

RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 11 June 2020 by remote video conference.

Present: - Councillors L Brady, R Brereton (Deputy Mayor,) J Bufton, J Clarke, Ms M Clarke, S Corney (Mayor,) Mrs A Costello R Costello, D Darmody, A Lavender, Mrs G Rayment, N Soer and P Wright. **In Attendance:** - G Cook, Town Clerk.

53. **Apologies for Absence** – Councillor H Edwards, J Palmer and E Welsh.
54. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** - Councillor Corney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 57, Planning Applications, as a Member of the District Council's Development Management Panel and reserved the right to change his view when presented with applications at the Panel.
55. **Public Participation** – There were two members of the public present.
56. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** – Minutes of 14 May 2020. Minute No. 45 should read "60 volunteers have joined the Ramsey Covid-19 Group and are providing assistance to over 200 individuals within the community." The Minutes were then unanimously **Approved** and duly signed.
57. **Planning Applications for Consideration**
- 1.1 **F/YR20/0383/F** (neighbouring authority application www.fenland.gov.uk/publicaccess/.) Erect a detached annexe (single storey 1 bed) ancillary to existing dwelling at 366 Oilmills Road, Ramsey Mereside. Unanimously **REFUSED** due to over development, as the adjoining Parish we wish to uphold the comments made by Whittlesey Town Council in refusing the application.
 - 1.2 **20/00643/HHFUL** Erection of a timber prefabricated single storey granny annexe for ancillary use to the main dwelling – Starcross, Daintree Road, Ramsey St Mary's. Unanimously **APPROVED**, will not impact on street scene and is in keeping with the Development Management Panel's recommendations.
 - 1.3 **20/00784/HHFUL/LBC** Replacement of existing conservatory frames and roof – Abbey Garden, Wood Lane, Ramsey. Cllr J Clarke declared a non-pecuniary interest. **APPROVED** with one abstention. The replacement conservatory maintains the existing footprint and dimensions of the one it is replacing.
 - 1.4 **20/00749/FUL** Proposed change of use from shop to 2 self-contained one-bedroom flats, including alterations to roof fenestration – 62 High Street, Ramsey. Unanimously **REFUSED**. The proposal does not address the issues of traffic generation and highway safety previously highlighted by both the Town Council and County Council's Highway Dept. The Town Council is also trying to re-energise the Town centre by actively supporting the Market Town Strategy also supported by both the District Council and Combined Authority and is of the opinion that this would not be helped with the loss of another retail premises.

Planning – Other business

Proposed disabled car park space, Taverner's Drive, Ramsey – Cllr Brady declared a non-pecuniary interest. To request that the County Council look into the need for the space more closely.

Road naming – Three road names required for Cade's Yard site. Council policy is to propose the names of deceased former Mayors for Road Names. Cllr J Clarke proposed, seconded by Cllr Lavender that just one name be suggested. An amendment, which became the substantive proposal, was put forward that if one name wasn't acceptable and three were needed, we revert to using past Mayor's names. **APPROVED** by 11 votes with 2 against. The proposed road name is Cades Close.

58. **Financial Matters**

- a) Bank reconciliation figures to 31/05/20 – Noted.
- b) Financial Budget Comparison to 31/05/20 – Noted.
- c) BACS/Cheque list – Unanimously **APPROVED**.
- d) Laptop replacement quote – After some debate was unanimously **APPROVED**.
- e) Donation letters - Gauntlet Auto Project. Clerk to contact requesting further detail and if any specific item is required.
Ramsey Rural Museum – The Clerk to request further information regarding the accounts presented but the Council was clear in identifying the benefit the Museum bought to the Town and would wish to support it if needed.
- f) War Memorial refurbishment costings – Quote unanimously **APPROVED** for the refurbishment of the memorial from A J Mills. The Clerk needs the support of the District's Conservation Officer before any work is undertaken.

59. Town Mayor's and Clerk's correspondence

- a) Youth Club report – This had been explained at the start of the meeting by the representative from Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust. She also outlined that the staff had been furloughed for the time being thereby reducing the Council's contribution this quarter. However, more youngsters had been engaged through social media than normally attend the club. It was unanimously **APPROVED** that the balance of the Council's budgeted contribution be given as a donation.
- b) Ramsey Heights play area – The play equipment at the Height's had recently been condemned and removed. It was unanimously **APPROVED** that £10,000 be set aside for replacement equipment. It was also **AGREED** that a "rolling" programme be looked into for replacing other equipment around the villages and Town.
- c) Speed cameras – The Mayor proposed the purchase of two additional Vario speed cameras. After some discussion this was **REFUSED**.

60. Attendances at meetings, organisations. Town Mayor's Announcements and COVID-19 update.

The Mayor expressed his sadness at the recent fatality from the accident on Puddock Road and reported that the County Council were currently undertaking investigations along with the constabulary into the accident and if anything could be done to improve the road.

The Mayor and Clerk are due to attend an online meeting tomorrow with officers from the District Council regarding the opening up of the Town's non-essential businesses.

61. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 25 June 2020 at 7pm.

Town Mayor _____

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