

RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 10 March 2022 @ 7pm Ramsey Town Council 7 Church Green, Ramsey

Present: - Councillors R Brereton (Deputy Mayor,) J Bufton, J Clarke, M Clarke, S Corney (Mayor,) H Edwards, V Fendley, A Lavender, J Palmer, G Rayment, N Soer and E Welsh. **In Attendance:** - G Cook, Town Clerk.

23. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs A Costello and R Costello.

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

Councillor Corney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.27, 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. Cllr Clarke declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.29 (b.)

25. **Public Participation** – There was one member of the public present who asked that the Town Council take responsibility for sourcing and erecting the Christmas tree.

26. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** – Minutes of 24 February 2022 were **APPROVED** by 8 votes with 3 abstentions and duly signed.

27. **Planning Applications for Consideration**

1.1 **21/02669/HHFUL** Internal and external remedial structure repairs – Bridge House, Forty Foot Bank, Ramsey Forty Foot. Unanimously **APPROVED** property in need of the remedial work.

28. **Financial Matters**

- a) Bank reconciliation figures to 28/02/22 – Noted.
- b) Financial Budget Comparison to 28/02/22 – Noted.
- c) BACS/Cheque list to be approved – Unanimously **APPROVED**.
- d) The Clerk outlined the recent salary award backdated to April 2021 of 1.75% as agreed by NALC and sort approval to implement the same for the Deputy Clerk who is hourly paid. Unanimously **APPROVED**.

29. **Amenities, Highways, Leisure and Cemetery Items**

- a) Quote for replacing condemned street lighting, Hollow Road, Ramsey Forty Foot – Unanimously **APPROVED**.
- b) Litter bins - New play area Ramsey St Mary's. **APPROVED** by 10 votes with 1 abstention to fund two litter bins and their emptying sited near to the entrances/exits of the play area.
- c) Telephone kiosk adoption – to consult on proposed use.
- d) Pondersbridge speed cushions – Council had concerns over use of speed cushions with the number of HGVs using the road and in particular the one cushion (Detail B) per the plan.

Cllr Welsh entered the meeting at 7.25pm.

30. **New Civic Centre Update**

Were currently awaiting two tenders to be returned. The removal of the stud walls had opened up a large space downstairs and the Mayor asked Cllrs to review the open space. An electrician had de-commissioned the electrics and installed a temporary board for contractors to work off. A plumber would also de-commission the gas supply and boiler.

The Mayor requested that any scrap value received for wiring or pipework go to the Mayor's Charity – Unanimously **APPROVED**.

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

- a) Resident's email re: Mews close parking - Noted.
- b) Community Pub bid – to be discussed at the next meeting. Although overall support was given.
- c) New code of conduct guideline would also be discussed fully at the next meeting.

32. **Attendances at meetings, organisations**

Cllr Brereton had attended the LHI bid meeting regarding the Stocking Fen Road mini roundabout. He also outlined the current situation regarding Booth's Hill funding and the bridge.

The Mayor had met with representatives from the County Council and Cadent gas regarding the proposed closure of Ugg Mere Court Road. Also, he had met to discuss lighting columns and the Christmas lights.

Cllr Lavender made Council aware of the collapsed grave in the closed churchyard which was the responsibility of the Maudsley Trust ways were being sought to solve the problem but would not involve the Town Council in any expense.

33. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council will take place on Thursday 24 March 2022 at 7pm.

Town Mayor _____ Date _____