

## RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 12 January 2023 at 7pm Ramsey Town Council 7 Church Green, Ramsey

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

The Mayor opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

01. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr A Costello.

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

Councillors Brereton and Corney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.166, Planning Applications, as Members of the District Council's Development Management Panel, and reserved the right to change their views when presented with applications at the Panel.

03. **Public Participation** – There were two members of the public present. Council was asked to consider joining forces with Bury and Upwood parish councils to enable additional pressure to be put upon both the County and District Councils when considering speeding problems within the area. This would also entail the District Council planning department taking a wider and more realistic view when considering traffic movements within planning applications and not dealing with each plan in isolation.

04. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** – Minutes of 8 December 2022 were unanimously **APPROVED** and duly signed.

05. **Planning Applications for Consideration**

- 1.1 **22/02322/S73** Variation of conditions 2 and 3 of 18/01416/ful – Land adjacent Starcross, Daintree Road, Ramsey St Marys. Unable to make a comment as not enough information is known with regard to the variation of conditions 2 & 3.
- 1.2 **22/02204/FUL** Minor development of 4 detached units – 192 Oilmills Road, Ramsey Mereside. **REFUSED** by 10 votes with 2 abstentions. Out of character with existing buildings within the area.
- 1.3 **22/02306/FUL** Proposed conversion of existing detached 4 bedroom dwelling to 2 x 2 bedroom terraces and 1 x 3 bedroom terrace. Demolition of existing porch/link extension to form detached bungalow including single storey rear extension forming 3 x bedrooms – 72A Great Whyte, Ramsey. Unanimously **REFUSED**. Over development of site, it was also felt that proposed access to and from the site was inadequate.

06. **Financial Matters**

- a) Bank reconciliation figures to 31/12/22 – Noted
- b) Financial Budget Comparison to 31/12/22 – Noted
- c) BACS/Cheque list to be approved – unanimously **APPROVED**.
- d) Budget 2022/23 – The clerk presented several options to fund the budget which had been agreed at the last meeting. After some debate it was recommended that the precept be set at £273,360, an increase of 20% on last year. **APPROVED** by 11 with 1 against.

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

- a) Tree planting – Cllr Fendley has access to around 50 trees, it was unanimously **APPROVED** to plant an area at the rear of Mill Lane playing field as part of Queen Elizabeth II green canopy.
- b) Youth shelter – **APPROVED** by 8 votes with 4 abstentions to site a youth shelter on Mill Lane playing field at a cost of £10,000.
- c) Christmas lights – Council confirmed that it was happy to continue with its donation as per the budget.
- d) King Charles III Coronation – To be discussed fully at next meeting.

08. **New Civic Centre Update**

Cllr Corney gave a resume of the work within the building. The new roof is now on and most of the stud work has been completed downstairs. Two conditions have now been signed off which means that the windows can now be ordered.

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

- a) Slade Dyke contract – Unanimously **APPROVED** that the Mayor sign the contract with the County Council to enable receipt of the grant for the work.
- b) The Fens Magazine – It was unanimously **APPROVED** that the Council submit an article to the magazine for the next 12 months at a cost of £100 per month.
- c) Booth's Hill – The Mayor reported that the new bridge had now been made and would be available for installation over the next two weeks.
- d) Cllr Corney asked for his concerns to be recorded over the work on the Horse pond and that not all the reeds were to be removed.
- e) The Clerk reported that interest had been shown by two individuals over the vacancies within the Council. Interested individuals would be asked to attend the next meeting.

**10. Attendances at Meetings and Organisations.**

Unfortunately, due to the many illnesses circulating none had been attended since the last meeting.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council will take place on Thursday 26 January 2023 at 7pm pending receipt of any plans. Next full Council Meeting will take place on Thursday 9 February 2023.

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