

RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 08 February 2024 at 7:00pm Ramsey Town Council 11 Great Whyte, Ramsey

Present: - Councillors J Aubin, R Brereton, J Bufton, J Clarke, M Clarke, A Costello, B Davidson, V Fendley, L Knight, A Lavender, C Maskell, J Palmer, G Rayment, N Soer, P Taylor, E Welsh.

In Attendance: L Renfree, Town Clerk.

226. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Corney

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

Councillor Brereton declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.230, 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.

228. **Public Participation** There were no members of the public present.

229. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** – Minutes of 11th January 2024 were **APPROVED**.

230. **Planning Applications for Consideration**

1.1 24/00099/HHFUL – Installation of a heat pump to replace existing boiler – 248 Ugg Mere Court Road, Ramsey Heights. Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** in favour of the District Council approving the application. There are no neighbouring objections and felt there would be no impact on the neighbours.

1.2 24/00136/FUL & 137/LBC – Change of use from a vacant bank/indoor market (Class E) to a hot food takeaway (sui generis) to include the installation of extract and ventilation equipment and minor external alterations -11A Great Whyte, Ramsey. Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY For REFUSAL** District Council approving the application. Councillors felt that the highways issues with the increase in traffic, the lack of parking at peak times (5-8pm) are reasons for the refusal.

231. **Planning Other Business**

Preplanning Application Consultation – proposed installation of telecoms apparatus at Tom Jones Memorial Field, Mill Lane, Ramsey. Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** in favour of the District Council approving the application.

TREE APPLICATION 24/00211/TREE – T1 Sycamore 2 Parkholme gardens – Council Approved for the Clerk to respond with If the Tree Officer deems it necessary then the work should go ahead.

232. **Finance Items**

- a) Financial Summary -Cash Book to 31/01/24 – **Noted**
- b) Expenditure Transactions – **APPROVED** Unanimously.

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

- a) Bands on the Green- Councillor attendance. Council asked the Clerk to send the dates round for Councillors to commit to the events. Clerk was asked to send the attachment ris+

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Thomas a Becket for Councillors to overview.

- b) Proposed Shelter – King George V Playing Field. Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** in favour of placing a Shelter on the playing field with a matting base, funds to be taken from CIL.
- c) Proposed additional LHI applications for 20mph – Cllr Costello asked Council to look into an LHI bid for proposing 20mph speed limits in the villages of Heights, St Mary's, Forty Foot and Mereside. Council voted **8 in Favour, 6 Against and 2 Abstentions**.
- d) Burglar alarm – Council agreed for the Clerk to purchase and install a Burglar alarm system with Lone working up to the value of £2,000

234. **New Civic Centre Update.**

- a) Opening Feedback – at the official opening there was over 50 guests, and the building was very well received. On Saturday 3rd February the building was opened for the residents to look around, over 40 residents viewing the facilities.
- b) Wednesday Opening Hours – Council agreed to change the Wednesday opening hours from closed to 10:30-2:30pm.
- c) Cover for the Clerk’s holiday – Cover was required from 2pm-4pm on 16th, 19th, 22nd,23rd February. Councillors agreed to cover.

235. New Email Addresses.

There was three Councillors requiring support. The Clerk reminded Councillors not to forward on Council sensitive emails and to not reply all when responding.

236. Town Mayor’s and Clerk’s Correspondence.

- a) Current Update of ongoing projects was tabled. **Noted**
- b) Cllr Brereton gave an update on the Pavilion. The CIO is now in place and clubs are now operating from there: Bosh, Crunch, Brownies, Dogs Meet, Youth café and a pop-up café on a Wednesday and Friday.

237. Attendances at Meetings and Organisations.

Cllr Fendley and Cllr Brereton met with Julie Trance from the Bio-diversity project at Huntingdonshire District Council to discuss the wild flowering on King George V playing field. Cllr Fendley asked Council for permission to apply for the grant. Council voted 15 in Favour and 1 Against.

238. District and County Councillor Update.

Cllr Costello informed Council that the Double Yellow Line project on Field Road, Princes Street and Star Lane is now a delegated decision.

Cllr Costello informed Council that Cambridgeshire County Council are meeting on Tuesday 13th February to agree the budget for 24/25.

Cllr Brereton informed Council that Huntingdonshire District Council launched the Shop Front Grant Scheme on the 1st February. They can apply for 80% of their costs up to the cost of £10,000.

Cllr Brereton informed Council that Huntingdonshire District Council have launched i-naturalist app, an app to scan wildlife, insects and plant to upload to build a picture of what species are in the Huntingdonshire area.

239. Meeting Dates.

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council (Planning) would take place on Thursday 22nd February at 7pm.

Town Mayor _____ Date _____