



**Present:** Cllrs Bird, Colbourne, Davidson (also TDC Cllr (Parkeston & the Vines), Fay, Ferguson, Kadlec, Lungley, Passmore (Chair),

**Also Present:** TDC Cllr Fairley (Stour Valley), ECC Cllr A Erskine

**Clerk:** Lin Keating, Clerk

**Absent:** Cllr Stertz

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllrs Ramsay, Wood, PCSO Pat Smith
2. **Declaration of Interest: Councillors are invited to declare any disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other interest and nature where it, in relation to any item on the agenda.**
3. **To receive a presentation from Fern Lovett, Activities & Communities Engagement Manager, Teen Talk (Harwich):**

The Charity has been formed to support 11-25 year olds with issues including family, relationships, bullying, self-esteem, stress and anxiety and promote their services via Facebook and Instagram. Projects are undertaken in the local community such as litterpicking that Fern explained would be more than happy to include Ramsey & Parkeston, where trouble areas can be identified. Further work to encourage visitors and residents to stop littering is in hand; ECC Cllr Erskine offered to assist in gaining permission for signage on the highways and verges.

Other projects in place are:

- Assisting Ramsey Recycling
- Planning to paint a mural in the Welfare Park with the design to be chosen by the committee
- Planting of flowers and vegetables in the Welfare Park
- Wildlife groups; making bird, bat and hedgehog boxes that were offered for the Parkeston Cemetery and parks if desired; an interest was shown to site some in the Cemetery.

Fern was thanked for her attendance and commended for all the work that Teen Talk do for the community.

4. **To receive a report from Essex Police:** a report received from PCSO Pat Smith was delivered: Overview of incidents reported for Ramsey & Parkeston during 24/11/19 to 13/01/20:

Ramsey:

- Anglian Water- sewage treatment works – theft of cable
- Ramsey playfield: nuisance of moped in the park

Parkeston:

- Una Road: criminal damage – car tyre punctured whilst parked
- West Dock Road: theft of motor vehicle – white van later recovered by police
- Hamilton Street: shed theft – 2 pit bikes and new pit bike wheels stolen

Coffee with Cops: an invite to arrange an event was extended to both wards: Cllr Passmore confirmed Ramsey War Memorial Hall have booked the event for 4<sup>th</sup> February; Cllr Davidson showed an interest to hold an event in Parkeston.

5. **To receive a report from Essex Councillor Andrew Erskine (Ramsey & Parkeston):**

- A120 closures; letters from LHP have been sent to Highways England in relation to damages on the road road to replace bridge at Ramsey that has been damaged by an HGV. A response is still to be received.
- Wash Corner HGV signage; ongoing with the request to Highways as deemed their responsibility.
- Church Hill street light; the lamp opposite numbers 2 & 3 is completely out; ECC are aware.

6. **To receive a report from Tendring District Councillors Davidson & Fairley:**

- a) TDC Cllr Davidson reported that it has been generally quiet with the Election period, however the issues with the introduction of the new refuse/recycling collections are gradually being addressed.
- b) TDC Cllr Fairley reported also that generally a quiet period and gave an overview of activities behind the scenes:
  - Clayton Road; work is ongoing with Cllr Bird in relation to housing issues
  - Church Hill: concerns of the 30mph signage from the Michaelstowe Hall boundary that is obstructed by foliage from the site, together with the poor state of other signage in the area were raised with a request for the foliage to be cut back by those responsible and all other signs cleaned.: it is scheduled in to look at the signage in the Ramsey area this week with a view to coming up with a plan for the work to be completed by the end of the month.



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The new year for ECC starts with the resources and services overview and a meeting of the Scrutiny Committee where officers reports for the financial position and budgets forecasts are considered:

- A reduction in expenditure shown of £68,250 based on the Government decision to remove the liability to pay rates charges on public conveniences from April 2020.
- A £27,000 reduction in expenditure will be deliverable through the waste contract, following ECC agreeing terms for the use of their waste transfer site along the A120
- There is a potential generation of £50,000 increased income included in the report, to reflect the increased recycling tonnages being achieved.
- Outgoing fees for budget areas including building control, parking and green waste collections are set to generate increased, expected income of £81,880 for 2020/21

Health and Well-being update:

ECC work with others including the Local Health Alliance and North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group with the aim of the partners to look at programmes of work aimed at delivering improved health outcomes across the district.

