



Minutes of the meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Ramsey War Memorial Hall, Ramsey on 20th July 2017 at 7.15 p.m.

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

Also Present:

2 Members of the Public

Kevin Doherty Service Delivery Manager – Highways England

Mel Willis Customer Service Manager – Kier

Christopher Ray Network Steward - Kier

Clerk: Lin Keating

- 1. To accept apologies for absence:** ECC Cllr A Erskine, Cllrs Ramsay, Stertz
- 2. To welcome representatives from Highways England and Kier to discuss the issues of concern, Ramsey Roundabout and Approaches:**

Following a site visit was made prior to this meeting Kevin Doherty addressed the meeting with a proposal to be able to eliminate all issues raised of vegetation on the roundabout and all approaches, the maintenance of such causes issues of traffic management at the busy junction. The long term solution proposed was to remove all vegetation and trees on the roundabout and clear all vegetation on the approaches; replacing the areas with asphalt dressing that would generate minimal maintenance.

Designs would be drawn up with a programme of works for the project by the end of the financial year (31/3/18).

Cllr Ferguson proposed a motion for the designs to be drawn up, seconded by Cllr Passmore with the understanding that RPPC are able to comment on the design prior to the project commencing, Cllr Donn asked for a record to be made of his disagreement of the removal of the trees, but not of the overall proposal; with all in favour the motion was carried.

The Chairman thanked the team for their time in attending the meeting and asked for contact to be made via Cllrs Ferguson, Howe and Clerk.

- 3. To receive a report on Essex Police crime information:** A report was tabled and discussed for the most recent available data on UK Police website, showing 23 crimes reported in Ramsey and 11 crimes reported during the month of April 2017:

	March 2017	April 2017
All crime	32	34
Anti-social behaviour	7	10
Bicycle theft	0	0
Burglary	4	3
Criminal damage and arson	2	4
Drugs	0	0
Other crime	2	1
Other theft	2	3



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Possession of weapons	0	0
Public order	4	4
Robbery	0	0
Shoplifting	1	0
Theft from the person	0	0
Vehicle crime	2	3
Violence and sexual offences	8	6

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.
5. **To receive a report from Essex Councillor Andrew Erskine (Ramsey & Parkeston):** nothing received with the following discussed:
 - a) Church Hill Pavement: ECC are aware of the defects, however deemed not to meet the criteria for immediate repair. The area is on a quarterly inspection schedule, a challenge of the decision is to be made with an invite for a site visit.

Action: Cllrs Erskine and Ferguson
6. **To receive a report from TDC Councillor Tanya Ferguson:** no issues were raised during her ward inspections. The next full TDC council meeting is now September.
7. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the RPPC held on 15th June 2017:** 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.
8. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting.** Nothing not covered elsewhere.
9. **To consider any Planning issues and decisions submitted to the meeting date.**

The Chairman proposed the dispensation of Standing Order 1 (e) to extend the time for public participation to exceed 15 minutes, seconded by Cllr Donn with all in favour.

 - Application No: 17/00587/FUL
Proposal: Temporary helipad facility including a new temporary porta-cabin, a new fuel storage tank and refuelling facility, lighting and additional car parking.
Location: Great Oakley Lodge Harwich Road Great Oakley Essex
Concerns were raised from residents of the flight path and height of helicopters crossing Ramsey.
The application is for a temporary period only to support the new windfarm traffic that is proposed to be housed permanently at Harwich International Port as application number 16/01897/Ful waiting decision for an O&M building split into three main areas (warehouse space, space for office staff and space for offshore technicians). The building will be a two storey high portal frame structure. A helipad and hangar. A new floating berthing facility for Crew Transfer Vessels (CTV) in the north-west end of Bathside Bay. External storage and parking areas. An access road.
The view of the RPPC: noted as information only
 - Application No: 17/00962/OUT (as amended)
Proposal: outline planning application with all matters reserved for one new dwelling
Location: 75 Una Road Parkeston
The view of the RPPC is no objection
 - a) To receive decisions submitted by the RPPC Planning Sub-Committee since the last meeting:
 - Application No: 17/01021/FUL

Proposal: single storey rear extension
Location: 53 Hamilton Street Parkeston
View of the RPPC: no objection

- b) To receive decisions received from TDC:
- Application No: 17/00718/FUL
Proposed single storey front extension and first floor side extension
Location: 7 Orchard Close Ramsey
Approval Full - Delegated Decision
 - 17/00638/FUL
Proposed Cart Lodge
Location: Bramblings Wrabness Road Ramsey
Refusal Full - Delegated Decision
 - Application No: 16/01586/FUL
Continued use of former agricultural building and land as a leisure plot and retention on 2m high boundary fence/security gates
Location: Land adjacent School House Wix Road Ramsey
Approval Full - Delegated Decision
 - Application No: 16/02128/OUT
Construction of twelve houses with associated parking, access and landscaping (alternative scheme to application re 16/01267/OUT)
Approval Full - Delegated Decision
 - Application No: 17/00873/OUT
Proposed: Erection of 3 dwellings
Location: Land adjacent Roborough Church Hill Ramsey
Refusal Outline – Delegated Decision

10. To consider any comments for submission on the TDC New Local Plan 2017, deadline 28th July 2017: none proposed

11. To allow public participation: 15 minutes allowed: see item 1a) of this agenda

- a) Mayes Lane: complaints of noise of motorbikes and grain lorries using Mayes Lane were brought forward from the residents present together with concerns of the impact on the road and sewers caused by the 7.5t restriction being ignored by some HGVs. A request to contact local farmers and possible signage to overcome the use of Sat Navs wrongly directing HGVs is to be taken forward to the LHP.

