

RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 9 February 2023 at 7pm Ramsey Town Council 7 Church Green, Ramsey

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

12. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs M Clarke, J Palmer and E Welsh.
 13. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** -
Councillors Brereton and Corney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.17, 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. Cllrs Corney & Costello also declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute no. 19 (c) with Cllrs Brereton and Fendley 19 (d.)
 14. **Public Participation** – There were three members of the public present all prospective new Councillors.
 15. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** – Minutes of 12 January 2023 were **APPROVED** by 9 votes with 1 abstention and duly signed.
 16. **Vacancies on the Town Council**
The three prospective Councillors gave a brief resume of themselves and what they felt they could bring to the Council. All three were unanimously welcomed to the Council.
 17. **Planning Applications for Consideration**
 - 1.1 **22/02379/FUL** – Erection of a 2.5 storey dwelling with new access, turning and landscaping- Land South of 214A Herne Road, Ramsey St Marys. The Town Council would like to point out that it has a working relationship with the applicant as he has been engaged to undertake the works on the new Civic Hub. It was agreed by the Town Council that this did not impact on its decision in determining the application. Two neighbours have made comments and the Council felt these needed to be considered by the planning department. **APPROVED** by 8 votes with 2 against.
 - 1.2 **23/00120/HHFUL** – Erection of single storey and two storey side and rear extension – 12 Drayhorse Road, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED**. Site large enough to accommodate proposed extensions.
 - 1.3 **23/00142/HHFUL**- Erection of single storey front/side extension – 708A Herne Road, Ramsey St Marys. Unanimously **APPROVED** proposed extension will not impact on visual amenity.
- Planning - any other business**
New Tree Preservation Order No. 23/001 - covering 2 Biggin Lane, Ramsey – **No objections**.
18. **Financial Matters**
 - a) Bank reconciliation figures to 31/01/23 – Noted
 - b) Financial Budget Comparison to 31/01/23 – Noted
 - c) BACS/Cheque list to be approved – unanimously **APPROVED**.
 19. **Amenities, Highways, Leisure and Cemetery Items**
 - a) Groundsman/handyman – Agreed to discuss at Employment W/Party.
 - b) King Charles III Coronation – Clerk to write to organisations within the Town to ask if they require funding.
 - c) Community Centre and CIL donation – **APPROVED** by 8 votes with 2 abstentions to pledge £25,000 from CIL funds.
 - d) Skate Park update from Cllr Fendley – Unanimously **APPROVED** that the skate park be re-sited to the industrial estate adjacent to the MUGA. Clerk to inform Section 106 that the Council would not take ownership nor be responsible for the green space on the Seagate site.
 - e) UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Vibrant Communities £10k. The Town Council would be responsible for making the application to the District Council.
 20. **New Civic Centre Update**
Cllr Corney gave a resume of the work within the building. Work was progressing steadily. Cllr Corney had asked a local firm to quote for the solar panels and the clerk would ascertain if there were any grants available from the wind farm.

21. Town Mayor's and Clerk's correspondence

- a) List of Working Party Members for reference – Noted.
- b) Letter from Rev Iain Osborne re collapsed tomb- Council still talking with Maudesley Trust and have erected barriers and signs to warn individuals.
- c) Email re Mereside weight limit – Council agreed that it could not give its support.
- d) Parking spots for motor homes – Noted.

22. Attendances at Meetings and Organisations.

The Mayor had attended several meetings including ones at Slade Dyke and Abbey House. Cllr Corney had met with the local Police Sergeant.

23. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council will take place on Thursday 23 February 2023 at 7pm to discuss Town Council's response to the revised local plan engagement. Next full Council Meeting will take place on Thursday 9 March 2023.

Town Mayor _____ Date _____