- Claton and Har2ich Hospitals, together with Social Care Provision will be looking at support measures for patients discharged from hospital with attention on how better to reduce slips, trips and falls leading to repeated hospital admissions.
- GP pilot scheme is running in North Essex currently, to implement the national care navigation programme. 4 out of 9 surgeries taking part are in Tendring. The scheme is designed by Doctors and other clinical staff to ensure patients are supported to access the right service with minimal delay. A component to assess how well the pilot is doing will be to look at waiting times for GP appointments.
- Scrutiny is also taking place of the draft Homelessness Reduction & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-2024.

**7. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the of RPPC held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019.**

Cllr Davidson proposed and Cllr Colbourne 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 receive a report from the Chairman**

- a) Councillor Training: Cllr Lucy Wood has been booked for 2 day courses for New Councillor Training on 10<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

All were asked to give consideration of any topic for training they feel would benefit the council; the option of in house training may be available.

- Cllrs Lungley and Bird – Advanced Councillor training
- Cllrs Passmore and Davidston – training relating to managing a Cemetery

The Clerk will look into availability of the above training requests.

Action: Clerk

- b) The Chairman brought forward a request for funding received from the Yellow Brick Road Nursery that is trying to establish a toddler group at the Parkeston Railway Club. Being established as a private business, and in line with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the request was rejected: Cllr Colbourne offered to explain the situation to the requester.

**10. Planning Matters:**

- a) **Applications received for consideration by the RPPC:** None received

- b) **To receive decisions submitted by the RPPC Planning Sub-Committee since the last meeting:**

- Application No: 19/01836/FUL  
Proposal: Proposed single storey rear and side extensions  
Location: Cherries The Street Ramsey  
View of the RPPC submitted: No Objection

- c) **To receive decisions determined by Tendring District Council since the last meeting:**

- Application No: 19/01333/Ful  
Proposal: Replacement of an agricultural storage building with a 3no bed dwelling (in lieu of prior approval for a dwelling subject of application 19/00010/COUNOT  
Location: Barn South of Foulton Hall Harwich Road Little Oakley  
Delegated Decision 06.12.2019 – Approval Full



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- Application No: 19/01632/LUEX  
Proposal: Construction of part of the permitted link road in accordance with permission 14/01431/OUT in order to begin development on the part of the permission granted in full in accordance with condition 21 and Section 56 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended.  
Location: Land East of Pond Hall Farm Ramsey Road Ramsey  
Delegated Decision 04.12.2019 - Lawful Use Certificate Granted
- Application No: 19/01538/OUT  
Proposal: Outline application for development of site with four dwellings  
Location: Land to the East of Stagecoach Stud Wix Road Ramsey  
Delegated Decision 10.12.2019 – Refusual Outline

**11. To allow public participation: 15 minutes allowed:** None present.

**12. To receive any reports from Members on community activities.**

Parkeston: Cllr Davidson reported:

- Children's Christmas Party: with 80 children attending the event was a great success

Ramsey: Cllr Passmore reported:

- Children's Christmas Party: with 30-40 children attending the event was a great success
- Ramsey Recyclers; the project, supported by the Ramsey War Memorial Hall, has expanded due to popularity assisting in funding being generated for the Tendring Primary School; the donation of tins is being shared with the Welfare Park that use the collection of tins to fund the annual insurance costs of the park. The project is supported and dependant on volunteers, including Teen Talk.
- Upcycling; TDC Cllr Fairley asked if anyone is known to upcycle goods; Cllr Davidson reported that he has passed on donations of furniture to those in need, however storage is limited.

Cllr Ferguson reported on her taking part in the Christmas Day Swim Camp at Harwich, raising funds for St Helena Hospice.

**13. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery.**

Cllr Davidson reported:

- Cemetery Lodge subsidence: a decision from the insurance company on the future of works on the lodge is still to be received. The tenants are kept up to date and content with the property.
- Cemetery road: the extension of the road to run past the chapel is to be considered to protect the land; Cllr Ferguson proposed for quotes for the works to be sought, seconded by Cllr Colbourne with all in favour.

