



Minutes of the meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in Hamilton House,
Station Road, Parkeston on Thursday 15th January 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Elmer (Chair), Colbourne, L Donn, M Donn, Ferguson, Howe, Passmore, Ramsay, Singh, Stertz

Also Present: Lin Keating (Clerk)
ECC Cllr Andy Erskine
Harwich Town Councillor C Powell
1 resident of Parkeston

- 1. To accept apologies for absence:** Cllr Smith; Cllr Passmore (advised he needed to leave 8.30pm)

1a) To welcome Harwich Town Councillor Charlie Powell:

Cllr Powell made a report in relation to the revised and further proposed revised Bus Service within the Harwich Area explaining:

- Current service of Nos 20 & 22 will be changed as from 2nd February to a limited service of 4 trips and 2 ½ trips per day; there will be no service before 9.00 am or after 4.05 pm to Una Road only; raising concerns for the lack of service for school children, especially for residents of Parkeston travelling outside of the village for shopping/hospital appointments etc. All services start/finish from either Clacton or Colchester with no engineering support should a vehicle breakdown in the Harwich area, therefore on such an occasion limiting the service even further.

A petition is currently in place to present to Harwich MP Bernard Jenkins on 30th January, to date 1000 signatures have been gained from Harwich, Cllr Stertz offered to take the petition to Parkeston residents for additional signatures.

Harwich Town Council have been lobbying First Bus to review the services with a response from Adrian Jones, First Bus MD, stating the need for the revised service has been deemed necessary due to the sustainability to operate the service as it currently stands with the withdrawal for funding from ECC.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Powell for his time in bringing the issues to the RPPC meeting and advised that the RPPC would also raise the issue of funding with ECC.

Action: Clerk/Chair

2. To receive a report from Essex Police: information only:

A report received from PC Trevor Abrahams for the month of December was circulated for discussion: 68 incidents had been reported and 11 crimes recorded against 65 and 12 recorded for the same period of the previous year with no main concerns raised.

3. 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 and/or debate and declare any interest on any of the remaining agenda items.

4. To receive a report from Essex County Councillor Andrew Erskine:

- a) Local Highways Panel: underspend of budget has been returned to Chelmsford and invited the RPPC to submit a full report of highway defect in both wards to take forward on his return from annual leave. All defects should be reported to the Clerk via email to enable a report to be compiled.

Action: All Councillors

- b) Street Lighting Defect Reporting: with the inability to easily report a defect contact telephone numbers are to be circulated once sourced and the body responsible for maintenance.

Action: Clerk

- c) Station Road: Surya have taken on the task of clearing the area along their boundary although the ownership of the area remains unclear.
- d) Projects Funding: Highways will consider new projects for improvement to highways including new bus shelters/signs and signage; funding in relation to ditches is covered by TDC Highways, contact Jonathan Hamlet. Signage; bus shelters; needs to be brand new projects.

Cllr Erskine advised that reporting defects is more reliable via the Highways 24 hour Incident Line – 0845 603 7631 with a reference number taken; he asked to be made aware of any issues of defects reported not being addressed to be able to take forward on behalf of RPPC.

5. To receive a report from TDC Councillor Tony Colbourne:

- a) Cllr Colbourne has changed his membership from the Conservative Party to UKIP
- b) Cllr Colbourne submitted an apology from the TDC solicitor in not being able to attend this meeting and will be attending next month; reason not detailed.

6. To hear questions from members of the public: None

7. To confirm the minutes of the RPPC meeting held on 20th November 2014

With the amendment of the date of the minutes and correction to Cllr Colbourne full name in item 6 Cllr M Donn proposed and Cllr Singh 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 receive any announcement by the Chairman:

- a) St Paul's Church, Parkeston: the request for a letter of support from the RPPC in relation to a proposal to obtain the building by the Parkeston Residents Association to convert into a Community/Youth Centre was discussed and in principle found in favour; Cllr Ferguson made a request for a copy of the business plan to be received for further consideration and offered her assistance in taking the project forward. Cllr Colbourne proposed a letter of support to the idea in principle to be sent, seconded by Cllr Howe, all in favour, by Cllr Ferguson who abstained.
- b) The Role of a Community Agent (RCCE): Cllr Howe explained her role as a Community Agent in the Tendring Area:

The role is now wide spread across Essex with 36 agents with funding for 5 years secured by ECC. The main aim is to take the pressure off Social Services in being able to deliver advice and support to older people to promote health and independence and finding practical solution to daily living by visiting clients in their homes to discuss the individual's needs. Referrals can be either from the Social Services, self-referral or through concerned friends or neighbours (with the consent of the individual) that has a target of contact of 48 hours from referral.

