

RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

held on Thursday 12 May 2016 at Ramsey Town Council, 7 Church Green, Ramsey.

Present: - Councillors R Brown, J Clarke, Mrs A Costello (Mayor,) Mrs A Curtis (Deputy Mayor,) L Duffy, H Edwards, R Hartley, Mrs B Hepburn, Mrs D Knight, T Lavender, D McIlwain, J Palmer, Mrs S Reeve and Town Clerk, Gary Cook.

73. **Election of Town Mayor for 2016/17** – Cllr Costello welcomed members to the meeting and asked for nominations for Mayor for 2016/17. Cllr Costello stated she was prepared to stand for a second year, she was proposed by Cllr Duffy and seconded by Cllr Palmer. There being no other nominations Cllr Costello was unanimously elected.
74. **Election of Deputy Mayor for 2016/17** – There was one nomination, Cllr McIlwain who was unanimously elected.
75. **Apologies for Absence** – Councillors P Boost, I Curtis, P Reeve and I Walker.
76. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** – None received.
77. **Public Participation** – There were two members of the public present. Concern was shown over the continued growth of travellers sites at the Heights and the chaotic parking within the Town.
- Cllr Mrs A Curtis joined the meeting.
78. **Town Mayor's Announcements** – Nothing to report at the moment.
79. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2016 were accepted as a true record by 8 votes with 5 abstentions and duly signed. Although it should be recorded that Cllr McIlwain chaired the meeting in the absence of the Mayor and Deputy.
80. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** – 14 April 2016 and 28 April 2016 - None.
81. **Planning Applications for Consideration**
- 1.1 – 16/00645/HHFUL - 20 Hollow Lane, Ramsey – Erect a PVCu Golden Oak conservatory to the rear of the property. Unanimously **APPROVED**, no neighbouring objections.
- 1.2 – 16/00684/HHFUL – 12 Church Green, Ramsey – To replace the roof covering on the main dwelling, add a breathable membrane, replace the guttering and rainwater downpipes, repoint the chimneys and replace up to 8m of the north eastern boundary wall. Unanimously **APPROVED**, will not impact on visual aspect of the property.
- 1.3 – 16/00716/S73 – Land Rear of 47 Field Road, Ramsey – Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 1400255FUL to allow modifications to the proposed dwelling. Cllr Hartley declared a non-pecuniary interest. Unanimously **APPROVED**, no objections from neighbouring properties.
- 1.4 – 16/00705/OUT - Land North West of Tinkler Brothers, Old Station Road, Ramsey. – Demolition of existing burnt out building and erection of four new dwellings. Cllrs McIlwain and Palmer declared a non-pecuniary interest. **APPROVED** by 6 votes with 3 against and 4 abstentions, development is with Bury Parish.
- 1.5 – 16/00741/OUT - Land North of 192 to 194 Ugg Mere Court Road, Ramsey Heights - Erection of 2 two storey detached dwellings with detached garages. Unanimously **APPROVED**, within the village envelope and will improve character of village.
- 1.6 – 16/00762/HHFUL – 29 Abbots Close, Ramsey - Proposed two storey side extension. **APPROVED** by 10 votes with 1 against and 2 abstentions, in keeping with the street scene and no neighbouring objections.
- 1.7 – 16/00767/HHFUL – 196 Herne Road, Ramsey St Marys - Proposed insertion of 2 dormer windows to the rear elevation as part of a loft conversion to bungalow. **APPROVED** by 10 votes with 3 abstentions, no neighbouring objections.

Other Correspondence:

- a) Amended plans have been submitted for application **15/02264/LBC and 15/02142/FUL M&E Mobile Engineers, Whytefield Road, Ramsey** – Proposed demolition of existing garage, erection of four, three bedroom town houses and conversion of existing office to one bedroom flat. **REFUSED** by 8 votes with 3 in favour and 2 abstentions, still considered as over development of site.
- b) Notification from HDC of allocation of address to one new property on land adjacent to Marlbank, St Mary’s Road, Ramsey St Marys, to be known as Gracious Place, St Marys Road, Ramsey St Marys. Noted.

82. Working Party Reports and Recommendations

AH&L W/P 28 April 2016 - To recommend to review the necessity of the working party. Clerk to present a paper setting out the argument at the next meeting.

Cemetery W/P 03 May 2016 - To recommend purchasing a tonne of pea gravel. Unanimously **APPROVED**.

Finance W/P 03 May 2016 -To strongly recommend the purchase of the website for £650 + annual maintenance. **APPROVED** by 12 votes with 1 against.

To recommend a donation of £100 to Becket Flower Group. **APPROVED** by 12 votes with 1 abstention.

To recommend a budget of £800 maximum for a projector and screen. **APPROVED** by 10 votes with 1 against and 2 abstentions.

To recommend an increase in the Assistant’s rate of pay. **APPROVED** by 10votes with 3 abstentions.

To recommend to review the feasibility of Working Parties. As previous AH&L minute.

To recommend the adoption of the Annual Governance Statement for 2015/16 and the Annual Accounts for 2015/16. **APPROVED** by 12 votes with 1 abstention and duly signed by the Mayor.

83. Attendances at Meetings and Organisations

Cllrs Lavender and Palmer had attended the Annual Meeting of The Ramsey Initiative and Cllr Hepburn had attended a meeting at the junior school regarding traffic arrangements.

84. Working Party Membership – To remain as last year for the present.

85. Town Council Representatives on External Organisations – Unanimously agreed to remain as last year with the exception that Cllrs I Curtis and Duffy replace Cllr Mrs A Curtis on the Ramsey Million Promoting Ramsey Steering Group.

86. Town Mayor’s and Town Clerk’s Correspondence

a) Abbey College Ofsted Inspection Letter – Clerk to send a letter acknowledging the improvements.

87. Financial Matters – It was unanimously agreed to add Cllr Knight as a signatory to the mandate, replacing Cllr Mrs A Curtis. The following direct debits, standing orders and cheques were approved by 12 votes with 1 abstention.

Direct Debits/Standing Orders

Date	Payee	Desc	Amount
01-Apr	Abbots Ripton Farm	Office rent	416.66
15-Apr	HDC	Office rates	189.40
15-Apr	HDC	Cemetery rates	186.60
15-Apr	HDC	Toilet rates	127.80
19-Apr	British Gas	Office gas	147.00
21-Apr	Eon	Cemetery electric	9.00
25-Apr	BT	Office telephone	116.41
19-Apr	BT	Broadband address	1.60
Total			£ 1194.47

Cheques

No.	Payee	Desc	Amount
105171	Abbots Ripton Farming Co	Office rent	430.00
105172	Cambridge Water Co	Toilets	242.89
105173	Roy Parker	Maintenance	1094.33
105174	Walters Ltd	Copier usage	109.49
105175			1561.62
105176			524.63
105177			519.10
105178	Cash	Petty cash	96.13

Total

£ 4578.19

88. Date of Next Meetings.

Thursday 26 May 2016 at 7pm, followed by Amenities, Highways and Leisure Working Party at 8pm.

Town Mayor

Date
