

## RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 11 August 2022 @ 7pm Ramsey Town Council 7 Church Green, Ramsey

**Present:** - Councillors R Brereton (Mayor,) J Bufton, J Clarke, M Clarke, S Corney, A Costello, V Fendley (Deputy Mayor,) A Lavender, C Maskell, J Palmer, N Soer and P Taylor. **In Attendance:** - G Cook, Town Clerk.

86. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr G Rayment.
87. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** -  
Councillor Brereton declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.90, Planning Applications, as a Member of the District Council's Development Management Panel and reserved the right to change his views when presented with applications at the Panel.
88. **Public Participation** – There were no members of the public present.
89. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** – Minutes of 14 July 2022 were **APPROVED** by 9 votes with 1 abstention and duly signed.
90. **Planning Applications for Consideration**
- 1.1 **22/01079/FUL** Proposed two storey extension to unit 26 to provide enlarged industrial unit including to extend mezzanine floor and 4 new industrial units to existing yard to side of vacant unit 25 – 26 Highlode Industrial Estate, Stocking Fen Road, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED** provided distance from riverbank is agreed by Middle Level Commission.
- 1.2 **22/01355/HHFUL** Part first floor side extension and part two storey rear extension – 8 Hollow Lane, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED**, site large enough to accommodate proposed extensions.
- 1.3 **22/01482/HHFUL** Installation of two Velux style roof windows and replacements of 3 wall windows to bedroom 1, bedroom 2 and shower/toilet – Flat 2, 90 High Street, Ramsey. **APPROVED** by 9 votes with 1 abstention does not impact on street scene nor neighbouring properties.
- 1.4 **22/01547/PIP** Erection of replacement dwelling following demolition of former chapel building and outbuilding – Disused church, The Hollow, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED**.
- 1.5 **22/01591/HHFUL** Proposed single storey side extension including part demolition of existing extension – 84 Hollow Lane, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED** does not significantly increase the footprint of the existing building.
- 1.6 **22/01593/HHFUL** Proposed two single storey rear/side extensions to dwelling – 89 Great Whyte, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED** does not impact on street scene.
91. **Financial Matters**
- a) Bank reconciliation figures to 31/07/22 – Noted
- b) Financial Budget Comparison to 31/07/22 – Noted
- c) BACS/Cheque list to be approved – Unanimously **APPROVED**.
92. **Amenities, Highways, Leisure and Cemetery Items**
- a) Slade Dyke – One quote had been received to date from Fen Ditching.
- b) LHI - Wood Lane footpath- It was unanimously **APPROVED** that the LHI bid will no longer go ahead.
- c) Swing replacement at Millfields – Repair to the swings wasn't sustainable to re-visit quotes for replacements.
- d) Operation London Bridge Protocol – **APPROVED** by 9 votes with 2 abstentions.
- e) To receive a resident's proposal for wild flowers in closed cemetery – to meet with resident regarding exact plans.
- f) To approve proposal for work to investigate water leak in cemetery – Unanimously **APPROVED**.
- g) Facebook page – Cllr Fendley to assist.
- h) Maintenance contract – It was unanimously **APPROVED** that it be recorded that Mr Roy Parker has been guaranteed two days (16 hrs) work every week on behalf of the Town Council.
- i) Slade Close access & parking – Cllr Costello to contact Chorus Homes.
- j) Mill flats wall. Quote for £1,950 unanimously **APPROVED**.
- k) Pond – Awaiting quotes.
- Cllr Corney joined the meeting at 8.10pm.
93. **Employment Working Party**  
Councillors were advised of the applications received to date. It was unanimously agreed to pay £120 plus VAT to NALC to advertise the post. The closing date was also extended until the end of September.

94. **Working Party Members**

A list of Cllrs identified to working parties was tabled and agreed.

95. **Retention and Disposal Policy**

The policy which had been previously circulated was unanimously **APPROVED**.

96. **New Civic Centre Update**

The Clerk outlined that a well had been discovered in the proposed lift shaft and that the floor would need piling in several places as recommended by the structural engineer.

It was **APPROVED** by 10 votes with 1 abstention that Council would not offer a contract for works on the building to MAE Builders. The original tenders had been revisited along with one which had been recently received and it was **APPROVED** by 10 votes with 1 abstention to offer the contract to Fen Plant Hire & Aggregates of Whittlesey dependant on the receipt of three suitable references.

97. **Town Mayor's and Clerk's correspondence**

- a) Councillor Mrs Renfree resignation - Noted
- b) Former Cllr Edward Welsh was co-opted back onto the Council.
- c) Hereward Rising Event – Cllr Brereton declared a non-pecuniary interest. The event had retained £750 of the Council's donation. It was unanimously **APPROVED** to thank the Rural Museum for their honesty and to inform them they could keep the £750 for future use.
- d) The Clerk tabled two quotes for repairs to the cemetery wall. It was unanimously **APPROVED** to accept the quote from Herringbone Restoration in view of the urgency of the work.

98. **Attendances at meetings, organisations**

The Mayor had attended Ramsey Horticultural Society prize giving, Rotary 50/50 Auction and BOSH 10 year party. He was also to meet with a resident regarding the state of the drains in Biggin Lane. Cllr Corney had attended a meeting to discuss rural transport.

99. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council will take place on Thursday 25 August 2022 at 7pm pending any plans. Next full Council meeting would be held on Thursday 8 September 2022.

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