

RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING **held on Thursday 12 August 2021 @ 7pm the Community Centre, Ramsey**

Present: - Councillors R Brereton (Deputy Mayor,) J Bufton, J Clarke, Ms M Clarke, S Corney (Mayor,) Mrs A Costello, R Costello, H Edwards, Mrs V Fendley, A Lavender, J Palmer, Mrs G Rayment and N Soer. **In Attendance:** - G Cook, Town Clerk.

97. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Mrs L Brady, Mrs L Charles and E Welsh.
98. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** - Councillor Corney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 101, 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, also declaring a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 102 (d.) Cllr Brereton declared a non-pecuniary in Minute 101 item (1.5) and Minute 103 item (f.) Cllr J Clarke declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 101 item (1.6.) Cllrs Mrs Fendley and Mrs Rayment declared non-pecuniary interests in Minute 103 item (f.)
99. **Public Participation** – There were three members of the public present speaking on items regarding planning, the pond and County Council maintenance regimes.
100. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** – Minutes of 22 July 2021 were **APPROVED** by 9 votes with 3 abstentions and duly signed.
101. **Planning Applications for Consideration**
- 1.1 **21/00697/OUT** Outline planning application for the erection of four dwellings with detached garages following the demolition of the existing dwelling on the site. Approval sought for access, layout, scale and appearance – 294 Herne Road, Ramsey St Mary's. Unanimously **REFUSED**. Over development of a site in open countryside. It was also felt that parking provision for one vehicle at each property was insufficient.
- 1.2 **21/01582/S73** Variation of condition 2 (plans) to 18/02395/FUL for minor changes to approved plans – Barn adjacent 77 Ugg Mere Court Road, Ramsey St Mary's. Unanimously **APPROVED**. The condition variation had not changed Council's original support for the development.
- 1.3 **21/01606/HHFUL** Erection of single storey front extension to form porch and erection of single storey side extension to form garage – 87 Ramsey Road, Ramsey Forty Foot. Unanimously **APPROVED**. No neighbouring objections will not impact on street scene.
- 1.4 **21/01377/FUL** Construction of a 3 bedroom bungalow with separate workshop and office – Land South and East of 336 Herne Road, Ramsey. **REFUSED** by 6 votes in favour of refusal, 5 against and 1 abstention. Development considered to be in open countryside.
- 1.5 **21/01571/HHFUL** Proposed domestic store/garden store – 81 Newtown Road, Ramsey. **APPROVED** by 10 votes with 2 against. Although Council was of the opinion the proposal would benefit from a slight height reduction to the fence line.
- 1.6 **21/01645/FUL** Erection of bungalow – Various Fields, Daintree Road, Ramsey St Mary's. **REFUSED** by 10 votes with 2 in favour. The proposal is outside of the village envelope.
- 1.7 **21/01275/HHFUL** Proposed two storey side and rear extensions, single storey rear extension and car port side extension – 20 Star Lane, Ramsey. **APPROVED** by 11 votes with 1 abstention. No neighbouring objections will not impact on street scene.
- 1.8 **21/00562/REM** Reserved matters application for the approval of layout, access, scale, appearance and landscaping following the approval of 19/02077/OUT for demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 6 dwellings and alterations to access – 161 Herne Road, Ramsey St Mary's. It was unanimously agreed that Council's original comments still applied.
102. **Financial Matters**
- a) Bank reconciliation figures to 31/07/21 – Noted.
- b) Financial Budget Comparison to 31/07/21 – Noted
- c) BACS/Cheque list to be approved – Unanimously **APPROVED**.
- d) St Mary's Church grant request, maintenance of graveyard – Unanimously **APPROVED** to make a donation of £350.
- e) Royal British Legion grant request for banner refurbishment – Unanimously **APPROVED** to make a donation of £1,000.

103. Amenities, Highways, Leisure and Cemetery Items

- a) War Memorial update – The Clerk stated work was scheduled to start around 20 November 2021.
- b) LHI Bid, mini roundabout Great Whyte/Stocking Fen Road – Agreed that County engineers decide on the lining of the junction according to visibility and safety restraints.
- c) The Queen's 70th Anniversary celebrations – Awaiting proposals from the Palace.
- d) Pond – To look into the cost of dredging and clearing.
- e) Moorings – The Mayor outlined the situation regarding the moorings after his meeting with the developers and Middle Level Commissioners. It was unanimously **APPROVED** that the Town Council take on the responsibility for grass cutting the bank adjacent to the moorings.
- f) Attenuation basin and skate park – After some debate with proposals being put forward and then withdrawn. Cllr Corney proposed seconded by Cllr Mrs Costello that the maintenance grant of £16,068 be accepted. Cllr J Clarke put forward an amended proposal that we ask for £32,000, seconded by Cllr M Clarke. The amended proposal was defeated by 10 votes with 2 in favour and 1 abstention. The original proposal of accepting £16,068 therefore became the substantive proposal with a proviso added that the Clerk satisfy himself, by contacting NALC, that Council could take legal ownership of the site as a whole. Cllr Lavender requested a recorded vote. In favour Cllrs Brereton, Bufton, Corney, Mrs Costello, R Costello, Edwards, Mrs Fendley, Lavender, Palmer, Mrs Rayment and Soer. Against Cllrs J Clarke and M Clarke. The motion was therefore carried.

104. New Civic Centre

Nothing much new to report at the moment although we are awaiting a letter of confirmation regarding the grant of £595,000 from the Combined Authority. This can then be forwarded to the PWLB.

105. Town Mayor's and Clerk's correspondence

- a) Biggin Lane resident email – Cllr Mrs Costello to look into.
- b) Speedwatch email – Clerk to reply to the resident stating that Council had previously decided on an LHI bid and that alterations were to be undertaken at Pondersbridge traffic calming measures in the near future.

106. Attendances at meetings, organisations

None.

107. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 26 August 2021 at 7pm.

Town Mayor _____ Date _____