



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

**Also Present:** ECC Cllr A Erskine

**Clerk:** Lin Keating, Clerk

**Absent:** Cllr Stertz

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllrs Bird, Wood, ECC Cllr Fairley, 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 report from Essex Police:** The following report covering 13/01 to 18/02/20 received from PCSO Pat Smith was delivered in her absence:  
Ramsey:
  - Clayton Road, theft from motor vehicle
  - Church Hill, burglary
  - Princess Street, criminal damage to motor vehicle x 2
  - Foster Road, shed burglary
  - Oakley Road, theft from vehicleParkeston:
  - Hamilton Street, criminal damage to garden fence panel and gate
  - Hamilton Street, theft from bag
  - Emperor House, Adelaide Street, vandalism to inside building
  - Parkeston Quay, theft of bag from waiting room
  - Garland Road, arson in derelict building
4. **To receive a report from Essex Councillor Andrew Erskine (Ramsey & Parkeston):**
  - a) Church Hill flooding; addressed by Highways with drain sucker, although Cllr Passmore reported that the problem returned believing the problem water is coming down from the fields.
  - b) Road surfaces: ruts in the road and pot holes are to be targeted in better weather; a schedule is in place to cover the whole of Tendring.
  - c) Ramsey bridge: the damage to the bridge and road caused by HGVs is scheduled to be repaired with compensation to be sourced.
  - d) 2020 budget: increase of 1.99% with an additional 2% specifically for Adult Social Care, Tendring is recorded with the highest quota of elderly in retirement within Essex.
  - e) Tourism: a drive in promoting tourism in Essex to encourage both visitors and residents to explore Tendring is being advertised within the County.
  - f) Street Lights:
    - Ramsey roundabout lights reported as being on during the day but not at night has been taken forward.
    - Hamilton Street and Tyler Street lights reported defective are to be chased.
    - A120 Ramsey Junction Lighting Pillar hazard: no further report on action received and is to be chased for an update.
5. **To receive a report from Tendring District Councillors Davidson & Fairley:**
  - a) DC Cllr Davidson reported  
2020 budget: includes a funding of £5m for small charities and funding of an intervention officer to address tenancy issues to avoid evictions; Six additional engineering and building officers and an enforcement officer are covered within the budget to take forward issues within the area
  - b) DC Cllr Fairley had submitted an email report acknowledging issues of the Church Hill flooding and speeding along Church Hill; ECC Cllr Erskine is to take forward a request for the speed limit to be reduce from 40 to 30mph for this stretch of the road under the new 2020 budget.
6. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the of RPPC held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

Cllr Davidson proposed and Cllr Ferguson 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 hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:**
  - a) 9a) Councillor Training: EALC have advance Councillor training planned for the end of 2020, with a plan to introduce additional courses if there is enough demand. There are no planned courses in relation to Cemetery management.
8. **NALC Lobby Day –** held in Parliament each year: consideration of any issues to be raised via the EALC; deadline 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. – nothing was asked to be submitted.



**9. To receive a report from the Chairman**

- b) Parkeston Ward – Councillor vacancy; due to S Stertz now having missed 6 consecutive meetings with no reason given, and in line with legislation, Local Government Act 1972, S85 (Vacation of office by failure to attend meetings) S(1) S Stertz will be notified in writing that she has now ceased to be a member of the authority. TDC are to be notified to start the process of advertising the vacancy.

Action: Clerk

The vacancy now opens the position as Parkeston Representative on Haltermann Carless meetings, Cllr Kadlec showed an interest to take the position, proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Ferguson with all in favour. Haltermann Carless are to be notified of the change.

