

## RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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

**Present:** - Councillors J Aubin, J Bufton, J Clarke, M Clarke, S Corney, B Davidson, V Fendley, A Lavender, C Maskell, J Palmer, N Soer, P Taylor, E Welsh. **In Attendance:** L Renfree, Town Clerk.

**Cllr Val Fendley chaired the meeting.**

**Cllr Fendley welcomed Cllr Lorraine Knight to her first meeting.**

211. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Brereton, Cllr Costello & Cllr Rayment.

212. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** -

Councillor Corney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.215, 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.

213. **Public Participation** There were 5 members of the public present.

214. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** – Minutes of 14th December 2023 were **APPROVED** with the following amendment, Cllr Corney declared that he knew the applicant for application 1.1 23/02174/FUL and would abstain from the vote.

215. **Planning Applications for Consideration**

**1.1 23/01718/FUL** – Extension forming enlarged mezzanine workshop at first floor level and full height warehousing space for Butler Smith Piano Carriers (currently tenants at 25 High Lode Ind. Est) – 26 High Lode Industrial Estate, Ramsey. Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** in favour of the District Council approving the application. There were no neighbouring objections and Council welcomes the development which will offer more opportunity for work.

**1.2 23/02442/FUL** – Proposed demolition of Nissen hut structure with erection of residential dwelling – 332 Herne Road, Ramsey St Mary's. Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** in favour of the District Council approving the application. Council stated they felt there was no adverse impact on neighbour amenity.

216. **Planning Other Business**

There was no other planning business.

217. **Finance Items**

a) Financial Summary -Cash Book to 31/12/23 – **Noted**

b) Expenditure Transactions – **APPROVED** Unanimously.

c) Precept 24/25 Council considered 4 different options Cllr Lavender proposed option 3 seconded by Cllr J Clarke. Cllr Corney counter proposed option 2 seconded by Cllr Knight. **Vote was 12 For 1 Against and 1 Abstention.** This motion superseded the first proposal, and the **Vote was 13 For and 1 Abstention.**

**Council agreed to a Precept of £307,172.90 using £35,000 of Reserves to make up the budget spend. This was an increase of 10.6% or 18p per week on last year's precept.**

218. **Amenities, Cemeteries, Highways and Leisure Items.**

a) Slade Dyke Flooding – There was a discussion about the future management of Slade Dyke.

Cllr J Clarke suggest looking at a second grill which the Clerk will investigate. Cllr J Clarke also recommended that the Clerk contacts the Environment Agency to find out what their involvement should be. Cllr Corney asked the Clerk to contact Cambridgeshire County Council to find out when the calvert was last cleared, he felt there was a meeting a last year. Cllr Fendley suggested getting the Community Flood Group organised for Slade Dyke with the Town Council initiating the first meeting, Cllr Maskell suggested it needed to be wider than Slade Dyke but for the whole Community.

Cllr Fendley thanked the staff for their support on 3<sup>rd</sup> January flooding.

b) Abusive Resident – The Clerk has been having issues from a resident when in Town. Council are now aware and told the Clerk to contact the Police.

219. **Working Parties**

To set meeting dates for the first quarter – Cemetery Working Party 6:15pm Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January. The Neighbourhood Pan meeting will be arranged by email.

**220. New Civic Centre Update.**

The building is now in use. Notice has been served on 7a Church Green. There have been enquires on renting the board room. The licence for the separate office starts on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Snagging list is being completed and the shed will be started during January. The office is being used by the public.

**221. New Email Addresses.**

The following Councillors require support in setting the email address up. M Clarke, J Clarke, L Knight A Costello, P Taylor, and E Welsh. Clerk to organise support.

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

a) Current Update of ongoing projects was tabled. **Noted**

**223. Attendances at Meetings and Organisations.**

Cllr Maskell updated council on the website.

Cllr Corney updated Council on the Moorings we have had the first drawings.

**224. District and County Councillor Update.**

Cllr Corney informed Council about the wild flower grants available.

**225. Meeting Dates.**

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council (Planning) would take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

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