

## RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 11 April 2024 at 7:00pm Ramsey Town Council 11 Great Whyte, Ramsey

**Present:** - Councillors R Brereton, J Clarke, M Clarke, A Costello, S Corney, V Fendley, L Knight, C Maskell, N Soer, P Taylor.

**In Attendance:** L Renfree, Town Clerk.

257. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs J Aubin, J Bufton, B Davidson, A Lavender, J Palmer, G Rayment and E Welsh.
258. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** -  
Councillors Brereton and Corney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.261, Planning Applications, as a Member of the District Council's Development Management Panel and reserved the right to change their views when presented with applications at the Panel. Cllr Fendley on minute No. 263 (d) .
259. **Public Participation** There was one member of the public present.
260. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** – Minutes of 14th March 2024 were unanimously **APPROVED**.
261. **Planning Applications for Consideration**  
**1.1 24/00404/S73 Removal of Condition 3 (Approved Plans) for 23/01326/OUT** Fenced compound adjacent 5 Mereside Drove, Ramsey Mereside. Council **APPROVED** unanimously for the District Council to approve this application.  
**1.2 24/00345/HHFUL Erection of Orangery 84 Herne Road, Ramsey St Marys.** Council **APPROVED** unanimously for district Council to pass this application. There are no neighbouring objections and they felt it would enhance the building.  
**1.3 24/00434/FUL Subdivision of existing dwelling (Use Class C3) to create childcare nursery (Use Class E(f)). Including single storey extension – 72A Great Whyte, Ramsey.** Council **APPROVED** unanimously for District Council to approve this application. Each time it has come to Ramsey Town Council they have approved the application, and it is a much-needed nursery giving child care placements and local employment.
262. **Finance Items**  
a) Financial Summary -Cash Book to 31/03/24 – **Noted**  
b) Expenditure Transactions – **APPROVED** Unanimously.  
c) Library Summer Reading Challenge grant request – Council **APPROVED** a donation of £250.00
263. **Amenities, Cemeteries, Highways and Leisure Items.**  
a) Use of SID at Ponders Bridge – Council **APPROVED** 10 For and 1 Against for the SID from Ramsey Forty Foot to be placed at Ponders bridge and it will be serviced by David McCandless,once the new SID is purchased.  
b) Replacement of equipment quote (xylophone) for Ramsey Forty Foot play park. Council **APPROVED** unanimously.  
c) Mortuary Chapel Board with details of the War Graves. Council **APPROVED** unanimously for the board to be placed at the Mortuary Chapel covering the bricked-up part of the wall.  
d) Electric Box – An update was given as part of the Economic development on the Great Whyte. **Noted**  
e) Office shed – Council **APPROVED** for the Clerk to move this project forward.  
f) Permission for use of King George V Field by Ramsey Bouncers – Council **APPROVED** unanimously for Ramsey Bouncers to use King George V Field for a community event during the summer. The Clerk will be informed of the date.
264. **Working Parties**  
a) The Clerk asked Councillors to respond to which Working Parties they want to be on from May 2024. **Noted.**

**265. Town Mayor's and Clerk's Correspondence**

- a) Queen's Jubilee Tree Presentation by Ladies Probus to take place on 26 April 11am. **Noted**
- b) Permission has been granted for parking restrictions along Field Road, Ramsey. Cllr Costello informed Council of the decision for the double yellow lines to be placed on Field Road in front of Princes' Street and Star Lane to improve access for Emergency vehicles etc. **Noted**
- c) 20mph to commence 14 April 2024. Cllr Costello informed Council that the 20mph scheme for Bury and Ramsey will be commencing on 15 April 2024 (not 14 April as on the agenda) the roundels on the road will be painted later.
- d) Data Protection – The Clerk informed Council that the protection level of the .gov emails has been increased. All emails of council business will only be sent to .gov emails, the remaining three councillors not signed up will receive their council papers by post but no longer receive emails from the council staff.
- e) Planter outside the Nationwide building High Street, Ramsey. The Clerk had met with PC Haggar and the Security team at Nationwide, they asked for a Planter to be strategically place in front of the AGM to deter theft. Nationwide will pay and be responsible for the planter, Council are being asked to apply for permission. Council **APPROVED** unanimously and advised the Clerk to approach the LHO in the first instance.
- f) Fountain Timings- The Mayor asked Council for the timings they required for the Fountain on the Horse Pond to be on. After a short discussion Council **AGREED** for the Mayor to make the decision.
- g) Cllr Fendley informed Council that Michelle Sacks CEO of Huntingdonshire District Council is making a visit to Ramsey on 9 May 2024 at 11am. There will be a Q & A session at 11am, all Councillors are welcome to attend. The main issue Michelle Sacks will be talking about our Heritage and Transport.

**266. Attendances at Meetings and Organisations**

Cllr Brereton, Cllr Fendley and the Clerk met with Faye Downer to look at the placement of the digital boards. There will be two – one on the Great Whyte and one at the Moorings. It was mentioned there could be a grant pot from the CPCA to apply to.

Cllr Knight informed Council of a meeting she had with the Clerk and Friends of the Mortuary Chapel looking at feedback from the last meeting about the Engagement Document. It was another positive meeting. The next meeting was planned for 22 April.

Cllr Fendley informed Council of the Neighbourhood Plan meeting that took place on 4 April. Thirty residents attended and from this meeting a Steering group has been formed.

**267. District and County Councillor Update.**

Cllr Corney gave an overview of the Scrutiny meeting he attended.

Cllr J Clarke informed Council that he had been approached by residents concerned about children playing in Ashbeach Road, Ramsey St Mary's. Cllr Clarke had spoken to Sgt Caruna to send a PCSO to speak to the children.

**268. Meeting Dates.**

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council (Planning) would take place on Thursday 25th April at 7pm.

Town Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_