

## RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 11 April 2019 at Ramsey Town Council, 7 Church Green, Ramsey.

**Present:** - Councillors R Brereton, R Brown, J Bufton, J Clarke, Ms M Clarke, S Corney (Mayor,) Mrs A Costello, R Costello, D Darmody, H Edwards, A Lavender, J Palmer, E Welsh and Town Clerk, Gary Cook.

32. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Mrs G Rayment, Mrs S Reeve and S Selby.
33. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** – None.
34. **Public Participation** – There was one member of the public present.
35. **Minutes to be Approved** - The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2019 were **APPROVED** by 11 votes with 2 abstentions and duly signed.
36. **Planning Applications for Consideration**
- 1.1 19/00424/HHFUL** – Removal of existing detached garage and replacement with 2 storey side extensions and attached garage. Replacement front porch – 156 Herne Road, Ramsey St Mary's. Unanimously **APPROVED**, no neighbouring objections.
- 1.2 19/00326/FUL** – Further to planning permission 17/02030/FUL, to make use of existing loft space by installing a staircase to first floor and amendments to the fenestration to accommodate an increase in window sizes at first floor – 9 Newtown Road, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED**, will not impact on street scene.
- 1.3 19/00506/S73** – Removal of condition 2 on planning permission dated 01/04/1968 to remove agricultural occupancy restriction – Ashbeach Lodge, Ashbeach Drove, Ramsey St Mary's. Unanimously **APPROVED**, no neighbouring objections.
- 1.4 19/00383/FUL** – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of three new dwellings – 36 Ashbeach Drove, Ramsey St Mary's. Unanimously **APPROVED**, in keeping with other developments within the area.
- 1.5 19/00552/OUT** - Residential development of up to 100 dwellings including access, open space, green infrastructure, landscaping and associated infrastructure, including sustainable urban drainage features. All matters reserved apart from access – Land West of the Avenue, Ramsey. **REFUSED** by 9 votes with 4 abstentions. The site and Field Road has a history of flooding. An additional 100 houses would cause highway safety issues as well as putting added pressure on the local infrastructure.
- 1.6 19/00538/FUL** – Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings, erection of replacement two storey 4 bedroom house – 221 Oilmills Road, Ramsey Mereside. **APPROVED** by 7 votes with 4 against and 2 abstentions. Cllrs debated at length the suitability of a two storey house over a bungalow being the correct development for the site.
- 1.7 18/02596/OUT** – Further information regarding outline application for 83 homes (now includes a reduction of 8 homes, additional ecology information and offsite area of land outlined in blue showing ownership for biodiversity enhancements) and 150sqm of commercial floor space, landscaping, open space, associated ancillary works and creation of access following the demolition of 22 Buryfield. All matters reserved except access – Land South of Buryfield, Bury. Unanimously **REFUSED**, Council's previous comments still apply.
- 1.8 19/00566/HHFUL** – Proposed demolition of building and new extension to replace it – Four Hundred Farm House, Whittlesey Road, Benwick. Unanimously **APPROVED**, no neighbouring objections.
- 1.9 19/00561/TREE** – Tree works , reduce limb to Black Walnut and reduce height of Lime – Abbey College, Abbey Road, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED**.

## 5. PLANNING - OTHER MATTERS

- a) Notification from HDC of an appeal against their refusal of planning application 17/00591/FUL – Proposed siting of two touring caravans for one extended gypsy/traveller family (retrospective) – Land on South Side of Middle Drove, Ramsey Heights. Noted.
- b) To receive and note the Planning Application Tracker 2018, detailing the recommendations of the Town Council and the decisions made by the District Council – Noted.
- c) Development Management Committee Monday 15 April 2019 – Mayor to attend.

### 37. **Financial Matters –**

- a) Bank reconciliation figures to 31/03/19 – Noted.
- b) Financial Budget Comparison to 31/03/19 – Noted.
- c) BACS/Cheque list to be tabled and approved – Unanimously **APPROVED**.
- d) To approve the presentation of the Freedom of the Town 2019 to Ramsey Squadron Air Cadets – The Mayor declared an interest and took no part in the vote. Unanimously **APPROVED** with a budget of £1,000 agreed.
- e) Maintenance contract – Unanimously **APPROVED** to offer Roy Parker a minimum of 8hrs guaranteed work per week.
- f) Football Club electrics – The Colts had received all the payments for the electrical installation work amounting to £11,490.82.
- g) Market Charter – Update to be requested.

<b>Standing Orders/Direct Debits</b>			
Date	Payee	Desc	Amount
01-Mar	Abbots Ripton Farm	Office rent	430.00
13-Mar	PWLB	Cemetery loan	5150.50
18-Mar	British Gas	Office gas	132.00
21-Mar	Eon	Cemetery electric	11.00
25-Mar	BT	Office telephone	282.39
<b>Total</b>			<b>£ 6005.89</b>
<b>The following cheques are presented for approval</b>			
No.	Payee	Desc	Amount
	None		
<b>Total</b>			<b>£ 0.00</b>
<b>The following bacs payments are presented for approval</b>			
	Payee	Desc	Amount
	C&D Cleaning Services	Toilets	455.00
	Computer Network Services	Maintenance	72.72
	Eon	Pond electricity	17.26
	Ramsey Colts	Electrics	1094.98
	P/Cash	Petty cash	44.98
	Salaries	March salaries	2958.95
	Cambs Water	Toilet block water charges	34.40
	Edge IT Systems	Finance package hosted service	531.60
	Fenland Tree Care	Tree works	284.00
	Lord De Ramsey	Market rent	200.00
	Npower	Office electric	179.70
	Roy Parker	Maintenance	144.40
	Walters	Copier usage	38.30
<b>Total</b>			<b>£ 6056.29</b>

### 38. **Amenities, Highways, Leisure and Cemetery matters**

- a) Toilet cleaning contract – The Clerk hadn't had any complaints since C&D Cleaning Services had taken on the contract and was pleased with the current cleanliness– Cllrs unanimously **APPROVED** to continue the contract.

### 39. **Town Mayor's and Clerk's correspondence**

The Council were sad to be informed of the death of former councillor Mrs Dawn Knight.

### 40. **Attendances at meetings and organisations**

Cllr Lavender had attended a meeting of the Ramsey Initiative.

The Mayor had attended the High Sheriff Awards and planning training at HDC. If any other Cllrs wished to attend any training the Mayor was happy to take them along.

He also stated that Heritage Day had been very successful.

41. **Town Council Award of Grant Policy**

Unanimously **APPROVED** with two minor changes.

42. **Date of Next Meetings** - The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council will take place 9 May 2019 at 7pm.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_