



Minutes of the meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Ramsey War Memorial Hall, Ramsey on 22nd September 2016 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Davidson, Donn, Elmer, Howe, Passmore, Smith

Also Present:

Clerk: Lin Keating
2 members of public

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** ECC Cllr Erskine, Cllr Collis, Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Stertz
2. **To receive a report on Essex Police crime information:** a report taken from Police.UK website for the months of June (28 crimes) and July (29 crimes) was circulated and discussed:

Crimes reported in July 2016:

Parkeston: 23

East Dock Road –	Violence & sexual offences x 1
Garland Road -	Anti-social behaviour x 3
	Criminal damage/arson x 2
	Burglary x 2
	Violence & sexual offences x 1
Parkeston Road-	Criminal damage/arson x 1
	Bicycle theft x 1
Princess Street-	Anti-social behaviour x 1
Hamilton Street -	Violence & sexual offences x 2
Tyler Street -	Violence & sexual offences x 1
Adelaide Street -	Anti-social behaviour x 1
Foster Road -	Anti-social behaviour x 6
Una Road -	Anti-social behaviour x 1

Ramsey: 6

The Street -	Other theft x 1
Orchard Close -	Vehicle crime x 1
Wrabness Road -	Other theft x 1
Main Road -	Other theft x 1
Clayton Road -	Anti-social behaviour x 1
Chevy Court -	Violence & sexual behaviour x 1

Cllr Davidson reported on the recent Police meeting at the Parkeston Railway Club that was well attended and well received. All crimes are encouraged to be reported on 101 to give clear statistics; additional patrols of the area are to be put in place.

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: **None received.**
4. **To receive a report from Essex County Councillor Andrew Erskine:** received in his absence
 - a) RWMH Playfield: Highways are proposing to erect playground signage to the approaches of the playfield, Cllr Erskine has requested that advisory 20mph signs are to accompany the playground signs; a decision is expected to be reached at the LHP meeting scheduled 20/10. The option to erect additional signage to discourage HGV drivers through the village is to be explored for consideration.

Action: Cllr Passmore

5. **To receive a report from TDC Councillor Tanya Ferguson:** received in her absence Cllr Ferguson asked for the following to be noted in relation to the appeal of the planning application, Land adjacent to Two Village School, Mayes Lane:
'I will not be adding anything to my recent email communications as I have spent hours and hours on the planning appeal'.

6. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the RPPC held on 18th August 2016:** 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.
7. **To receive any announcement by the Chairman:**
 - a) Parkeston Untidy Sites: issues of the Old Garage site at HIP entrance, the Garland Road Methodist Church site and the Bungalow at the end of Garland Road have all been raised with TDC Enforcement, with limited powers on fly tipping, TDC have written to the owner of the old garage site.
8. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:**
 - a) Item 5a): Captain Fryatt Memorial Event, a letter of thanks have been sent to participants on the day.
 - b) Item 5e): Parkeston House meeting was held with the owner and agent who listened to the issues from the tenants, Cllrs Stertz and Ferguson attended.
9. **To consider any Planning issues and receive any decisions submitted to the meeting date:**
 - a) Application No: 16/01010/OUT
Proposal: Proposed erection of 3 detached dwellings with associated access, garages, parking, landscaping and ancillary works.
Location: Land South of Church Hill Ramsey
Amended to include footpath only
Decision: To object to the unsustainability with no supporting infrastructure and services with potential large developments proposed in the close proximity of the site.
Proposed by Cllr Passmore, seconded by Cllr Davidson with all in favour.
 - b) **Planning Decisions Received:**
 - Application No: 16/01206/TCA
Proposal: Cupressus – reduce height by one third, shorten branches on trunk
Location: 15 The Street, Ramsey
Delegated Decision: Approval Full
 - Application No: 16/01153/FUL
Proposal: Single storey rear extension
Location: Joystan, Ramsey Road
Delegated Decision: Approval Full
 - c) **To receive decisions submitted by the RPPC Planning Sub-Committee since the last meeting:**
 - Application No: 16/01269/LBC
Proposal: Proposed replacement of door and window to front elevation
Location: 15 The Street Ramsey
Decision: No objection
 - Application No: 16/1119/FUL
Proposal: To construct up to 5 small glamping pods. Change of use of land from amenity to commercial/other
Location: Land adjacent Woodside Wrabness Road Ramsey
Decision: To support the application in attracting tourism to the area
Notice received 14.09.2016 that the application has since been withdrawn.
 - Application No: 16/01267/OUT
Proposal: Construction of eight houses with associated parking, access and landscaping
Location: Land rear of Edward Street and Una Road Parkeston
Decision: No Objection
 - d) Old Horse Rangers Site, Main Road, Ramsey: Cllr Elmer confirmed that no application has been received for the site; however it is designated for residential development in local plan.

