

# RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Ramsey Town Council to be held at **7pm on Thursday 9th January 2025**, at **Ramsey Town Council, 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

3rd January 2025



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 12th December 2024, previously circulated – attached.

#### 4. PLANNING

1.1 **24/02243/HHFUL** Demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement garage – 6a New Road, Ramsey.

1.2 **24/01987/FUL** Erection of replacement sales building, café and toilets – Wells Bridge Bungalow, Wells Bridge, Ramsey Mereside.

**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 31/12//24 – to be tabled.
- b) Expenditure Transactions – to be tabled.
- c) To agree the Town Council's precept for 2025/6 as discussed at December meeting and paperwork circulated with previous agenda.

#### 6. AMENITIES, CEMETERIES, HIGHWAYS AND LEISURE ITEMS

- a) To discuss making a nomination for land at Wood Lane to be made an Asset of Community Value – see attached.

- b) To discuss renaming the Council Meeting Room after the late Councillor Lavender.

## **7. WORKING PARTIES RECOMMENDATIONS**

**To vote on recommendations from the following Working Parties.**

### **Communications Working Party:**

- a) To sign off draft Newsletter
- b) To agree Communications Working Party social media that Instagram be added along with Facebook as the Council's social media presence.

## **8. TOWN MAYOR'S AND CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:**

## **9. ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS:**

## **10. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE:**

## **11. MEETING DATES**

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council (Planning) will take place on 23rd January at 7pm.

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### MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 12 December 2024 at 7:00pm Ramsey Town Council Great Whyte, Ramsey

Cllr Val Fendley opened the meeting and then held a minute's silence to remember Councillor Tony Lavender who sadly passed away on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Cllr Lavender served as both Clerk and Member for fifty years and would be a great loss to the Council.

**Present:** Cllrs J Aubin, R Brereton, J Bufton, J Clarke, M Clarke, S Corney (Deputy Mayor), A Costello, V Fendley (Mayor), L Knight, C Maskell, J Palmer, G Rayment, and P Taylor.

**In attendance:** L Renfree Town Clerk.

**93 – Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs B Davidson, N Soer and E Welsh.

**94 - To Receive Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs R Brereton, S Corney and J Clarke declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.97, 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.

#### **95 – Public Participation:**

There were two members of the public present, one spoke about the parking issues since Dominoes had opened, reported the mud on the road in Upwood near the new development and advised he had completed planting bulbs around the Horse Pond.

**96 – Minutes of the Last Meeting to be Approved:** Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to **APPROVE** the minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 as a correct record.

#### **97 – Planning Applications for Consideration:**

- 1.1 24/01721/HHFUL** construction of a single storey extension, barn and carport, internal and external alterations, new dormer and canopy roofs and installation of a ground mounted solar array – Heathfield, Benwick Road, Ramsey forty Foot. Proposed by Cllr Brereton and seconded by Cllr Maskell- Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** for the District Council to **APPROVE** the application.
- 1.2 24/02029/LBC & 24/02028/FUL** External and internal structural repair works-Jolly Sailor 43 Great Whyte, Ramsey. – Proposed by Cllr Brereton and seconded by Cllr Palmer – Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** for the District Council to **APPROVE** the applications.
- 1.3 24/02138/TREE** – various tree works – 17 Biggin Lane. Proposed by Cllr Corney and Seconded by Cllr Bufton – Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** for the District Council to **APPROVE** the application; Council want to follow the guidance of the Tree Officer.
- 1.4 24/01809/FUL** – Erection of Single Storey Self Build Bungalow – Land West of Poppins, Daintree Road, Ramsey St Mary's – Proposed by Cllr Brereton and seconded by Cllr Palmer – Council voted **11 FOR** and **2 Abstentions** for the District Council to **APPROVE** the application.
- 1.5 24/02226/FUL-** Replacement of existing aluminium single glazed windows with new UPVC double glazed windows – Ramsey Health Centre, Mews Close, Ramsey. – Proposed by Cllr Palmer and seconded by Cllr Costello – Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** for the District Council to **APPROVE** the application.