Services available in partnership with the RCCE (Rural Community Council of Essex), British Red Cross, Neighbourhood Watch, Essex Fire and Rescue Service, Community Police and Essex Age UK include help with:

- Getting out and about and meeting people
- Support in the home and healthy living
- Filling forms and money worries
- Caring for someone else

Support to the role is also given by volunteers with details of being involved or for further information can be found in contacting Cllr Howe who is willing to make a presentation to any local community group to promote awareness or by visiting: www.communityagentsessex.org.uk
The Chairman thanked Cllr Howe for her presentation and encouraged all to pass the information on to anyone they considered to benefit from the service.



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9. To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:

Nothing not covered elsewhere

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

- a) Harwich Valley Development; A public meeting held on 24th November 2014 was well attended with 5 Harwich Town Councillors present to hear comments from members of the public in attendance on the following application:

Application No: 14/01431/OUT

Location: Land East of Pond Hall Farm, Stour Close, Harwich Essex

Proposal: Hybrid application for proposed comprehensive development & the creation of employment floorspace (including start up units) consisting of: Outline approval for development of site to create employment units, café/restaurant units, public house, drive thru restaurants, cinema, hotel, up to 297 dwellings, landscaping, open space & associated means of access, internal estate roads & car parking. Full approval for the creation of retail shop units, foodstore, petrol filling station associated highway works & improvements including a new roundabout off the A120 & link road, earthworks, service infrastructure & associated works & improvements.

Comments submitted following the meeting to Tendring District Council:

The view of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council is to support the application with:

1. Assurance is gained that works as described for Full approval (9.91 hectares) for the creation of retail shop units, foodstore, petrol filling station, associated highway works & improvements including a new roundabout off the A120 & link road, earthworks, service infrastructure & other associated works & improvements be undertaken prior to any works as describe in Outline approval (19.46 hectares) for development of site to create employment units, café/restaurant units, public house, drive thru restaurants, cinema, hotel, up to 297, dwellings, landscaping, open space & associated means of access, internal estate roads & car parking are undertaken following full approval gained.
 2. Assurance to be gained that vehicular access/egress to the site will be restricted via Clayton Road & Stour Close to emergency vehicles only.
- b) **Application No: 14/01931/OUT**
Proposal: Demolition of industrial and commercial buildings and construction of 6 dwellings comprising of 4 bungalows and 2 houses
Location: Former Tyes Gardening Supplies , Church Hill, Ramsey Essex
The view of the RPPC is to support the project, proposed by Cllr Ferguson, seconded by Cllr Ramsay with all in foavour
- c) **Application No: 14/01906/FUL – Information Only:**
Proposal: Erection of prefabricated industrial building for use of timber/dry store for building materials
Location: Flying Building Supplies Ltd Europa Way Ramsey Essex
Full Approval under delegated decision.

11. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery:

Cllr M Donn reported:

- on inspection, no damage has been caused following the recent storms
- installation of the mock-stained window at the chapel has now been completed making the area and view more pleasant and inviting from the roadside
- A request for the War Graves to be cleaned/repared is in hand

12. To receive a report regarding the Welfare Park:

Cllr Stertz has not received anything to report from the Committee

Cllr Elmer and the Clerk attended the meeting of the Welfare Park Committee held on Saturday, 29th November at the Parkeston Railway Club, as invited to officially handover the responsibility of the accounts/insurance and rospa inspections from that of the RPPC to the Welfare Park Committee; a full set of up to date accounts and supporting documents to show an amount held at bank £15,286.87 and petty cash held £15.04 was signed for by the Chairman of the



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Committee, Mr B Davidson; a copy of the revised constitution of the committee is to be received to reflect the changes of responsibilities.

