

## RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 13 February 2020 at Ramsey Town Council, 7 Church Green, Ramsey.

**Present:** - Councillors Mrs L Brady, R Brereton, J Bufton, J Clarke, Ms M Clarke, Steve Corney (Mayor,) Mrs A Costello (Deputy Mayor,) R Costello, D Darmody, H Edwards, A Lavender, Mrs G Rayment, N Soer, E Welsh and P Wright. In Attendance, G Cook (Town Clerk.)

#### 11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor J Palmer.

#### 12. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Corney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.15, Planning Applications, as a Member of the District Council's Development Management Panel and reserved the right to change his view when presented with applications at the Panel. He also declared a pecuniary interest in items 15 (1.4,) (1.5,) (1.6,) and (1.7.) Cllrs J Clarke and Ms M Clarke declared a non-pecuniary interest in 15 (1.1.) Cllr D Darmody a pecuniary interest in 15 (1.9) and Cllr P Wright a non-pecuniary interest in (1.9.)

#### 13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were five members of public present. A gentleman, the First Responder for the area, outlined his responsibilities whilst requesting a donation from Council for further funding. Two members from the Initiative also requesting funding and two representatives of Accent Housing who discussed planning application 15 (1.3.)

#### 14. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2020 were approved as a correct record by 9 votes with 6 abstentions and duly signed.

#### 15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 1.1 **17/00630/FUL** - Erection of eleven houses, new roads and footpaths and making up Middlemoor Road and ancillary works – O S 1283 Middlemoor Road, Ramsey St Mary's – **Further information received**, Ecological Enhancement Strategy 19.12.20. **Refused** by 13 votes with 1 abstention. It was felt that the site is remote and would not provide residents with the social facilities they require.
- 1.2 **20/00132/FUL** – Proposed culverting and bank reinforcement works to comprise: 900mm internal diameter HDPE pipe through existing culvert, 35.9m of steel sheet piling, extended headwall, comprising reinforced slab base under the proposed pipe, foamed concrete infill surrounding the proposed pipe, engineered fill over the existing gas pipe and precast concrete block to form the parapet, two safety grilles, kee klamp rail, access steps, reinforced concrete slab on invert – Land at Junction of Chapel Road and Ugg Mere Court Road, Ramsey Heights. Unanimously **approved**. Proposed work is required to reinforce the bank and culvert.
- 1.3 **19/01576/FUL** -The construction of 86 Affordable Dwellings, including associated external works, roadways and parking – Land at the Corner of Stocking Fen Road and St Mary's Road, Ramsey – **Further information received** – Amended Plans and documents 20.01.20. **Approved** by 11 votes with 2 against and 1 abstention. Developers have listened to Council's previous concerns. Will provide needed affordable housing.
- 1.4 **19/00795/REM** – **Phase 1 Reserved Matters** Application for 79 dwellings and supporting infrastructure including details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to Outline Approval Reference 16/01530/OUT Land West of Park Road and The Malting on Biggin Lane, Ramsey. **Further information received** – New Plans. Unanimously **approved**. Council are in favour of the supporting infrastructure detailed in the application.
- 1.5 **19/00796/REM** – **Phase 2 Reserved Matters** Application for 62 dwellings and supporting infrastructure, including details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to Outline Approval Ref: 16/01530/OUT- Land West of Park Road and The Malting on Biggin Lane, Ramsey. New documents received. Unanimously **approved**. Council are in favour of the supporting infrastructure detailed in the application.
- 1.6 **19/00797/FUL** – **Phase 3 Full Planning Application** – for 52 dwellings and supporting infrastructure including details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale – Land West of Park Road and The Malting on Biggin Lane, Ramsey. Amended plans. Unanimously **refused**. Council are in favour of phases 1 & 2 for 141 dwellings per the appeal made to the Secretary of State but are against phase 3 due to over development of the area which will considerably impact on local infrastructure and services.

- 1.7 20/00126/S73 – Variation of Condition 4 and 16 of planning approval 16/01530/OUT – C4 Change to approved plans. C16, access arrangements** -Land West of Park Road and The Malting on Biggin Lane, Ramsey. Unanimously **approved**. Council agreed the changes to the access arrangements.
- 1.8 20/00170/HHFUL** Remove existing conservatory and replace with rear extension – 15 Taverners Drive, Ramsey. Unanimously **approved**. Proposal will not impact on neighbouring properties nor amenities.
- 1.9 20/00143/CLED** The continued use of No's 5&6 Abbey Rooms Lane, Ramsey as separate dwellings. 5-6 Abbey Rooms Lane, Ramsey. **Approved** by 13 votes with 1 abstention. Council agreed that the properties have been used as separate dwellings for a considerable number of years.

### **Planning – Other business**

Notice of an appeal against the refusal of application Ref: 18/01249/FUL – Create equestrian facilities and grazing land to include hard standing, 4 stables, a mobile home and fenced off areas to create grazing land – Land on South Side of Middle Drove, Ramsey Heights - Noted.

## **16. FINANCE ITEMS**

- a) Bank reconciliation figures to 31/01/20 – Noted.
- b) Financial Budget Comparison to 31/01/20 – Noted.
- c) BACS/Cheque list to be tabled and approved – Unanimously **approved**.
- d) Ramsey Initiative Grant Application – The Mayor declared a non-pecuniary interest and took no part in the discussion nor vote. **Refused** by 12 votes with 2 abstentions.
- e) Nappy Library – A donation of £250 was **approved** by 11 votes with 3 abstentions.

## **17. AMENITIES, HIGHWAYS, LEISURE AND CEMETERY ITEMS**

- a) Great Whyte rose beds – The clerk recommended turfing the rose beds and improving the aspect with seasonal flower planters. He was asked to prepare a plan.
- b) War Memorial refurbishment – the Mayor outlined the current situation and stated that we were awaiting more quotes.
- c) Transport Strategy – Cllr Mrs Costello tabled a report from Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust which was noted.
- d) Pondersbridge Road Calming – The Clerk outlined the anticipated cost received from the County Council.
- e) S106 funding for play areas – To look into cost of new pieces of play equipment.
- f) VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Celebrations – The Mayor outlined the celebrations at The Camp. The Council had budgeted £,1000 towards the cost.

## **18. TOWN MAYOR'S AND CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Councillor Vacancy – The date had passed to call for an election, no one had written in to date expressing an interest.
- b) Ramsey Market update – Noted.
- c) Letter of thanks from Canon Darmody - Noted.

## **19. ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS AND TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor and Cllr Lavender had attended a meeting of the Ramsey Initiative with Cllr Lavender also attending a meeting of the Phoenix Steering Group.  
The Mayor went on to list numerous events and functions he had attended since Christmas.

## **20. MEETING DATES**

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council would take place on Thursday 27 February 2020.