

## RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 11 May 2023 at 7pm Ramsey Town Council 7 Church Green, Ramsey

**Present:** - Councillors J Aubin, R Brereton (Mayor), J Bufton, J Clarke, M Clarke, A Costello, V Fendley, J Howe, T Lavender, J Palmer, G Rayment, N Soer and P Taylor. **In Attendance:** - G Cook, Town Clerk.

59. **Election of Town Mayor for 2023/24**  
Councillor Brereton was proposed, no other Councillor stood from the floor, Cllr Brereton was elected unopposed.
60. **Election of Deputy Town Mayor for 2023/24**  
Councillor Fendley was proposed, no other Councillor stood from the floor, Cllr Fendley was elected unopposed.
61. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs S Corney, B Davidson, C Maskell.
62. **To Receive Declarations of Interest -**  
Councillor Brereton declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.65, Planning Applications, as a Member of the District Council's Development Management Panel and reserved the right to change his views when presented with applications at the Panel.
63. **Public Participation** – There was one member of the public present.
64. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** –  
Minutes of 27 April 2023 were unanimously **APPROVED** as a correct record and duly signed.
65. **Planning Applications for Consideration**  
**1.1 23/00707/CLED** – Lawful development certificate for use of the site as a smallholding. Land North of 91 Ugg Mere Court Road, Ramsey St Marys. Councillors agreed unanimously to recommend the District Council approve the application. There were no neighbouring objections.  
**1.2 22/01502/LBC and FUL** – Proposed conversion of and extension to Coach House to form residential annexe, ancillary to the use of the principal dwelling. Barn, The Gables, High Street, Ramsey. Councillors agreed unanimously to recommend the District Council approve the application. There were no neighbouring objections.
66. **End of Year Accounts and Annual Governance Statement**  
The end of year accounts and annual return were presented by the Clerk. The annual governance statement was duly acknowledged and unanimously **APPROVED**. The end of year accounts were also unanimously **APPROVED** with all the documents being signed by the Clerk and Chairman.
67. **Review of the Council's Policies, Procedures, Regulations and Delegated Powers**  
Councillors **APPROVED** the current policies, procedures, regulations, and delegated powers having agreed no amendments were required.
68. **Financial Matters**  
a) Bank reconciliation figures to 30/04/23 – Noted.  
b) BACS/Cheque list to be approved – Unanimously **APPROVED**.  
c) Donation requests -  
**Ramsey in Bloom**- Council **APPROVED** unanimously, the donation with a 10% increase on last year's donation to £660. Council asked the Clerk to contact Mrs Jackson to review how the Council could support the Ramsey in Bloom volunteers in the future.  
**Summer Reading Challenge** – Council **APPROVED** unanimously a donation of £300.
69. **New Civic Centre Update**  
The Town Clerk gave an update on the new Civic Centre. Windows upstairs were due to go in on the 24 May and currently there was no update on a date for the lift going in. Councillors agreed not to use the Civic Centre until the work had been fully completed.
70. **Town Council Representatives on External Organisations**  
Changes to the representation was as follows:  
Councillors Howe and Taylor would now represent the Council on the Maudsley Trust replacing Councillor Lavender and Mr Williams.  
Councillor Rayment would now represent the Council on the Heritage Group replacing Councillor Costello.
71. **Review of Working Party Memberships**  
The changes to the Working Party Memberships were as follows:  
Councillor Aubin - the Amenities, Highways and Leisure working party.  
Councillor Rayment stood down from the Civic Centre working party.

72. **Amenities, Highways, Leisure and Cemetery Item**  
Post of Handyman – Council unanimously **APPROVED** the Employment working party recommendation to advertise for a self-employed Handyman for a period of two years, to be reviewed.
73. **Town Mayor’s and Clerk’s correspondence**  
a) Council **APPROVED** unanimously to pay for the transport cost for the Ashbeach school to visit the pop-up Science Centre four times at a cost of £225 per visit.  
b) Council **APPROVED** unanimously the cost £1530 for the double yellow lines on the High Street.  
c) Council **NOTED** the thank you card for the Council funding the Residents Tea Party.  
d) Council **APPROVED** the quote from Ramshed for the maintenance of the Phone Box on Little Whyte at a total cost of £2233 which will house the defibrillator.  
e) Matt Badcock had been approached to quote for the clearing of the Moat at Booth’s Hill. Cambridgeshire County Council had a budget of £3,500 to cover the costs.  
f) The Mayor informed Council of the invitation to a talk on the Parish Plan at the District Council held on 24 May and 5 June. The consultation for the Council to make representation closed on Wednesday 7 June. This would be an agenda item at the Planning Meeting on 25 May.
74. **Attendances at Meetings and Organisations.**  
The Mayor attended several events across the Parish over the Coronation weekend, this included Residents Tea Party at Forty Foot Village Hall, Sunday Service at the Thomas a Becket Church, The VE Day Memorial, the Street Party held at the Forties Camp and the Rural Museum Afternoon Tea.  
The Mayor, Councillors Fendley and Rayment also visited Ramsey schools to deliver Coronation badges funded by the Town Council to be presented to the children.
75. **Date of Next Meeting**  
The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council would take place on Thursday 25 May 2023 at 7pm. Next full Council Meeting Thursday 8 June.

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