- e) Tendring District Council Local Plan Consultation: Following a meeting held with Cllrs Elmer, Howe, Passmore, Ramsey and the Clerk present on 05/09 the following comments were submitted for consideration to the draft Local Plan:
Cllr Elmer confirmed that the boundaries are for the housing development settlement, the ward boundaries currently remain the same.

It is the general consensus that the document does not list the proposed development sites for easy identification, therefore making the consultation process unnecessarily difficult and lengthy.

1. Referring to Local Map 20 of the draft document (page 204) – Harwich and Dovercourt (including Parkeston and part of Ramsey)

- a) St Michaels Church being under a Conservation Area as shown to be under the TDC Conservation Area Review, March 2006, page 3, stating:

'The church is an impressive building, dating back to the 12th Century with square-headed Elizabethan windows to the chancel and a massively-buttressed west tower.'

The Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council request that this church is listed within the Heritage Assets within the draft Local Plan.

- b) The proposed Linear Park sited North of the A120, Ramsey is not indicated as an area as Safeguarded Local Green Spaces.

2. Land West of Mayes Lane (adjacent to Two Village School)

Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council wholly support the site being removed from the draft Local Plan.

3. Land South of Ramsey Road, Ramsey (Former Horse Rangers Site)

The Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council request that this site, proposed for development of 90 dwellings, is removed from the Local Plan due to the following points:

- Referring to Preferred Options Consultation Document TDC Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond, page 69, 2.59:

'Within the plan period new residential development in these settlements will be limited to small infill sites within Settlement Development Boundaries which will support the overall housing growth for the District.'

This site is not considered to be a small infill site.

- Referring to Preferred Options Consultation Document TDC Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond, page 71, Policy SPL 3 Sustainable Design Part C: Impacts and Compatibility: the proposed development does not meet the criteria of those policy due to:

- f) the development is not sustainable with current infrastructure deemed inadequate.
- g) the water mains currently struggles with the households reliant on it at present, and it will not be able to support an additional 90 households.
- h) flooding into the village of Ramsey is regular due to the inadequacy of the current pumping station; an additional 90 dwellings would only add to the problem for the residents of Ramsey Village.

- i) issues with the electricity substation tripping on occasion, due to demand from current households, would not be able to support an additional 90 households.
- j) 90 additional households would put additional pressure on the already oversubscribed Two Village School with concerns of the quality of education delivered to the children attending the school.

10. To allow public participation: 15 minutes allowed: Mr Bird reported on the issues of dogs in the Clayton Road Playground; he was advised to contact TD Cllr Ferguson for assistance in having signage erected. He also raised issues of overgrown vegetation in the area and was advised to contact Clive Dawson at TDC.

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

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

- a) **Entrance Gates:** a need for repair to the gates that have snapped off their posts was proposed to go ahead with Landguard Engineering, proposed by Cllr Passmore, seconded by Cllr Davidson with all in favour.

Action: Cllr Davidson

- b) **Water Butt:** No further action has taken to replace the vandalised tank.

Ongoing Action: Cllr Ramsay

- c) **Access Road:** the responsibility for the overgrown vegetation on the bank side is to be sourced.

Action: Clerk

13. To receive a report regarding the Community Pay Back Team: Cllr Davidson reported on the team recently working on the Welfare Park and clearing the pathway between Adelaide Street and Makins Lane, used as a walkway to the railway station.

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

- a) Spring Meadows: Cllr Smith reported:

- the new polytunnel is installed and almost ready for use.
- 2016 summer results for the school have been recognised as good by ECC Education authorities.
- Plans to extend the nursery have been submitted with 49 children currently registered.

- b) Two Village School: Cllr Howe reported:

- The new intake of students have settled in.
- 2 new teachers are in place.
- Harvest Festival fundraising 30/09 supporting Bloodwise Leukaemia.
- Harvest Service is to be held at St Michaels 03/10.
- Outing have been arranged for Class 5 and Class 6.
- Footpath on the parameter of the school has no sign of barbed wire as reported.

15. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives:

- a) **Ramsey:**

- **Roundabout vegetation:** no signs of any treatment to control the vegetation is obvious; a request for an update to be received from Cllr Ferguson is to be made.

Action: Clerk

- **Bridlepaths:** Cllr Passmore reported that no maintenance would be carried out on the overgrowth until October, thereafter will be monitored.

- b) **Parkeston:**

- **Dock River:** Cllr Davidson reported on the issue of the weeds on the surface; the Environment Agency are to start work in October, including taking the reeds back 2 metres on both sides.
- **Temporary Road Closure:** notice has been received to temporarily close the length of Freshfields Road (Parkeston Bypass) from its junction with Morrison roundabout to the Port entrance on 21/10 for approximately 2 days, also suspending the 7.5 tonne weight restriction on Station Road and Foster Road with the alternative route being

via A120 Dovercourt Bypass, A136 Station Road, Foster Road, West Dock Road and vice versa. The notice has been circulated via RPPC Facebook page and in the notice boards.

- Pavements: a survey of the pavements and kerbstones throughout the village is to be undertaken to submit to Highways with a request for repairs to be done.

16. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings:

- a) Planning Appeal – land adj to Two Village School Mayes Lane: Cllrs Elmer, Ferguson and ECC Cllr Erskine attended the appeal with a site visit taken at 3pm to view the congestion at school closing time, The outcome is expected following full consultation and reports written in approximately 4 weeks

17. To receive any correspondence to note:

- a) RCCE, Neighbourhood Planning Information Event – 08/10
- b) Applying for Section 106 Monies: information on can/cannot be funded received from Kristy Childs, TDC.
- c) Reporting Power Cuts: launch of new telephone number – 105 for reporting or to get information about power cuts.
- d) Consultation on proposals for the local government finance settlement for 2017/18 – closing date 28/10.

18. To consider donations from 2016/17 budget:

- a) **Tendring First Responders, £500 annual donation –**
- b) **Essex Air Ambulance, £500 annual donation**
- c) **Harwich and Dovercourt Rugby Club, request for funding. Cllr Donn declared a disclosable pecuniary interest regarding the club and left the room. – Match Ball sponsorship £60**

The above amounts were proposed by Cllr Passmore, seconded by Cllr Davidson with all in favour.

19. 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.

- a) To consider an application for funding from the Harwich & Parkeston Youth FC – Cllr Passmore
- b) To discuss the imminent closure of the Ramsey Methodist Church – Cllr Donn
- c) Parkeston Cemetery access road – overgrown vegetation – Cllr Elmer

20. To agree accounts for payment: The Clerk proposed that future payments should be permitted to the Chairman in the use of his home for sub-meetings, to date the Local Plan Consultation 01/09 and the appeal for the land adjacent to Two Village School 05/09 were both held in his home saving the inconvenience of sourcing a venue with added costs. £10 per meeting was proposed by Cllr Passmore, seconded by Cllr Howe with all in favour.

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EXPENDITURE				INCOME			Bank Balance
Payee	Description	Payment Ref	£p	Name	Description	£p	
Welfare Park	S106 from TDC	online 23/08	£4,756.91		Brought Forward		£41,040.13
A&J Lighting	Contract	cheque	£55.80	TDC	S106 for Welfare Park Zipwire	£4,756.91	
E-On	Supply	cheque	£108.94	Bank	Interest (August)	£2.44	
Essex Air Ambulance	Donation	cheque	£500.00				
Tending 1st Responders	Donation	cheque	£500.00				
H&D Rugby Club	Donation	cheque	£72.00				
L Keating	Salary/expenses	online	£1,549.56				
RWMH	Hall Rent	online	£24.00	M Jay	Cemetery Lodge Rent (August)	£570.00	
Landscape Sers	Contract	online	£1,014.00				
Acumen	Service	online	£24.00				
Affinity Water	Supply	online	£211.90				
Accent Stationers	Supply	online	£44.93				
G Elmer	Chairs Tel Allow	online	£69.00				
G Elmer	Meeting Allowance	online	£20.00				
		Total	£8,951.04		Total	£5,329.35	£37,418.44

21. To confirm that date of the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council to be held on Thursday 20th October 2016 at 7.15 in Hamilton House, Foster Road, Parkeston

To agree a date for the meeting of the setting of the annual budget 2017/18 (proposed Thursday 3rd November). To enable all to check their availability the item will be carried over to the next agenda. The Clerk asked all to bring forward any projects for consideration to be included in the proposed budget to the next meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05