

RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 11 July 2024 at 7:00pm Ramsey Town Council 11 Great Whyte, Ramsey

Present: Cllrs J Bufton, J Clarke, M Clarke, S Corney, A Costello, B Davidson, V Fendley (Mayor), L Knight, A Lavender, C Maskell, G Rayment, N Soer and P Taylor.

In attendance: L Renfree Town Clerk.

27 – Apologies for Absence: Cllrs J Aubin, R Brereton, J Palmer, and E Welsh.

28 - To Receive Declarations of Interest: Cllrs S Corney and J Clarke all declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.31, Planning Applications, as Members of the District Council's Development Management Panel and reserved the right to change their views when presented with applications at the panel.

29 – Public Participation: There were 2 members of the public present.

30 – Minutes of the Last Meeting to be Approved: Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the minutes of 13 June 2024 as a correct record.

31 – Planning Applications for Consideration:

1.1 Lawful Development Certificate for existing mobile home – Majors Lodge, Dawsons Farm, Puddock Road, Warboys. Councillors could not say how long the mobile home had been situated there.

Other Business

- Disabled parking space application for Park Road, Ramsey. Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to support the application.

32 – Financial Matters:

- a) Financial summary – Cash Book tabled to 30 June 2024. **Noted**
- b) Expenditure Transactions – tabled for approval. Ramsey Town Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to **APPROVE** the expenditure transactions.

33 – Amenities, Cemeteries, Highways and Leisure Items

- a) Bin on Millfield's – new placement – Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** for the placement of the Millfield's bin be moved to the other side of the park due to vandalism.

34 – Working Parties – Finance working Party recommendations from their meeting of 27 June 2024.

- a) To recommend that Council make payment of £7,883.86 ex vat for the annual CCTV cost- Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** for payment to be made.
- b) To recommend that Council buy a solar powered SID (Speed Indicator Device) for Ramsey Forty Foot to replace the one taken to Pondersbridge, it must be compatible with the other SIDs the Council owns. Cost £2995.00 ex vat – Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to purchase the SID.

- c) To recommend the quote for Solar panels on the Civic building roof from Cambs Electrical £ £7750.00 ex vat. Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** for the quote to be accepted. The Council want the solar panels with a battery unit to feed back to the National grid – Clerk to bring the quote to the next Council meeting.
- d) To recommend acceptance of CPCA funding to be ringfenced in the RTC bank account for the Economic Development Project – Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to agree to this request.

Cemetery Working Party recommendations from their meeting 27 June 2024.

- a) To recommend that the path going from the Mortuary building to the back of the Cemetery be piloted first for resurfacing work and to purchase 2 tonnes of granite dust to lay onto the path – Council **UNANIMOUSLY** recommended the project pilot and purchase of the granite.

35 – Town Mayor’s and Clerk’s Correspondence –

- a) Anti-social behaviour update – The Mayor updated the council on her meeting of Friday 5 June with the local Police Sergeant regarding the anti-social behaviour in the Town Centre. The Police would now seek a PSPO (Public Space Protection Order) to try and combat the issue. **Councillors asked the Mayor if this could be extended to the New Road play Park area. The Mayor would speak to the Sgt at their next meeting.**
- b) Bio-diversity project update – The Mayor updated the council that a grant has been awarded to the Council to buy bulbs, bird boxes, bat boxes and insect houses for King George V playing field. The planting would take place in October 2024 during the half term holidays so the children could be involved in the project.
- c) The Clerk asked the Council to support a letter being written to the Upwood and Great Raveleys Independent Drainage Board to support the developer Galliard in moving the Northern Gateway project forward. **Council agreed to this and asked for a letter to be sent to the Middle Level Commissioners for the same reason.**

36 – Attendance at Meetings or Organisations –

- a) The Mayor fed back on her meeting with CCC over the process for the 20mph zone scheme. Cllr Fendley asked for information around how the decision to extend 20mph from outside of schools to the whole town came about. The response from CCC was ‘That significant evidence had been built up over many years of monitoring speeds, accident rates, and before and after studies following the implementation of schemes elsewhere. CCC also informed Cllr Fendley that in December 2022 at the Highways and Transport committee meeting, proposals for funding from the Combined Authorities Transforming Cities Fund was agreed towards Countywide Speed Reduction Measures. Ramsey and Bury was included within the funding allocation.
Cllr Fendley informed the CCC that some residents responded more than once in RTC informal online poll and asked if that had affected the process. CCC informed Cllr Fendley it had not, and the poll result did not form part of the formal consultation conducted by CCC which was in line with legislation. The vote taken

by RTC on 9 March 2023 was to move the project forward to formal consultation with CCC. CCC stated they had received six formal complaints which all six had been responded to. CCC would continue to monitor future accidents and data. Cllr Fendley stated that the weeds in the kerbside would be sprayed in October 2024.

- b) HDC Economic Development update – The Mayor gave an update prior to the HDC press release going to press. The Business Consultants had met with customer facing shop owners in town to develop the business plan. The public consultation would take place in September 2024.
- c) Neighbourhood Plan Meeting (NHP) – The Mayor updated Council on the NHP steering group meeting which took place on 2 July 2024. There was a good mix of Councillors and residents all taking actions. The minutes of the meeting had been circulated. The next meeting would be on Monday 29 July 6:30pm.

37. District and County Councillor Update:

District Councillor: Cllr Corney explained about a new contextual website which was outward facing, holding statistics on health and wellbeing that would be updated along with national statistics. This could be found on the Huntingdonshire District Council Website.

District Councillor: Cllr J Clarke informed Council that the Development Management Panel would be meeting on Monday 15 July and the Domino's Pizza Application was on the agenda; Cllr Fendley would be speaking on behalf of RTC. Cllr J Clarke also informed Council that some green bins had not been collected and green bins were being collected from properties that had not paid the subscription.

County Councillor: Cllr Costello informed Council that the gully clearance for Ramsey was not on the list until July-Sept 2025. Cllr Costello asked Council to report all flooding instances to her for evidence that they need cleaning sooner. Council was disappointed in the time frame as they have not been cleared since 2021.

Date of the Next Meeting – Thursday 25 July (Planning) 7pm

Town Mayor _____ Date _____