

RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 11 January 2018 at Ramsey Town Council, 7 Church Green, Ramsey.

Present: - Councillors J Clarke, S Corney, Mrs A Costello (Deputy Mayor,) Mrs A Curtis, H Edwards, Mrs D Knight, A Lavender, D McIlwain (Mayor), J Palmer, S Selby and Town Clerk.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors P Boost, I Curtis, L Duffy and P Reeve.

2. **To Receive Declarations of Interest**

None.

RESOLVED to suspend the meeting to enable dialogue with members of the public, 8 in favour and 1 against.

3. **Public Participation**

There was one member of the public present representing the Gauntlet Project, thanking Council for their kind donation.

RESOLVED to reconvene the meeting with 1 abstention.

4. **Town Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor welcomed Cllrs back after the Christmas break wishing everyone a Happy New Year. He suggested moving one meeting a year to a different venue around the Parish, giving the opportunity for more residents to attend the meeting.

Cllr Mrs A Costello and Cllr Mrs A Curtis joined the meeting.

5. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved**

The minutes of 14 December 2017 were accepted as a true record, with 2 abstentions, and duly signed.

6. **Ramsey St. Mary's Bridge road changes**

The Mayor introduced Scott Parsons, Cambs CC Highways Project Engineer and requested that he be allowed to speak at the meeting. Approved with 1 abstention. A reduction in the speed limit would not be supported by Cambs CC nor the police unless the environment is altered. It was finally agreed to consider an island, to allow residents to cross from Fisher Close to the Church. Mr Parsons to look into feasibility and cost of the project. It was also mentioned that the County Council would be happy to undertake "incognito" speed survey's within the area.

7. **Cambs CC Local Highways Improvement Grant**

Proposals and costs were presented for "soft" road calming measures with the Heights. It was agreed by 7 votes with 1 against and 1 abstention to accept these. Cllr Palmer would attend the panel meeting to present.

8. **Planning Applications for Consideration**

1.1 – 17/02442/FUL & 17/02443/FUL – Proposed 2x industrial units 17 Highlode Industrial Estate, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED**, no comments raised.

1.2 – 17/02653/HHFUL – Single storey side and rear extension, entrance porch and carport with storage. 43 Biggin Lane, Ramsey. Cllr Lavender declared a non-pecuniary interest. **APPROVED** by 7 votes with 2 abstentions, will not impact on street scene.

9. **Finance Items**

a) Bank reconciliation figures to 30/12/17 – Noted.

b) Financial Budget Comparison 1/4/17-31/12/17 – Noted.

c) Cheque list to be tabled and approved. Unanimously **APPROVED**.

10. Amenities, Highways and Leisure Items

- a) Mortuary Chapel plans for an indoor disabled toilet were presented. Unanimously **APPROVED**.
- b) Trees in closed churchyard – Noted.

11. Town Mayor's and Clerk's Correspondence

- a) The Council has received thanks from NALC for supporting the new Tree Charter. Noted.

12. Attendances at Meetings and Organisations

Cllr Lavender and Palmer had attended a meeting of The Ramsey Initiative and were due to meet with The Neighbourhood Trust regarding the Italian Market.

Cllr Costello had attended a meeting of local parishes and the police, at Bury, mainly discussing transport issues.

13. Meeting Dates

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council will take place on 8 February 2018 at 7pm.

Town Mayor _____

Date _____