

Present: Cllrs Davidson, Donn, Elmer (Chair), Ferguson, Howe, Passmore, Ramsay, Smith, Stertz

Also Present: ECC Cllr Erskine, 2 members of the public

Clerk: Lin Keating

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** None received
2. **To welcome David Bird and accept his acceptance of Office – Ramsey Ward Councillor**
David Bird signed his acceptance of office and received a copy of the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders. Cllr Bird was welcomed by the Chairman and joined the meeting.
3. **To receive a report on Essex Police crime information:** a report taken from Police.UK website for the months of August (43 crimes) and September (21 crimes) was circulated and discussed.
Crimes reported in September 2016:

<u>PARKESTON (11)</u>		
East Dock Road (2)	Anti-social behaviour	
	Shoplifting	Offender fined
Coller Road (1)	Violence and sexual offences	Under investigation
Foster Road (1)	Anti-social behaviour	
Edward Street (1)	Burglary	No suspect identified
Station Road (1)	Anti-social behaviour	
Adelaide Street (1)	Violence and sexual offences	Under investigation
Tyler Street (1)	Other theft	No suspect identified
Garland Road (2)	Criminal damage/arson	No suspect identified
	Other theft	Under investigation
Parkeston Road (1)	Burglary	Under investigation
<u>RAMSEY (10)</u>		
Stour Close (1)	Anti-social behaviour	
Clayton Road (5)	Anti-social behaviour (2)	
	Violence and sexual offences (3)	Under investigation (2) Unable to prosecute suspect (1)
Chevy Court (1)	Violence and sexual offences	Offender given a caution
Michaelstowe Drive (1)	Criminal damage/arson	No suspect identified
Main Road (1)	Other theft	No suspect identified
Windmill Close (1)	Criminal damage/arson	Under investigation

The additional information added is that shown on the Police UK website of the status of the crimes. With reference to Anti-social behaviour no details are provided.

A request made to the Essex Police to be able to identify burglaries reported as either dwelling or non dwelling gave a negative response.

4. **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 received.**
5. **To receive a report from Essex County Councillor Andrew Erskine:**
 - a) **Parkeston Roads/Pavements:** A complaint submitted to the ECC, CEO, in relation to the condition of roads and pavements in Parkeston has been responded to in directing reports to be made through the website where a number is issued to be able to follow up any actions being taken. To support any claim, the condition of the roads and pavements in Parkeston are to be surveyed. Cllr Elmer reported on a survey carried out some time ago that was submitted to Highways with no response, a copy is to be made available to Cllr Erskine.
Action: Cllrs Erskine, Ferguson and Davidson
 - b) **Ramsey Signage:** to be sited at the Playing area is on hold until 2017, waiting for a video to establish the usage of the area during school holidays.
 - c) **HGVs:** Cllr Davidson reported on more incidents of HGVs coming down Garland Road causing concerns to residents of pedestrian safety and damage to vehicles. Further investigation to have signage sited at the junction of Garland Road and Station Road is to be taken forward.
Action: Cllr Erskine
6. **To receive a report from TDC Councillor Tanya Ferguson:**
 - a) **Surgery:** joint with ECC Cllr Erskine is planned for 19/11 at RWMH 3-5pm. A leaflet issued by ECC 'Stay well this winter' with advice and support is available for circulation by all.
 - b) **Old Garage Site, Parkeston:** a meeting was held with Barry Eldridge, TDC in relation to the dangerous condition of the building; the owner is to be written to and the building is to be boarded up within the next few weeks with rubble and glass cleared from the area.
 - c) **Parkeston House:** the managing agent is due on site tomorrow following reports of internal damage to the property.
 - d) **TDC Budget 2017/18:** an agenda item at the next council meeting to finalise figures is scheduled following portfolio holders meeting to find the demand for saving £2m. A letter sent to TEC leader, Neil Stock on behalf of RPPC to challenge the decision for such cuts has not been responded to at this time.
 - e) **Depravity:** a resident's question on how the wards of RPPC stood was researched with the findings that the area is doing better than Harwich East, Centre and West although unemployment is high; Cllr Ferguson offered to request specific information if required.
 - f) **Boundary Commission Review:** 09/01/17 is the deadline for a draft report that will be followed by a further consultation period in 2017.
7. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the RPPC held on 22nd September 2016:** Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Davidson 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.
8. **To confirm the minutes of the Budget meeting held on 3rd November 2016 and to confirm the revised budget proposal 2017/18 as set following such meeting.**

Cllr Donn 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.

Following a lengthy discussion on the proposed budget it was proposed by Cllr Stertz and seconded by Cllr Donn with all in favour that the finalisation of the budget to be submitted for 2017/18 is to be made at the earlier January meeting date to be rescheduled for 12th January 2017 following details published by TDC on the LTCSS grant available and details of proposals further discussed.
9. **To receive any announcement by the Chairman:** Nothing to report.
10. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:** nothing not covered elsewhere:
 - a) **Dovercourt Recycling Centre:** referring to item 9 of the previous minutes, the clerk reported that a letter of concern on the impact of the changes to the centre imposed has been sent with no response received to date.

