

RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 8 June 2023 at 7pm Ramsey Town Council 7 Church Green, Ramsey

Present: - Councillors J Aubin, R Brereton (Mayor), J Clarke, M Clarke, S Corney, A Costello, B Davidson, V Fendley, J Howe, T Lavender, C Maskell, G Rayment, N Soer and P Taylor. **In Attendance:** - L Renfree, Town Clerk.

82. **Welcome New Clerk**

Councillors welcomed the new clerk, Lisa Renfree.

83. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs J Bufton, J Palmer, E Walsh.

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

Councillor Brereton and Councillor Corney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.89, 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. Councillor T Lavender declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 1.1

85. **Public Participation** – There was one member of the public present.

Councillor S Corney joined the meeting 19:05

86. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** –

Minutes of 25 May 2023 were unanimously **APPROVED** as a correct record and duly signed.

87. **Retirement of Current Town Clerk**

Council **APPROVED** unanimously a one-off bonus payment £1,250 to the outgoing clerk in recognition of his services to the Council during his 15 years employment.

88. **Local Government Pension Scheme**

Council **APPROVED** unanimously to join the LGPS for current and future employees.

89. **Planning Applications for Consideration**

1.1 23/00747/HHFUL - Proposed elevational changes to rear, front and side elevations – 27 Biggin Lane, Ramsey. Councillors agreed unanimously as there are no neighbouring objections and the site is large enough for the proposed development to recommend the District Council approve the application.

1.2 23/00914/FUL – Change of use of redundant salon and amalgamation with 183 Herne Road to form annex 183A Herne Road, Ramsey St Marys. Councillors agreed unanimously with the condition it stays as a host dwelling to recommend the District Council approve the application.

1.3 23/00683/FUL – Conversion and alterations, pursuant to Prior Approval for change of use of agriculture buildings to commercial use as office and storage, with access and hardstanding works – Agricultural Buildings, Oak Farm, The Hollow, Ramsey. Councillors agreed unanimously as there are no neighbouring objections to recommend the District Council approve the application.

1.4 23/00970/HHFUL – Proposed garage/hobbies building – 45 Ramsey Road, Ramsey Forty Foot. Councillors agreed unanimously as there are no neighbouring objections to recommend the District Council approve the application.

Planning – any other business

a) **Local Plan Update.** Council reviewed the issues and vision documents tabled; a discussion took place with items to add. Councillors agreed at the meeting 22 July the final draft will be tabled to be approved.

90. **Financial Matters**

a) Bank reconciliation figures to 31/05/23 – Noted.

b) Financial Budget Comparison to 31/05/23 – Noted.

c) BACS/Cheque list to be approved – Unanimously **APPROVED**.

d) Annual insurance renewal – Unanimously **APPROVED** the 3-year insurance plan with Zurich.

91. **Amenities, Cemeteries, Highways, Leisure Items**

a) New Road Play Park – repositioning of bench. Councillors **APPROVED** the repositioning of a new bench, and to removal of the old bench for repair to be repositioned in the community.

b) Extension of Double yellow lines – High Street. Councillors **APPROVED** an application for the extension of double yellow lines on High Street.

c) Band Concerts- attached – Noted.

92. **New Civic Centre Update**

Councillor S Corney gave an update on the new Civic Centre. Windows now in, flooring going in this week and air conditioning installed. Councillors confirmed to the Clerk that the £8,000 in the budget did not include the telecommunications package. Councillors were invited to meet at the Civic Hub 18:15 pre the Planning meeting.

93. Town Mayor's and Clerk's Correspondence

a) To agree planting of wildflower in the closed churchyard. The Mayor updated Council that we no longer needed to agree as the Church has a bio-diversity group working on the closed churchyard.
King George V playing field gates are being refurbished.
There is a meeting with the Mayor and Cambridgeshire County Council in June for further discussion on Booth's Hill.
Councillors have received a letter from Abbey College for support for their LHI bid for safer roads.

94. Attendances at Meetings and External Organisations

Mayor had attended Acorn Cancer group.
Mayor Opened the Church Fete.
Mayor attended Bury Council meeting.
Deputy Mayor Councillor V Fendley attended the Church Fete.
Councillor S Corney attended Local Plan progress at Huntingdonshire District Council.
Councillor A Costello attended Bury Parish meeting for Speeding issues. Councillor C Maskell as the Town Council's representative was asked to take the lead on this group.

95. Meeting Dates

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council is Planning 22 June 2023 7pm, Councillors are invited to meet at the Civic Hub for an update at 6:15pm.

96. Thank you

Councillors, led by the Mayor, thanked the retiring Clerk for his hard work and service over the last 15 years. There will be a retirement event after the planning meeting 22 June.

Town Mayor _____

Date _____