



Minutes of the meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in Hamilton House,
Foster Road, Parkeston on Thursday 23rd June 2016 at 7.15 p.m.

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

Also Present:

Clerk: Lin Keating

Essex County Councillor Cllr Erskine

1 member of Public

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllrs Collis, Ramsey, Singh, Smith, Stertz
2. **To receive a report on Essex Police crime information:** a report taken from Police.UK website for the months of March (13 crimes) and April (23 crimes) was circulated and discussed:

Crimes reported in April 2016:

Parkeston:

East Dock Road – Anti social behaviour x 1
Violence & sexual offences x 3
Coller Road - Anti social behaviour x 1
Princess Street - Anti social behaviour x 2
Burglary x 1
Hamilton Street - Anti social behaviour x 1
Garland Road - Violence & sexual offences x 1
Adelaide Street - Anti social behaviour x 2
Tyler Street - Burglary x 2
Foster Road - Anti social behaviour x 3
Station Road - Other crime x 1

Ramsey:

Wrabness Road - Anti social behaviour x 2
The Street - Public order offence x 1
Clayton Road - Anti social behaviour x 1
Rayhaven - Anti social behaviour x 1

The Clerk reported that accident statistics can be viewed on the Essex Police Trafficweb page at <http://www.essexworkstraffweb.org.uk/main.html> , however this is historical data only; latest available to 31/10/2015.

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:**
 - a) Local Highways Panel: have 4 items to be considered one being Ramsey signage to direct HGVs from the village with a feasibility study to be undertaken circa £10k that is expected to be carried out 2017.
 - b) Ramsey Roundabout: a meeting held with Highways England has proved positive in maintenance carried out to address the issues of overgrown vegetation. Options of sponsorship for the maintenance of the roundabout were discussed.
 - c) Wix Road Traffic Management: speed reduction from 60 to 30mph to protect the users of the Ramsey Playing Field is to be considered following a feasibility study.
 - d) Mayes Lane feasibility study to address the issues of parking around the primary school has £33k in the budget.

5. **To receive a report from TDC Councillor Tanya Ferguson:**
 - a) Parkeston Flytipping: TDC are to send a team to address the issue this week.
 - b) Dangerous building; 2a Garland Road, debris from the building fell onto a parked car.
 - c) Hamilton Street: car maintenance in the street is to be addressed.
 - d) Garland Road Methodist Church untidy site: the landowner has been contacted and will be taken forward to HSE if no response is received. Cllr Davidson reported that the fence has been re-erected in place.
 - e) Collier Road: the fence down over the pavement has been taken on by TDC in contacting the landowner.
 - f) Captain Fryatt Memorial Rose: Harwich Society are selling tickets from the booth on Halfpenny Pier, posters are to be put up in the area to promote the event.
 - g) Mayes Lane development appeal: no further information has been received on the date of the appeal.
6. **To confirm the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the RPPC held on 19th May 2016:**

Cllr Davidson proposed and Cllr Howe 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) Kindertransport Event, 1st July: the Chairman has been invited to welcome the visitors to Parkeston in meeting the train from London. The Vice Chair is also to attend.
8. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:**

Item 15 a) Superfast Broadband: the Clerk reported that a letter has been sent to ECC, Cabinet Member Councillor Kevin Bentley requesting that the programme to deliver the service to rural areas is progressed. The response received encourages communities to register their demand for the service in completing the Make the Connection Survey on the Superfast Essex website: www.superfastessex.org/getinvolved
9. **To consider any Planning issues and receive any decisions submitted to the meeting date:**
 - a) **Planning Decisions:**

Application No: 16/00223/OUT
Location: Land rear of 21-27 Mayes Lane, Ramsey
Proposal: Demolition of one dwelling and erection of residential development of up to 13 houses and bungalows
Decision: Refusal – Delegated Decision
 - b) Application No: 15/01792/OUT
Location: Land rear of Una Road, Parkeston
Proposal: Construction of thirty houses with associated parking, access and landscaping
Decision: Approval – Delegated Decision
The member of public present was invited to speak on his concerns of the access and wildlife onsite. Details of the site and plans previously approved are to be sourced. **Action: Clerk**
 - c) Application No: 15/01575/FUL
Location: Land Site of Former Ramsey Primary School Wix Road Ramsey
Proposal: Redevelopment of site with eight dwellings
Decision: Approval Full – Delegated Decision
10. **To discuss the Electoral Review of Tendring District Council to reduce the number of TDC Councillors:** The announcement that TDC have requested an electoral review by the Local Government Boundary Commission with the view of significantly reducing the number of Councillors by 2019 was discussed. Two consultation events, open to the community, are to be held:
Princes Theatre in Clacton Town Hall on July 14th – 5.30 to 7.30 pm
Council Chamber at Weeley Council Offices on July 27th – 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.
11. **To consider the options to change the suppliers of electricity to Ramsey street lighting in view of the notification of an increase in charges as from 1st July 2016.**

The Clerk reported that in the same period for the month of March an increase in charges on the previous year of 38% has already been imposed. There are 3 meters involved supplying the street lights; currently with E-On on a variable contract. The Clerk asked for permission to continue research for better value for money and to change as deemed necessary with the approval of the Chairman. Cllr Passmore proposed that the Clerk is granted permission, seconded by Cllr Ferguson with all in favour.

