

RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 13 April 2023 at 7pm Ramsey Town Council 7 Church Green, Ramsey

Present: - Councillors R Brereton (Mayor), J Aubin, J Bufton, J Clarke, M Clarke, S Corney, B Davidson, J Howe, C Maskell, J Palmer, G Rayment, N Soer and P Taylor. **In Attendance:** - G Cook, Town Clerk.

43. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs A Costello, A Lavender, V Fendley and E Welsh.
44. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** -
Councillors Brereton and Corney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.47, 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.
45. **Public Participation** – There was one member of the public present.
46. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** – Minutes of 23 March 2023 were unanimously **APPROVED** and duly signed.
47. **Planning Applications for Consideration**
1.1 22/01916/OUT – Proposed new dwelling (chalet bungalow) – 1 New Fen Farm, St Marys Road, Ramsey St Marys. **APPROVED** by 11 votes with 1 abstention. No neighbouring objections, the proposed development is in keeping with existing properties within the area.

Planning - any other business

- a) HDC Local Plan Update - Call for Sites Consultation. To be discussed at the next planning meeting.
- b) An appeal against refusal by HDC planners has been lodged by the applicant for a two storey extension to Unit 26 Highlode Industrial Estate, Ramsey 22/01079/FUL – Noted.

48. **Financial Matters**

- a) Bank reconciliation figures to 31/03/23 – Noted.
- b) Financial Budget Comparison to 31/03/23 – Noted.
- c) BACS/Cheque list to be approved – Unanimously **APPROVED**.
- d) Quote from E G Baxter re King George V gates – It was unanimously **AGREED** to accept the quote and write to the Cricket Club reclaiming the cost of rebuilding the pillar.
- e) Donation requests - St Thomas' Church, Pondersbridge – Unanimously **APPROVED** to make a donation of £350.
 - Ramsey OCD & Anxiety Support Group – Unanimously **APPROVED** to make a donation of £300 and contact re use of a room once the Civic Hub has been completed.
 - Cambridge Science Centre – A proposal was made and seconded to refuse the application. An amendment was then put forward and seconded to defer a decision and request further information. This was accepted by 10 votes with 2 against and thereby became the substantive proposal which was also **APPROVED** by 10 votes with 2 against.

Cllr Rayment left the meeting at 7.20pm prior to item 48 (d) being discussed.

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

- a) Mortuary Chapel – Verbal quotes had been received for work on the toilet of £6,000, awaiting written confirmation. Money to be taken from CIL funds. Also repairs to the cemetery wall of £7,400 was unanimously **APPROVED**.
Cllr Corney asked for it to be recorded that he was disappointed by the article in The Informer.

50. **New Civic Centre Update**

Cllr Corney gave a resume of the work within the building. Upstairs windows to be replaced on 24th of the month, plaster boarding currently being undertaken. It was **AGREED** that a shed was needed in the yard at the rear of the building for storage.

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

- a) Councillor surgeries – Unanimously **APPROVED** surgeries to be arranged monthly once in the new building. The Clerk pointed out that two Cllrs should always be in attendance.
- b) Middle Level Commissioners email – To clarify.
- c) VE Day remembrance service, Monday 8 May 2023 – Noted.
- d) Residents' emails – to circulate to Cllrs.

51. Attendances at Meetings and Organisations.

The Mayor outlined meetings he had undertaken with the contractors undertaking works on both Slade Dyke and the new bridge at Booth's Hill.

Waste at the bottom of the cemetery was also discussed and it was agreed to call a Cemetery Working Party meeting.

52. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council will take place on Thursday 27 April 2023 at 7pm pending receipt of any planning applications. Next full Council Meeting, the Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday 11 May 2023.

Town Mayor _____ Date _____