Action: Cllr Davidson

**14. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives:**

a) **Ramsey:**

- Ramsey street light LED replacement programme proposal:  
Recently there has been a spate of failed lamps that have been replaced with LED, each case incurs a call out charge of £65. With a balance of £5315 remaining in the 2019/20 budget for waste/maintenance a proposal to replace 8 lamps to LED at a cost of £3504 was supported by Cllr Lungley, seconded by Cllr Ferguson with all in favour.  
The issue of overgrown vegetation causing reduced visibility of the lamps is to be addressed with the landscape contractor.  
New signs on each post is to be costed to give easy identification to residents of the responsibility of the maintenance of the lamp and to give contact details for reporting any defects.

Action: Clerk/Cllr Davidson

- Reports of HGVs going through the Street, Ramsey over the Christmas period that led to the road being blocked by a tree being taken down; cleared manually by Cllrs Lungley and Passmore.

d) **Parkeston:**

- Speed Limits – Cllr Davidson asked ECC Cllr Erskine for his support to request speed limits to be put in place in Parkeston; a request to LHP is needed to be submitted.
- Surya Rice: the installation of a 6' fan without permission has been reported to TDC enforcement.
- Former Garland Road Methodist Church; building works in the site, without any permission in place has been reported to TDC enforcement.
- George Elmer Way: a replament of the fence damage by vandals has been estimated by a local craftsman approximately £450.00; proposed by Cllr Passmore for the works to be carried out, seconded by Cllr Ferguson with all in favour.

**15. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings:** None

**16. Correspondence to note:**

- a) Acknowledgement and thanks received from:
- Spring Meadows Primary School – donation of £575
  - Ramsey War Memorial Hall – donation of £500
  - Parkeston Welfare Park & Residents Association – donation of £500
  - Harwich & District Community First Responders – donation of £500
  - Harwich Food Bank – donation of £300

**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: nothing requested.

**18. To agree accounts for payment :**

- a) 2020/21 precept request totalling £71,108 was submitted to Tendring District Council on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

12.12.19	L Keating	Clerk's Salary	797.54	<b>108,434.64</b>
	HMRC	Clerk Tax/NI	293.57	<b>108,141.07</b>
	L Keating	Expenses December	94.97	<b>108,046.10</b>
	A&J Lighting	Maintenance	376.80	<b>107,669.30</b>
	A&J Lighting	Contract	59.40	<b>107,609.90</b>
	E-on Electricity	Supply	187.90	<b>107,422.00</b>
	Veolia	Contract	42.41	<b>107,379.59</b>
	Marvan's Landscaping	Contract	1,044.00	<b>106,335.59</b>
	A&J Lighting	Maintenance	108.60	<b>106,226.99</b>
	Cemetery Lodge Rent			<b>106,786.99</b>
16.01.20	A&J Lighting	Maintenance	603.60	<b>106,183.39</b>
	Came & Co	Insurance	28.00	<b>106,155.39</b>
	L Keating	Salary Jan 2020	797.54	<b>105,357.85</b>
	HMRC	Clerk Tax/NI	293.57	<b>105,064.28</b>
	L Keating	Expenses Jan 2020	93.53	<b>104,970.75</b>
	A&J Lighting	Maintenance	496.80	<b>104,473.95</b>
	A&J Lighting	Contract	59.40	<b>104,414.55</b>
	E-on Electricity	Supply	194.17	<b>104,220.38</b>
	Veolia	Contract	52.34	<b>104,168.04</b>
	James Todd	PAYE/Tax/NI	93.60	<b>104,074.44</b>
	Parkeston Welfare Community Centre	Hall Rent	27.00	<b>104,047.44</b>

**19. To confirm the meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in the Parkeston Community Centre, Hamilton Street, Parkeston at 7.15 p.m.**

- a) To consider dates for the municipal year 2020/21 for the meetings of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council.  
The proposal of 10 monthly meetings (excluding August and December) to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month was agreed, to be fairly shared as much as possible over both venues – Ramsey War Memorial Hall and the Parkeston Community Centre.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Davidson asked if the meeting of the RPPC scheduled 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 could be moved to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to enable him to be able to attend. All present agreed to reschedule as requested.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m.