Action: Clerk

12. To allow public participation: 15 minutes allowed: covered under item 9b)

13. To receive any report from Members on Community Activities:

a) Welfare Park: Cllr Davidson reported:

- Full funding has been awarded for the zipwire and an outside gym
- The football team will be joining the league next year
- The creation of a rose garden has been given support of the donation of a Cpt Fryatt Rose
- Family Funday raised £900 with a following event planned in August; Cllr Howe congratulated Cllr Davidson on the success of the day

b) Ramsey Mill FC, Cllr Passmore reported that the 1st team have been promoted to the premier division with fairplay awards received by the 1st team and reserves.

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

- St Paul's Church Lychgate: project ongoing; the need for planning permission is to be checked; following which a pre application is to be submitted to the War Memorials Trust.
- Chapel: items agreed with the Diocese to be moved from St Paul's to the Chapel is to be arranged with convenient dates to be requested to enable vehicles and manpower to be sourced.

Action: Clerk

15. To receive a report regarding the Community Pay Back Team:

Cllr Passmore reported on the work schedule of the team:

- assisted in the set up of the funday in the Welfare Park
- assisting in Ramsey moving furniture

Cllr Ferguson asked if the team could assist in clearing the River walkway as previously undertaken by the Environment Agency; although within the HTC boundary, Cllr Passmore will enquire.

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

a) Spring Meadows: Cllr Smith submitted the following report on the school's activities:

- Funding for an extension to the nursery has been secured.
- Due to demand the school is to make additional classrooms in losing the library together with additional teaching staff being employed.
- An assembly to award the commemorative coins donated by RPPC Chairman has been rescheduled for 30/06.

b) Two Village School: Cllr Howe reported on the school's activities:

- Full Governors meeting yesterday, Cllr Howe now sits on Personal committee
- Sports day was postponed due to adverse weather
- School Carnival on 1st July involved with Kindertransport Event
- Commemorative coins are to be awarded to Key Stages 1 and 2

17. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives:

a) **Ramsey:**

- **Ramsey Roundabout and adjoining verges maintenance:** as reported in 4b)

b) **Parkeston:**

- **Garland Road HGVs:** a further 4 lorries have been led down the road by their Sat Navs causing difficulties in reversing out of the road. EC Cllr Erskine is to chase up the request for signage submitted to the LHP.
- **Letter of Complaint re Parkeston Road:** overgrown vegetation and flytipping on a piece of land has been raised with the council asking for contact to be made with the owner.

18. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings:

- a) Cllr Davidson reported on CHAPS, men's health charity, free health check day at Harwich & Parkeston FC on 1st September 10-4pm

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

- a) Cllr Singh submitted a report on correspondence received relating to an evident neighbourhood dispute in Mayes Lane: he has advised appropriately in supplying contact details at TDC.

- a) **Rural Infrastructure Survey 2016 – TDC:** the survey requires details specific to the Parish covering details of households, utilities and amenities including telephone and broadband reception. Cllr Elmer proposed that an individual survey should be submitted for both Ramsey and Parkeston, seconded by Cllr Howe with all in favour.

Action: Cllrs Elmer, Howe, Passmore and Clerk

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.

- a) Spring Meadows donation request for assistant in replacing a Poly Tunnel damaged in high winds – Cllr Smith
- b) Neighbourhood planning: to consider preparing a community-led plan – Cllr Howe

21. 2016-2018 National Salary Pay Award - Clerk's salary increase of 1% 2016/17 and 1% 2017/18 at Spinal Column Point (SCP) 21: The Clerk reported that the salary award 2016-17 is to be implemented immediately and backdated to 1 April 2016.

22. To agree accounts for payment: The Clerk reported that in line with legislation the notice of public rights and publication of the unaudited annual return for the year ended 31 March 2016 has been published with the invite for inspection of accounts to be carried out by appointment during the period 6 June to 15 July 2016.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			Bank Balance
Payee	Description	Payment Ref	£p	Name	Description	£p	
Acumen Wages	Service	online	£44.40		Brought Forward		£49,031.58
A&J Lighting	Contract	cheque	£55.80				
E-On	Supply	cheque	£108.94	Bank	Interest (May)	£2.67	
L Keating	Salary/increase back pay	online	£1,038.68	M Jay	Cemetery Lodge Rent (May)	£570.00	
	Expenses/Travel		£137.11				
Landscape Sers	Contract	online	£1,014.00				
Autoprint (leaflets)	Service	online	£60.00				
W G Elmer	Chair Tel Allowance	online	£69.00				
A Smith & Sons Buildings Ltd	Memorial Garden Wall, Parkeston	cheque	£396.00				
		Total	£2,923.93		Total	£572.67	£46,680.32

23. To confirm that date of the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council to be held on Thursday 21st July 2016 at 7.15 p.m. in the Ramsey War Memorial Hall, Ramsey

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05p.m.