11/00758/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of bungalow and detached garage (extension of time previously approved 08/01087/FUL)

Location: Land adjacent to Taurito, Michaelstowe Drive, Ramsey

The view of the RPPC proposed by Cllr M Donn, seconded by Cllr H Sheers with all in favour is no objection.

**iv. Planning Decisions Noted:**

**Application No: 11/00344/FUL**

Proposal: Proposed change of use from agriculture to paddock land and erection of replacement stables

Location: Paddock Adj. Ramsey Bridge, Main Road, Ramsey

Decision: Approval - Full

- The Chairman allowed Cllr Sheers to raise the issue of the Ramsey Fish Stall application and requested permission to represent RPPC in favour of the application; previously supported by the RPPC Cllr Sheers was thanked for her time to represent the RPPC; a site visit is due to be carried out prior to the TDC planning committee meeting 26/07.
- The Clerk reported on a request received from a developer, TANNER & Tilley Planning Ltd, Bournemouth to advise best venue to hold a public exhibition to showcase potential plans for a new development near Edward Street and Una Road (Brickfield Site) Date and venue to be advised and promulgated to residents via the Parkeston Noticeboard; this exhibition has no input from RPPC.

**10. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery: Cllr Elmer/Cllr M Donn**

Cllr M Donn reported:

- work has been ongoing along the boundaries improving the site considerably
- site visit for all members to familiarise themselves with the cemetery layout and maintenance needs agreed to be held Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30 p.m
- ongoing project for consideration in the new budget year is to continue with new fencing.

**11. To receive a report regarding the Ramsey War Memorial Hall/Playing Field:**

Cllr L Donn reported:

- seasonal quiet time due to school holidays
- working party being organised to decorate the hall in the quiet period
- finances secure with a successful year; insurance costs are to be explored

**12. To receive a report regarding the Welfare Park:**

Cllr Prior reported:



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- Play equipment; chosen design has been approved for the preferred provider, work to commence shortly.
- HIP provided a crane to move the container within the site
- Vandalised shelter has been repaired by Cllr M Donn
- Flowerbeds are in need of volunteers to carry out ongoing maintenance

**13. To receive a report on the Community Pay Back Scheme:**

Cllr M Donn reported:

- Work ongoing in Parkeston alleyways and the Welfare Park
- Future project being considered to address overgrowth in other parts of Parkeston
- Ramsey playing field cutting along the riverbank has commenced
- Long term project and necessary training being considered to address the ancient hedge along Wix Road boundary of the Ramsey playing field.

**14. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives**

**Ramsey:**

No transport issues

**Ramsey School Site:**

Cllr M Donn raised concerns of the condition and safety of the site as it currently stands; a report was received suggesting that the landowners have gone bankrupt.

A discussion followed of the probability of the RPPC buying the land as proposed by Cllr Sheers, seconded by Cllr M Donn with all in favour.

**Action: Cllr Ramsay/Clerk**

**The Triangle:**

Following a long discussion on the upgrade of the triangle Cllr Sheers is to hold a meeting as Chair of RAGS (Ramsey Action Group) 08/09 with the proposal to implement a village plan to include the triangle.

**Parkeston:**

**Riverside Walk:**

Cllr Stertz raised the issue of lack of maintenance along the walk that falls within Harwich Town Council's boundary; contact is to be made with TDC to establish responsibility.

**Action: Cllr Stertz**

**15. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings**

- a) Neighbourhood Network Meeting: RWMH Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011 Cllr Elmer, L Donn, M Donn and Clerk

Joined by Harwich TC, Lawford PC, Mistley PC, Wix PC with apologies from Lt Oakley PC and Manningtree TC. The meeting was successful with informal discussions on common issues. It was agreed to invite the Planning Portfolio Holder to the next meeting; date and venue to be confirmed.

**16. To receive any correspondence for action/information not covered elsewhere:**

TDC Polling District Review: carried out at least once every 4 years (last 2007) to identify venues for polling stations: Ramsey War Memorial Hall and Parkeston Church Methodist Hall were both submitted and accepted by RPPC.

TDC: Gypsies and travellers, 41 unauthorised pitches at Dale Farm Basildon have been given notice to vacate the site; police will evict if necessary, advise is given that TDC has set up a Traveller Major Incursion Contingency Plan with both Essex Police and ECC; contact Essex Police on 0300 333 4444 to report any concerns of travellers within RPPC boundary via illegal access.

**17. To amend the signatories to the Co-operative Bank to include all members and to agree the accounts for payment.**

Bank Account; signatures to be submitted by all members

**Action: All/Clerk**



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TDC Election Fees	144.10	BT Chair Allowance	42.00
Acumen Wages Services (Apr,May,June) (July)	63.00 21.00	L Keating	715.75
Accent Stationers	123.67	A&J Lighting	50.74
TCVS Affiliation	20.00	E-On	79.31
Landscape Services	2942.40	RWMH (Network meeting)	30.00

- 18. 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.**

**Proposed Agenda Items:**

- i.Ramsey School Site: Cllr M Donn**
- ii.Triangle: Cllr Sheers**
- iii.Christmas Dinner 25<sup>th</sup> November Towers Hotel**
- iv.Budget projects to be considered deadline October meeting**

- 19. To confirm that the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011 in the Parkeston Methodist Church Hall, Garland Road at 7.30 p.m.**

- 20. To confirm the date of the RPPC Budget Meeting:**

The proposed date of Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 was agreed; all were reminded to bring projects for consideration for inclusion in the new budget year are to be brought forward with a deadline of the RPPC meeting scheduled October 20<sup>th</sup> 2011.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 p.m.