13. To receive a report regarding the Payback Team:

Cllr Passmore reported the team have been working in areas to include:

- Clearing of brambles in the Welfare Park
- Clearing vegetation within the Jubilee Park, natural area on the boundary of the Welfare Park
- Clearing and maintenance of ditches in The Street, Ramsey

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

- a) Two Village School: Cllr Howe reported that the school has had an Ofsted inspection resulting in an improved status of requiring improvement 2 years ago to that of Good. There is an interest from the school to hold a mock council meeting with Yr 6 pupils in the future.

Parking issues and the request for yellow lines to be put in place to address the issues are ongoing with the Police and Highways, supported by ECC Cllr Erskine.

- b) Spring Meadows School: Cllr M Donn reported that he had attended a school council meeting with Cllr Smith with the interest also to hold a mock council meeting although have concerns of an appropriate time when this can be held.

Cllr Smith, in his absence reported via the Clerk that he has made a request for pupils to visit Parliament and has been in contact with the office of Bernard Jenkin MP. A request for pupils to visit Hamilton House, Parkeston to view the work with the Engineering apprenticeships being carried out by the Colchester Institute is to be made to Gary Horne.

15. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives:

- a) Ramsey:

- Flooding: reported flooding onto the A120 breaching Wix Road has been reported by Cllr Howe to the Police, Highways Agency and ECC Highways; factors discussed of water running from farmland and the issue of blocked ditches are to be pursued with the authorities with the suggestion they are to be challenged to channel the water through existing culverts.

Action: Cllr Howe/Cllr Ramsay

- Essex Highways Lights have been fixed at Ramsey Roundabout following the issue of ingress of water to the connections.
- Ditch Marker; the position of a marker on the boundary of the playing field has been checked and identified as being in the correct position.
- Noya, The Street: conditions on the application do not prevent the new build being installed prior to the existing bungalow being demolished.

- b) Parkeston:

- Issues of speeding through the village of a single vehicle on a regular basis has recently been reported.
- Disabled Bays: a list of established bays is to be checked in identifying current resident's requirements of such; 7 are currently in position in Hamilton Street.
- Littering has become a problem throughout the village; concerns to be reported to J Hamlet, TDC Street Cleansing Officer.

Action: Cllr Ferguson

- Campers in the Jubilee Park leaving rubbish was noted by Cllr Ferguson; any further occurrences will be reported to TDC Environment

16. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings:

- a) TDLAC: Cllr M Donn reported from the recent meeting that dog fouling has become a widespread issue in Tendring: TDC Dog Warden can be requested to an area for inspection/cleansing through Tim Clarke, TDC on 01255 686742



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

- a) Elmstead Speedwatch: details of costs/impact of the recent purchase of the radar gun by Elmstead Parish Council has been requested for information with no reply received to date.
- b) Parkeston House: an update received from Nigel Brown is that works are now expected to commence 2nd week of February to install steel/wood onto all windows/doors to secure the building.

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.

Presentation from Les Nicoll, Community Connector Lead for the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service (confirmed)

19. To consider the proposed Budget 2015/16: The proposed budget of the RPPC 2015/16 requiring a precept request of £41,186.00, Cllr L Donn proposed and Cllr M Donn seconded a motion to adopt the Budget, with all in favour the Chairman signed the Budget. The precept request is to be submitted to TDC by deadline of 31 January 15.

Action: Clerk

To agree accounts for payment:

L Keating Salary Dec	771.53	W G Elmer	
Salary Jan	722.88	Chairs telephone	69.00
Expenses (Landline Nov/Dec/Jan/postage/project materials)	262.83	allowance	
Landscape Services	468.00	E-On	159.06
Accent Stationers	152.80	P Strelitz	2100.00
S Birchfield		Legal (missed Payment)	1566.00
Chapel Windows	3759.00	A&J Lighting	111.60

20. To confirm the date of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council to be held on Thursday 19th February 2015 in Hamilton House, Parkeston at 7.00 p.m.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.