11. To consider any Planning issues and receive any decisions submitted to the meeting date:

- a) Planning Applications Received:
- Application No: 16/01508/FUL
Proposal: Demolition of two existing cottages and replace with 4 new cottages with associated garages and gardens.
Location: 1 Model Cottages Primrose Lane Ramsey
The view of the RPPC is no objection, proposed by Cllr Donn, seconded by Cllr Smith with all in favour.
 - Application No: 16/01731/FUL
Proposal: Two storey and single storey side extension for private use.
Location: Cambri Ramsey Road Ramsey
The view of the RPPC is no objection, proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Donn with all in favour.
 - Application No: 16/01586/Full
Proposal: Change of use from agricultural to leisure plot
Location: Land adjacent School House Wix Road Ramsey
The view of the RPPC is no objection, proposed by Cllr Passmore, seconded by Cllr Davidson with all in favour.
- b) Planning Decisions Received: None
- c) To receive decisions submitted by the RPPC Planning Sub-Committee since the last meeting: None
- d) Tendring District Council Local Plan: the next meeting of the Local Plan Committee is scheduled 3rd November 2016.

12. To allow public participation: 15 minutes allowed:

Parkeston House: 2 residents of the property spoke of issues including:

- internal vandalism by residents
 - Fly tipping in the car park
 - Security concerns of front door not being able to be locked following an incident involving the police with no repair made, an unknown person was found in the building who believed it to be a hostel
 - Infestation of ladybirds, it was advised that using a vacuum cleaner to avoid causing any damage to the insects would allow them to be removed from the building
 - Virus affecting all residents, it was advised by TDC Cllr Ferguson to make a formal request for the water supply to be tested.
 - The water temperature remains tepid
 - Resident identified as fly tipping on the bank on Station Road is to be reported to TDC
- TDC Cllr Ferguson offered to contact the owner should the meeting with the managing agent tomorrow not be productive.

13. To receive any report from Members on Community Activities: None

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

- a) **Entrance Gates:** work is now complete
- b) **Water Butt:** a replacement is now in situ following vandalism
- c) **Laurels:** the hedge on the bank opposite the chapel has been removed with grass laid to the area
- d) **Remembrance Sunday:** the gates to the chapel entrance were open to allow visitors to pay their respects at the memorial plaques.

15. To receive a report regarding the Community Pay Back Team: no work has been undertaken since the last meeting.

16. To receive a report regarding Spring Meadows CP School and the Two Village School

- a) Spring Meadows: Cllr Smith reported:
- Nursery continues to be popular with plans being drawn up for the addition of a single storey extension to enable expansion to the nursery.
 - Friends of Spring Meadows continue in fundraising, additional parent support is welcome.

- b) Two Village School: Cllr Howe reported:
- The Head took early retirement as from last Friday, the Deputy Head is Acting Head with the recruitment process in hand for a replacement
 - A student of the primary school was a winner for poetry at the Harwich & Dovercourt High School Academy competition
 - Seasonal activities are planned to include a Christmas Bazaar and Carol Concert.

17. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives:

a) **Ramsey:**

- **Footpaths/bridlepaths:** following complaints received Cllr Passmore reported that in the vegetation naturally dying back during the season the problem has resolved itself. He further requested for the insurance cover held by RPPC to be checked to see if it would cover volunteers working on such areas and with the necessary machinery.

Action: Clerk

- **Sat Nav Signage:** costings are being sourced for additional signage to prevent HGVs entering the village; an agreement to have them placed on private land has been found. The similar problem in Parkeston was discussed with a suggestion for the siting of signs to be investigated with Surya Rice or the local B&B on Station Road.

Action: Cllr Davidson

- **Church Hill Pavement:** Cllr Howe reported that no maintenance has been carried out to date as expected following a site visit by Highways England.

b) **Parkeston:** Nothing not covered elsewhere.

18. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings:

a) **Haltermann Carless:** Cllrs Stertz and Davidson reported on the recent meeting:

- Profits remain stable
- Shutdown period in June/July was carried out successfully
- Special Terrorist Branch have approved operations
- Trial dredging proposed 2017 for sea defence to 30mtrs water side
- Port Liaison Flooding meeting scheduled in the New Year with growing concerns of the position of the area published as the 2nd most vulnerable nationally to be effected by tidal wave. Statistics dictate a re-occurrence every 50years, the last flood in the area was in January 1953.

19. To receive any correspondence to note:

- a) Environment Agency: notice of reporting fly tipping from the Essex Police Community Messaging service has been received, encouraging people to report any incidents to **0800 807060**. Details are to be circulated via the RPPC Facebook page.

20. Councillor's 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. Nothing brought forward.

21. To agree accounts for payment:

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			Bank Balance
Payee	Description	Payment Ref	£p	Name	Description	£p	
A&J Lighting	Contract	cheque	£55.80		Brought Forward		£56,530.70
E-On	Supply	cheque	£126.51				
L Keating	Salary/expenses	online	£1,009.76	Bank	Interest (October)	£2.21	
Landscape Sers	Contract	online	£2,622.00	M Jay	Cemetery Lodge Rent (October)	£570.00	
Acumen	Service	online	£24.00				
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreaths	cheque	£55.50				
Tendring District Council	RWMH Planning ap	cheque	£1,500.00				
Landguard Engineering	Cemetery Gates	cheque	£348.00				
Accent Stationers	Supply	online	£150.86				
		Total	£5,892.43				
					Total	£572.21	£51,210.48

22. To confirm that date of the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council to be rescheduled to be held on Thursday 12th January 2017 at 7.15 in Hamilton House, Foster Road, Parkeston

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.