

RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Ramsey Town Council to be held at **7pm on Thursday 12th September 2024**, at **11 Great Whyte, Ramsey**, when the following items of business will be transacted: -

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

The meeting room will open to the public at 18.50.

Lisa Renfree

6th September 2024



Town Clerk/RFO

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 8th August 2024, previously circulated – attached.

4. PLANNING

1.1 24/01543/HHFUL Erection of single storey rear extension, internal alterations and demolition of conservatory – 1 Hollow Lane, Ramsey.

1.2 24/01072/HHFUL Further information received on this previous application – Erection of single storey rear extension and erection of 1.2m fence – 10 South Walk, Ramsey.

Please can Councillors look at the plans on Huntingdonshire District Council Planning Portal before attending the meeting.

5. FINANCE ITEMS

- a) Financial Summary - Cash book to 31/08/24 – to be tabled.
- b) Expenditure Transactions – to be tabled.

6. AMENITIES, CEMETERIES, HIGHWAYS AND LEISURE ITEMS

- a) SID Update.

7. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY POLICY

To agree the Policy – attached.

8. WORKING PARTIES RECOMMENDATIONS

To vote on recommendations from the following Working Parties.

Communications:

- a) Recommendation the final draft of the newsletter.

Finance/Employment Working Party:

- a) Recommended to offer a six-month contract to cover Thursday and Friday Reception.
- b) Recommend starting the process of recruiting a Full Time Deputy Clerk.
- c) Recommended to start the process of recruiting Full Time Grounds Maintenance person.
- d) Recommend having a Grant Application Window, twice a year.
- e) Recommendation £400 - Grant application – Ramsey and District Day Centre (Ramsey Senior Lunch Club).
- f) Recommendation £400 – Grant application - Ramsey Forty Foot Flyer.
- g) Recommendation to stop the Terracycle Trial.
- h) Recommendation to fund the newsletter £1,260 for 8,000 copies.

Amenities, Highways and Leisure Working Party:

- a) Recommendation the Ramsey Market stays as is for the foreseeable future and ask Haydn Edwards to open and close the market.
- b) Recommendation to accept the quote £3,200 to refurbish the three Millenium signs in Ramsey.
- c) Recommendation to buy a Speed Indicator Device for Ramsey Mereside and to buy a Speed Indicator Device to be flexible for Hot Spots.
- d) Recommendation to accept the Tree Survey quote of £1850.

9. NOMINATION FOR THE FREEDOM OF THE TOWN.

- a) Recommendation to accept the nomination for the Freedom of the Town.

10. TOWN MAYOR'S AND CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Middle Level email regarding surface water drainage at Ramsey Business Park development.
- b) Ongoing Work update – tabled.

11. ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS:

- a) Neighbourhood Plan update.
- b) HDC improvements update.

12. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE:

13. MEETING DATES

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council (Planning) will take place on 26th September at 7pm.

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MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
held on Thursday 08 August 2024 at 7:00pm
Ramsey Town Council 11 Great Whyte, Ramsey

Present: Cllrs R Brereton, J Bufton, J Clarke, M Clarke, S Corney (Deputy Mayor), A Costello, B Davidson, L Knight, C Maskell, G Rayment, N Soer. **In attendance:** L Renfree Town Clerk.

Cllr Corney took the Chair.

44 – Apologies for Absence: Cllrs J Aubin, V Fendley, A Lavender, J Palmer, P Taylor, and E Welsh.

45 - To Receive Declarations of Interest: Cllrs R Brereton, S Corney and J Clarke all declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.48, 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.

46 – Public Participation: Four members of the public were present. Two spoke on behalf of planning application 1.4 and one voiced shopkeepers concerns over the pedestrianisation, one came to observe the meeting.

47 – Minutes of the Last Meeting to be Approved: Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the minutes of 25 July 2024 as a correct record.

48 – Planning Applications for Consideration:

- 1.1 24/01238/HHFUL** Erection of rear two storey extension involving the replacement of the existing dwelling roof, erection of front porch, internal alterations, and associated works – 81 Herne Road, Ramsey St Mary's, Huntingdon. Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** for the District Council to **APPROVE** this application. They considered the application to complement the existing property, the drainage impact acceptable and there are no neighbouring objections.
- 1.2 24/00896/OUT** Outline application (all matters reserved except access) for one dwelling – Land adjacent 5 Mereside Drove, Ramsey Mereside. Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** for the District Council to **APPROVE** this outline application.
- 1.3 24/01151/FUL** Replacement single storey portable building for ongoing commercial use – 19 Stocking Fen Road, Ramsey. Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** for the District Council to **APPROVE** this application; they considered the design complemented the character of the area.
- 1.4 24/01111/FUL** Change of use of paddock and siting of shepherd hut for holiday let purposes. Alteration to fence – South View, Harpers Drove, Ramsey Heights. Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** for the District Council to **APPROVE** this application. They considered the design complemented the area.
- 1.5 24/01072/HHFUL** Erection of single storey rear extension and erection of 1.8m fence – 10 South Walk, Ramsey. Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** for the District Council to **REFUSE** this application due to the imposing height of the fence. They would be minded to approve the application if the height was reduced to a maximum of 1.2m

49. Finance Items:

- a) Financial Summary – Cash book to 31/07/24 – **Noted**
- b) Expenditure Transactions – Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY to APPROVE** the transactions.
- c) Budget review – **Noted**

49. Amenities, Cemeteries, Highways and Leisure Items:

- a) **Youth Shelter – King George Playing Field-** Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to remove the youth shelter. The decision of where to place it would be made at the September meeting.
- b) **Town WCs** – Council asked the Clerk to take this item to the Amenities Working Party to look at the refurbishment.
- c) **Town Market** – Ramsey Neighbourhoods trust have given two months’ notice to hand the market back to the Council. Council asked the Clerk to take this item to the Amenities Working Party.
- d) **Mortuary Chapel** – Cllr knight informed the Council that due to unforeseen circumstances the Friends of the Mortuary Chapel have folded. Council asked for this item to go to Cemetery Working Party. Cllr Knight requested that the Mortuary Chapel be kept as an individual item/workstream under the Cemetery Working Party.
- e) **Millennium Sign Quote** – Council asked for this item to go to the Amenities Working Party.
- f) **Solar panel battery quote** – Council asked for this item to go to the Finance Working Party. Council asked the Clerk to apply for a grant towards the cost.

50. Communications Working Party:

Cllr Knight informed the Council that the group had met, and individual tasks undertaken, looking at website, social media, and newsletter. The next meeting was scheduled for the 19 August 2024.

51. Town Mayor’s and Clerk’s correspondence:

- a) Anti-social behaviour update – The Clerk informed the Council that the process for the Public Space Protection Order was now underway and would take up to three months.
- b) The Clerk informed Council that the Receptionist would be leaving at the end of August 2024 and would take this item to the Employment Working Party.

52. Attendances at Meetings and Organisations:

The Clerk informed Council that the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party had met again, applying to the Locality for a grant and have started the process for the consultation questions.

53. District and County Councillor Update:

County Councillor Cllr Costello informed the Council that after many years of negotiation the Great Whyte roadway at the junction of High Street to the roundabout at Tesco would be fully resurfaced.

54. - Date of the Next Meeting

Thursday 12 September 7pm.

Town Mayor _____ Date _____