

# RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Ramsey Town Council to be held at **Ramsey Town Council 7 Church Green, Ramsey on Thursday 24 August 2023 at 7.00pm**, when the following items of business will be transacted: -

**Please ensure all mobile phones are switched off or turned to silent during the meeting.**

## A G E N D A

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations from Members as to disclosable pecuniary and other interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any agenda item.

#### 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To allow 20 minutes for any members of the public to address the Council.

#### 3. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10th August 2023.

#### 4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**1.1 23/00959/FUL** Erection of an agricultural bungalow – Land South of Hollow Head Farm, Hollow Lane, Ramsey.

**1.2 23/01438/HHFUL** Erection of a two storey side extension – 51 Park Road, Ramsey.

**1.3 23/01489/TREE** Walnut (T1) Crown thinning up to 25%. Crown lift to height of 4m above ground level. Works are to stabilise the trunk – 12 Church Green, Ramsey.

**1.4 23/01336/HHFUL** Erection of rear two and single storey extensions – 58 Hollow Lane, Ramsey.

**Would Cllrs please make time to look at the planning items on the District Council's website before the meeting by accessing the HDC planning portal.**

#### PLANNING – OTHER BUSINESS

- Clarke Telecom pre application consultation letter attached.

#### 5. MEETING DATES

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council will take place on 14th September 2023 at 7pm.

Lisa Renfree

18th August 2023



Town Clerk

## RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 10 August 2023 at 7pm Ramsey Town Council 7 Church Green, Ramsey

**Present:** - Councillors J Aubin, R Brereton (Mayor), J Bufton, M Clarke, J Clarke, A Costello, B Davidson, J Howe, A Lavender, C Maskell, N Soer, P Taylor, E Welsh. **In Attendance:** - L Renfree, Town Clerk.

125. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs S Corney, V Fendley, J Palmer, G Rayment

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

Councillors Brereton declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.129, 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. Councillor Brereton declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6a.

127. **Public Participation** – Three members of Huntingdonshire Volunteer Centre addressed the Council in support of item 5f.

128. **Finance Item 5f** – Councillors **AGREED** to bring the item forward on the agenda.

Grant request – Huntingdonshire Volunteer Centre £5,000. It was unanimously agreed to send the grant application to the Finance Working Party.

129. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** – Minutes of 27 July 2023 were **APPROVED** unanimously. The minutes were duly signed.

130. **Planning Applications for Consideration**

1.1 **23/01326/OUT** – Proposed removal of haulage yard and replace with up to 3 residential dwellings with associated access – All matters reserved except access – Fenced compound adjacent 5 Mereside Drive, Ramsey Mereside. **APPROVED** Unanimously- Councillors agreed to recommend that District Council approve the application and agree with the resident comment on the speed limit.

1.2 **23/01401/HHFUL**- Erection of rear extension to bungalow -Wavendon, Daintree Road, Ramsey St Mary's. **APPROVED** Unanimously – Councillors agreed to recommend that District Council recommend approval of this application as there are no neighbouring objections.

131. **Finance Items**

a) Bank reconciliation figures to 31/07/23 – noted

b) Financial Budget Comparison to 31/07/23 – noted

c) BACS/Cheque list to be Approved – one amendment CPRE should read as £48.00 making the total £70022.62 -**APPROVED** Unanimously.

d) Expenditure transactions – **APPROVED with 1 abstention**

e) Grant Request – Abbey College- Agreed to send to the Finance Working Party.

132. **Amenities, Cemeteries, Highways and Leisure Items**

a) Skate Park Contract for information – Noted

b) Winter Gritting Volunteers – Cllr Howe, Cllr Maskell, Cllr Welsh the Support Worker and Clerk to be put forward as volunteers.

c) To note that the Town Council's 2023/4 LHI application for parking restrictions at two junctions in Field Road has been successful.

133. **New Civic Update**

The Clerk tabled an update for the Civic Hub. Fire doors are now purchased, blinds for the Board room are being installed on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> August. The Lift installation is week comm 28<sup>th</sup> August, the flat roof works are imminent. The flag pole has been purchased and is awaiting installation and Cllr Corney is chasing up the fascia's. All the IT is ready for the move and the Council should be looking to a mid-September move in date. A Working Party will be meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> August post the Planning meeting.

134. **Working Party Recommendations**

The Cemetery Working Party met on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July and made the following recommendations to Council.

- That Topple Testing be carried out in the Cemetery – Cllr Lavender outlined the system he and Cllr J Clarke used for the last Topple Test undertaken. **APPROVED** unanimously Cllr Aubin, Maskell and Welsh agreed to help with the Topple Test.
- That the bushes at the entrance to the second gates at the Cemetery be tidied up. **APPROVED** unanimously.

The Employment Working Party met on the 27<sup>th</sup> July and recommend to Council the following

- M Badcock be taken on as self-employed handyman with S Bell in reserve. **APPROVED** unanimously.
- Ryan Proctor be employed as the Support Worker for one day pre week (six hours). **APPROVED** unanimously.

- The job description for Junior Receptionist for 12 hours a week on a salary above the Living Wage be agreed and advertised with a start date of the opening of the Civic Hub. **APPROVED** unanimously.

**135. Town Mayor's and Clerks Correspondence**

a) Clerk update – The Clerk tabled an updated list of works actioned and in progress and tabled the current projects list. Noted

b) Financial Regulations (previously circulated) Noted.

The mayor had met with Muir Housing to look at the possibility of getting the Canberra Court gates locked in support of the fly tipping in Slade Dyke. It was a positive meeting, and the Clerk is to keep up the communication with them. The mayor met with Justin Clarke, HDC Road Sweeping Manager who has been in post for 3 weeks and took him around the Parish looking at the state of the kerbs. Mr Clarke said they are in communication with County Council on this matter.

**136. District and County Councillor Report**

Cllr Clarke spoke about the green bin charge which is starting in April, that the Opposition Party had called it in to Overview and Scrutiny, the meeting is being held Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023. There has not been a green bin charge since 1974 and this will be outlined at the meeting.

Cllr Costello spoke about the County Council no longer spraying the weeds in the kerbs as they don't want to use chemicals.

**137. Meeting Dates**

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council (Planning) will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August. It will be preceded by a Finance Working Party at 6pm and followed by a Civic Hub Working Party on conclusion of the Planning meeting.

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