Action: Clerk

**10. Planning Matters:**

a) **Applications received for consideration by the RPPC:**

- Application No: 20/0018/FUL  
Proposal: proposed first floor side extension  
Location: 12 Burr Close Ramsey  
The view of the RPPC is No Objection, proposed by Cllr Colbourned, seconded by Cllr Fay with all in favour.

b) **To receive decisions submitted by the RPPC Planning Sub-Committee since the last meeting:** None

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

- Application No: 19/01607/FUL  
Proposal: Swimming pool including associated raised decking, fencing, plant equipment shed and retracting canopy over pool  
Location: Cherries The Street Ramsey  
Delegated Decision 17.01.2020 – Approval – Full
- Application No: 19/01836/FUL  
Proposal: Proposed single storey rear and side extensions  
Location: Cherries The Street Ramsey  
Delegated Decision 28.01.2020- Approval - Full
- Application No: 19/01869/HHPN OT HHPN  
Proposal: Proposed single storey conservatory to the rear of the property, 4m deep and 3.45m high  
Location: 46 Mayes Lane Ramsey  
Delegated Decision 16.01.2020 – Prior Approval Not Required
- Application No: 19/01918/TPO  
Proposal: 1 No. Horse Chestnut – Fell  
Location: 106 Mayes Lane Ramsey  
Delegated Decision 13.01.2020 – Approval – Full

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

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

Cllr Passmore reported that the recent storms have had an impact on having to cancel football matches in both Ramsey & Parkeston.

Commercial Steel Posts: an opportunity to purchase the posts for installation at the playing field to protect the entrance at a low cost of £40 was proposed to be covered as a donation by Cllr Ferguson, seconded by Cllr Colbourne with all in favour.

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

Cllr Davidson reported:

- 2 unstable graves have been identified; the stone mason is to provide a quote to make both safe
- Cemetery lodge remedial works: following a report to be received from the insurance company some works are expected to be authorised to be carried out.
- War Memorial: consideration was asked for a project to erect a simple war memorial near war memorial graves within the cemetery, just through lychgate. The suggestion to have the inscription of names of all those who served in both wars will need further investigation, David Whittle of the Harwich Society was reported to be a good contact ; in the meantime a quote for a memorial is to be sourced.

Action: Cllr Davidson/Clerk



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

a) **Ramsey:**

- Church Hill drainage – covered in item 4a) as above

b) **Parkeston:**

- Litter picking: Spring Meadow Primary school has approached Cllr Davidson with a request for the students representing the School Council to assist in litter picking; responsibility of insurance cover and adult supervision is to be made clear with the school prior to any arrangements being made.

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

**16. Correspondence to note: None**

**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:

a) Ramsey Creek: Councillor Lungley

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

- The VAT claim for refund for £7,244.70 has been submitted for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.
- 2020/21 precept [£71,108] is due to be paid over two installements of £35,554 on 9<sup>th</sup> April and 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

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| 20.02.20 | B Davidson           | Expenses          | 325.00   | <b>104,282.44</b> |
|          | L Keating            | Clerk's Salary    | 797.74   | <b>103,484.70</b> |
|          | HMRC                 | Clerks Tax/NI     | 293.57   | <b>103,191.13</b> |
|          | L Keating            | Expenses Feb 20   | 79.99    | <b>103,111.14</b> |
|          | Veolia               | Contract          | 38.10    | <b>103,073.04</b> |
|          | A&J Lighting         | LED Maintenance   | 3,908.88 | <b>99,164.16</b>  |
|          | A&J Lighting         | Contract          | 59.40    | <b>99,104.76</b>  |
|          | E-on Electricity     | Supply            | 194.17   | <b>98,910.59</b>  |
|          | Marvan's Landscaping | Contract          | 240.00   | <b>98,670.59</b>  |
|          | Affinity Water       | Supply            | 240.30   | <b>98,430.29</b>  |
|          | B Davidson           | Donation/expenses | 40.00    | <b>98,390.29</b>  |
|          | Cemetery Lodge Rent  |                   |          | <b>98,950.29</b>  |

**19. To confirm the meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in the Parkeston Community Centre, Hamilton Street, Parkeston at 7.15 p.m.**

Cllr Colbourne gave his apologies in advance for not being available for the March meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.