

## RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 12 October 2023 at 7:00pm Ramsey Town Council 7 Church Green, Ramsey

**Present:** - Councillors J Aubin, R Brereton, J Bufton, M Clarke, S Corney, A Costello, V Fendley, J Howe, A Lavender, C Maskell, J Palmer, G Rayment, N Soer, P Taylor. **In Attendance:** - L Renfree, Town Clerk.

166. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs, J Clarke, B Davidson, E Welsh.
167. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** -  
Councillors Brereton and Corney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.170, Planning Applications, as a Member of the District Council's Development Management Panel and reserved the right to change their views when presented with applications at the Panel. Cllr Fendley declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 174.
168. **Public Participation** There was one member of the public who spoke to the Council Members about the increased levels of crime in the community.
169. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** – Minutes of 28th September 2023 were **APPROVED** unanimously. The minutes were duly signed.
170. **Planning Applications for Consideration**  
**1.1 23/01808/CLED** Lawful development certificate for the use of static caravan for permanent residential occupation. Land North of 91 Ugg Mere Court Road, Ramsey St Marys. **REFUSAL** 13 Councillors against and 1 abstention for District Council to refuse this application. Council was not convinced there was enough evidence to support the approval of the certificate.  
**1.2 23/01697/HHFUL** Single storey rear extension to previously altered dwelling, 153 Oilmills Road, Ramsey Mereside. PE26 2UA **APPROVED** Ramsey Town council voted unanimously that District Council approve the application. It is in keeping with the current building and there are no neighbouring objections. A late application was agreed by Councillors to be tabled at the meeting:  
**23/01886/TREE** T2 Hornbeam – removal. **APPROVED** unanimously to recommend the application and their views are that if the Tree Officer deems it necessary then it must go ahead.
171. **Finance Items**  
a) Bank reconciliation figures to 30/09/23 – **Noted**  
b) Financial Budget Comparison to 30/09/23 – **Noted**  
c) BACS/ Cheques list approval – **APPROVED** Unanimously.  
d) Pension – Council Approved The Clerk Lisa Ann Renfree to join the LGPS from her first day of employment 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023.  
e) Article Informer v Fen Magazine – Council asked the Clerk to contact the Informer for a free article and also cost for producing a newsletter with distribution.  
f) Ramsey in Bloom Bowser – Council **APPROVED** unanimously to purchase a Water Bowser to be owned and kept by the Ramsey Town Council which can be used by the Ramsey in Bloom Volunteers.  
  
Councillors Costello and Howe left the meeting at 19:40pm.
172. **Amenities, Cemeteries, Highways and Leisure Items.**  
a) Ramsey St Marys replacement play equipment – **APPROVED** unanimously.  
b) King George V replacement play equipment – The Clerk to circulate the new costings once the quote has been received. **Noted.**  
c) Wet pour repair King George V – The Clerk to put on hold until a revised quote comes in with an Inclusive Roundabout with wet pour. **Noted**  
d) Replacement goals at Ramsey Forty Foot playing field. **APPROVED** unanimously.  
e) Tree work Closed Churchyard quote. **APPROVED** unanimously to accept the quote from J Greenwood.
173. **New Civic Centre Update.**  
Cllr Corney gave an update on the new Offices.  
a) Shed – Cllr Corney will build the shed as a volunteer but the material cost would be up to £6,000. **APPROVED** unanimously with the cost to include lighting.

- b) Office Advert – Council asked for the size of the separate office to be added and the days and times it could be open. **APPROVED** unanimously with the agreed changes.
- c) Colour of lettering on the fascia boards – Council asked the Clerk to circulate signage in white and in gold and with different font types for the next meeting. **Noted.**

**174. Youth Club Reports.**

Councillor Aubin gave Council an overview of the Youth Club activities and tabled parent and children's Comments. Councillors noted their thanks for the great work and support the Youth Clubs give to the young people in the community.

**175. The Moorings.**

Councillor Corney spoke about the commitment Council has to supply a water pipe and rubbish storage at The Moorings. Council was asked to accept the fee quote of £1550 plus vat from distinct Design. **APPROVED** unanimously.

**176. Town Mayor's and Clerk's Correspondence.**

- a) Current Update of ongoing projects was tabled. **Noted**
- b) Programme for Working Parties from October to December – **Noted**
- c) Councillor email update – The Clerk informed Council that the .gov.uk emails will be ready for use once Council is in operation at the new building. **Noted**
- d) Code of Conduct circulated prior to the meeting - The Clerk reminded Council of the Standards required at all Official meetings. **Noted**

**177. Attendances at Meetings and Organisations.**

The Mayor asked for a Councillor to attend Huntingdonshire's Development Management Panel on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 7pm to speak on behalf of the Council for refusal of planning number 19/01847/FUL. **Cllr C Maskell agreed to attend.**

The Mayor notified Council that himself, Cllr Fendley and the Clerk will be meeting The Police and Crime Commissioner on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

The Development Management Panel at Huntingdonshire District Council had provided training on 30<sup>th</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> November for Members. Cllr Fendley, Cllr Maskell and Cllr Davidson had applied. Any other Councillor interested was to contact the Clerk.

**178. District and County Councillor Update.**

Nothing to report this month.

**179. Meeting Dates.**

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council would take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 7pm for a Planning meeting.

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