#### **98. Finance Items:**

- a) Financial Summary – Cash book to 30/11/24 – **Noted**

- b) Expenditure Transactions – Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY to APPROVE** the transactions
- c) To decide the Town Council precept for 2025/26 – Cllr Knight thanked the clerk for her hard work in producing the information for Councillors.  
After much debate Cllr J Clarke proposed that Council put the final decision back to The January 2025 meeting. This motion was not seconded. Cllr Corney made an amendment to the proposal – Council to make the decision on the precept but then ratify the decision at the January 2025 meeting. The amendment was seconded by Cllr Knight. Cllr J Clarke then withdrew the original proposal and the Proposal from Cllr Corney seconded by Cllr Knight became the substantive motion. Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to decide the precept and then ratify at the January 2025 meeting. Cllr Maskell proposed and seconded by Cllr Costello that the Council use £50,000 of reserves and ask for a precept of £373,000 – which equates to a rise of £2.20 per week on last year’s precept, based on band D properties for financial year 2025/26 – **Council voted 14, For, 1 Against, 1 Abstention.**
- d) Grant request – AGE UK – Cllr J Clarke proposed and seconded by Cllr Knight to refuse the grant application of £8,000. Cllr Brereton proposed an amendment to the proposal to give a grant to AGE UK of £500 this was seconded by Cllr Costello. Council voted **4 FOR, 8 AGAINST and 4 ABSTENTIONS – this motion failed.** The original proposal by Cllr J Clarke and seconded by Cllr L Knight became the substantive motion. Council voted **9 FOR and 3 AGAINST and 4 ABSTENTIONS** to refuse the grant application.
- e) Ratification of new employee post (Maintenance Operative) – The Employment Working Party subgroup led by Cllr Brereton, recommended to Full Council the appointment of Mr Paul Thomas. Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY to APPROVE** the appointment subject to passing a 12-week review.

**99. Amenities, Cemeteries, Highways and Leisure Items:**

- a) To discuss possible 20mph zones for Ramsey villages – Cllr Costello spoke to Council about the residents’ comments she had received in her capacity as the County Councillor and from the residents who attend the Town Council Surgery on this subject. Cllr Costello asked Council to allow a consultation through the next newsletter to get a sense of the residents’ views before putting in an 20mph LHI Bid. After much discussion Council agreed more research was necessary before a decision was made which Cllr Costello will undertake.
- b) Skate Park Update – Cllr Fendley gave Council an update on the finances for the Skate Park. The Ramsey Million section of the funds expires September 2025, the delays on the work starting at the development may mean the Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust need to utilise the money elsewhere in the Community. Council noted the update.

**100. Town Mayor’s and Clerk’s Correspondence:**

- a) VE 80 Celebrations for 2025 – The Clerk informed council of the celebration for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and there will be a cross community event on the bank holiday Monday.
- b) Shop Local event 14<sup>th</sup> December funded by HDC- The Clerk informed Council that a Shop Local event would be taking place with activities for children, including making a screen print bag and festive games. Rotary will also be attending with the Santa float and grotto.  
Cllr Costello left the meeting at 8:40pm.
- c) Abbey College Safety Support Group – letter of support and agreement in principle

to match fund. – Cllr Fendley spoke to Council to ask if they would support the PHI bid the Abbey College safety Group were submitting for 2025, the same request as last year's bid but without the 20mph speed restrictions, they would also be requesting up to £3,000 toward their bid as they would be putting in 20% of the cost. After much debate Cllr Corney proposed seconded by Cllr Aubin that the Council send a letter of support to the Abbey College Safety Support Group but hold back on a decision on funding. Council voted **5 FOR, 7 AGAINST**. The Clerk was to inform them of the Council's decision.

- d) The Mayor, Cllr Fendley then asked council to agree an amount for the LHI bid that Council had agreed at the November meeting as the application was due. After much debate Council was asked to consider using the £10,000 from the unsuccessful 2024/5 LHI bid, the £10,000 in the budget for the 2025/6 LHI bid and apply to Huntingdonshire District Council CIL pot for £20,000 and if unsuccessful use £20,000 from Ramsey Town Council CIL account. This was proposed by Cllr Corney and seconded by Cllr Brereton, Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** for the motion.
- e) The Clerk informed Council that she had completed the CiLCA training as per her contract and was awaiting the results.

**101. Attendances at Meetings and Organisations:**

Cllr Knight – Mortuary Chapel. Cllr Knight said the item will be discussed at the Working Party in January.

The Clerk informed Council that she has been supporting Rotary with the Santa float as a thank you for their support on delivering newsletters and leaflets and bringing Santa to the Festive market.

**102. District and County Councillor Update:**

Cllr Corney had spoken to Cllr Wakeford with reference to the piece of land for extra car parking to keep the pressure on.

Prior to leaving at 8:40pm Cllr Costello had updated council on Puddock road, informing them of an automatic traffic count and then there will be a check on the origins of vehicles. The 30mph would be in place by the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**103. Date of the Next Meeting**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Councillors noted the schedule of meetings for 2025 and noted requests for attendance at the Councillor Surgeries.

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