Action: ECC Cllr Erskine

12. To receive any report from Members on Community Activities.

- a) Ramsey War Memorial Hall: Cllr Howe reported:
- Community Library: the pilot satellite scheme running alongside Bradwell and Beaumont with ECC has been well received. The RWMH is building on the event as a community hub and welcomes all support. Essex libraries supply the books, and in building up a stock donations are received.
- b) Welfare Park: Cllr Davidson reported:
- Water and electric supplies will be live in 10 days
 - A toilet block is to be installed
 - A new football team are starting in the new season

13. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery.

- a) Cemetery Lodge maintenance quotation received £940 for cleaning and maintenance of all windows, front door and replacing the gutter board and soffit at rear of building, clean refit and adjust guttering. Cllr Elmer proposed for the work to be ordered, seconded by Cllr Davidson with all in favour.
- b) CCTV; remote access to recordings is reliant on a strong wifi signal; the tenants of the Cemetery Lodge are assisting in linking into their service that needs to be upgraded.
- c) TDC boundary: the fencing due to be erected by TDC has yet to be done.

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

- a) Two Village CP School: Cllr Howe reported:
- Improved Sats results have been gained this year
 - 4 key members of staff are leaving with new members in place for September

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- The new Head is making progress on behaviour issues
 - A leaving assembly for year 6 pupils is planned for 21/07
 - b) Spring Meadows CP School: Cllr Smith reported:
 - A new Head teacher has been appointed, joining in September
 - Extension to the nursery is on schedule for September allowing a double increase in places and 3 additional staff appointed.
 - Sats results have improved sitting above the national average despite the school having a quarter of its students registered for special needs.
- 15. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives:**
- a) Parkeston:
- HGVs: Garland Road continues to suffer issues with HGVs blocking the road; the request for signage submitted to LHP is still waiting a decision.
Action: Cllr Erskine
 - Station Road: overgrown vegetation on the boundary of a private landowner is to be taken forward to Cllr Erskine to address through LHP
 - Collier Road: the pavement on the HIP boundary is impassable due to brambles growing over and through the fence : to be taken forward to HIP
Action: Clerk
 - Collier Road: Cllr Elmer reported the issue of the boundary fence of a development site down and laying across the pavement; contact with TDC for assistance was unsuccessful, the report will be taken forward by Cllr Ferguson
- b) Ramsey:
- Church Hill Pavement: corresponding through Cllr Erskine a report received of a member of public reaching ECC CEO, Gavin Jones who stated that another inspection is due in August and is in the quarterly inspection programme. Concerns of safety due to the condition of the surface has been confirmed by a member of public coming forward reporting an injury sustained in tripping on the pavement. A Freedom of Information request is to be submitted to ECC with the aim to obtain a copy of the inspection programme and criteria set for maintenance to be recognised as required together with an invite to ECC CEO, Gavin Jones to a site meeting as proposed by Cllr Howe, seconded by Cllr Collis with all in favour.
Action: Clerk/Cllr Howe
 - Clayton Road Alleyway: Cllr Bird reported on the overgrowth of vegetation onto the Main Road that is to be taken to TDC as believed to be the landowner.
Action: Cllr Bird

16. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meeting. None

17. Correspondence to note. None

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.

19. To agree accounts for payment.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			Bank Balance
Payee	Description	Payment Ref	£p	Name	Description	£p	
L Keating	Clerks Salary	online	£950.40		Brought Forward		£68,027.98
	Expenses/BT		£68.45				
W G Elmer	Chairs Tel Allowance	online	£69.00				
S Collis	Cllr Allowance	online	£129.00				
Ramsey War Memorial Hall	Hall Rent	online	£24.00		Cemetery Lodge Rent	£570.00	
Acumen Wages Service	Service	online	£24.00				
Landscape Services	Contract	online	£2,934.00				
E-On	Electricity supply	online	£133.91				
Accent Stationers	Supply	online	£140.96				
Arien Signs (noticeboards)	Supply	online	£1,322.40				
Homeview Surveillance	Supply	cheque	£546.00				
A&J Lighting Solutions	Contract	cheque	£55.80				
		Total	£6,342.12				
Cemetery Account Balance	including budget figures for water rates, business rates, landscaping less expenditure and lodge rent to date.		£5,493.00				
			4		Total	£570.00	£56,762.86



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- 20.** To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council. Cllr Ferguson proposed to cancel August meeting as a summer break, seconded by Cllr Smith with all in favour. Therefore the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council is to be held in the Ramsey War Memorial Hall on Thursday 21st September 2017 at 7.15 p.m.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.