

## RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 24 August 2023 at 7pm Ramsey Town Council 7 Church Green, Ramsey

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

138. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs J Bufton, M Clarke, S Corney, J Howe, J Palmer, G Rayment

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

Councillors Brereton declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.142, 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.

140. **Public Participation** There were no members of the public at the meeting.

141. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** – Minutes of 10 August 2023 were **APPROVED** 10 For and 1 Abstention. The minutes were duly signed.

142. **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 Drove, 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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_