



Minutes of a Meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Parkeston Methodist Church Hall, Garland Road, Parkeston on Thursday 7th June 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

- 1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Colbourne, Prior, Ramsay and ECC Skeels**
- 2. Co-option Councillor for the Parkeston Ward**
Proposed Cllr Smith seconded Cllr Singh with all in favour Ms Tanya Ferguson signed her declaration of office as Councillor for the ward of Parkeston and joined the meeting.
- 3. To hear a report from Essex Police: information only**
PCSO Ablett gave a verbal report of incidents over the month of May totalling 25 for both wards jointly with no concerns raised.
- 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 receive a presentation from Crispin Downs, Manager of Shaping Places – St Michael's Park**
The Chairman welcomed Crispin Downs who gave a presentation of the proposed St Michael's Park, Ramsey with the following points noted:
 - a) Grant has been gained to improve the area as an open space
 - b) St Michaels's Church car park has been proposed to be improved
 - c) Aim to continue to source funding for signage and tree planting
 - d) Friends group is hopefully being formed with volunteers to continue with improvements and upkeep of the park.
 - e) Option to introduce sponsorship of tree planting:
Proposed by Cllr Ferguson, seconded Cllr L Donn with all in favour the motion was carried for RPPC to be involved in the proposed commemorative orchard in a specific area, yet to be agreed within the park. Suitable species of trees for planting is to be researched with assistance of ECC Simon Smith.

Action: Cllr Ferguson
 - f) Option to introduce sports equipment in the natural materials to be given further consideration.
- 6. To confirm the date and content of EALC in house training.**
11th October @ 7.pm. Date to be confirmed with EALC.

Action: Clerk
- 7. To hear questions from members of the public: 15 minutes allowed.** None
- 8. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2012**
Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr M Donn 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.
- 9. To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting**
 - a) No further response from Cllr Guglielmi has been received to date in relation to the detail of the TDC planning department decisions on planning applications.
 - b) The asbestos material has now been removed from the back lane of Garland Road, a letter of thanks has been received from Mr Russell Tye for taking action to have it removed following his report.
- 10. To consider any Planning issues received to date:** No new planning applications received.
 - a) Captain Fryatt PH: the report on work being carried out on outbuildings without any planning application submitted has been followed up by a site inspection by a TDC Enforcement Officer who found that no breach of planning control has been carried out therefore no action can be taken as no residential use of the outbuildings was found.
- 11. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery**
Cllr Singh reported:
 - a) planting of the laurel hedge has taken well
 - b) A report received of the leak on the tap is being addressed by RPPC handyman
 - c) The proposal to clear front area at the entrance is to be auctioned.

Action: Cllr Elmer



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- d) The water butt at the chapel has been reported as empty
- e) The Cemetery Lodge residents' reported a break in with personal items stolen. No damage to the lodge was reported and no evidence of a forced entry found. It appears entry was via an open window. Authority has been given for the locks to be changed to assure the residents of their safety.
- f) The Jubilee Commemorative Bench is due to be delivered 25/06

12. To receive a report regarding the Ramsey War Memorial Hall

Cllr Smith Reported:

- a) The Jubilee Plaque being unveiled June 17th @ 2.30 p.m.
- b) The external audit of year end 2012 accounts is to be carried out 08/06.
- c) Cllr Elmer and Clerk attended the RWMH AGM and congratulated the committee on the hard work carried out during the year and proposed events and projects to further enhance the hall for it's users.

13. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives

- a) TDC New Recycling Scheme: the new scheme was discussed and agreed to have been very successful to date; lids for red boxes are to be delivered following the high demand from members of the public.
- b) Cllr Stertz reported that the hole at the bottom of Hamilton Street has now been repaired.

14. To receive any reports from councillors attending other meetings:

- a) Cllr M Donn and Cllr Elmer attended the last meeting of the TDALC; topics of recycling and planning issues were discussed together with the new revised TDC website.

15. To receive any correspondence not covered elsewhere

- a) Request for donations for consideration:
 - Sponsorship of HDRC players for 2012/13 season; one player from both Ramsey and Parkeston were sponsored last year @ £100 per player; once confirmation that players are again from the RPPC wards consideration will be given.
 - Surestart – Mother and Toddler Group Parkeston Methodist Church Hall: Cllr Sheers proposed that the decision to support the group should be deferred until after the group has been established for one month as a permanent service following the proposed taster sessions, seconded by Cllr L Donn with all in favour. Contact to be made with Surestart.

Action: Clerk

- b) Spring Meadow School: a letter of thanks for the Queen's Jubilee Commemorative mugs has been received; the Head is planning to give out the awards to selected pupils on July 3rd at the schools' Olympic Sports Day.

16. To agree the accounts for payment

The Clerk reported that the External Audit of the RPPC accounts year ending 31st March 2012 is to be carried out 08/06.

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| L Keating | 1014.22 | Acumen Wages | 21.00 |
| TDALC Affiliation | 15.00 | Accent | 65.97 |
| E-On | 80.83 | A&J Lighting | 50.74 |
| Landscape Sers | 910.80 | K Abraham [external auditor] | 170.00 |

17. 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.

- a) The Localism Act 2011, change of legislation relating to a new Members Code of Conduct

18. To confirm the date of the next meeting of Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 19th July 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2055 hrs