

RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 12 September 2019 at Ramsey Town Council, 7 Church Green, Ramsey.

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

- 106. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Ms M Clarke, R Costello, J Palmer and Mrs S Reeve.
- 107. To Receive Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Corney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.111, 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. Cllr Clarke declared a pecuniary interest in planning minute 111 (1.1.)
- 108. Public Participation** – There were two members of the public present. One asking how planning applications are dealt with by both the Town Council and District Council, to which the Mayor responded. The gentleman was opposing planning minute 111 (1.1.)
- 109. Minutes to be Approved** - The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 August 2019 were **APPROVED** by 9 votes with 2 abstentions and duly signed.
- 110. Dementia Friendly Community**
After undergoing the Dementia Friendly training it was agreed that Council ought to take the lead. Cllr Mrs Costello to discuss the issue with local shop owners. One simple way was for shop keepers to purchase clocks that aid people with dementia. It was unanimously **APPROVED** that Council buy one for display in the office.
- 111. Planning Applications for Consideration**
- 1.1 19/01653/OUT** Erection of four new residential dwellings (All Matters Reserved) – Land South of 436 Herne Road, Ramsey St Mary's. Cllr Clarke left the meeting during the discussion. **APPROVED** by 8 votes with 2 abstentions. The village is of a linear development therefore the proposed development is in-keeping with the existing character of the area. No impact on neighbouring amenities. Sufficient off road parking has been made with no harm caused to existing buildings.
- 1.2 19/01677/FUL** Erection of two dwellings (semi-detached) Blenheim House, Blenheim Road, Ramsey. **REFUSED** by 9 votes with 2 abstentions. Insufficient car parking and highway safety issues.
- 1.3 19/01582/FUL** Demolition of existing brick storage building and the erection of a detached two-storey dwelling – 51a Blenheim Road, Ramsey. **APPROVED** by 7 votes with 1 against and 3 abstentions. No impact on neighbouring amenities with sufficient on-site car parking.
- 1.4 19/01703/FUL** Proposed grain store with additional lean to store and fan house – Piggeries, Four Hundred Farm House, Whittlesey Road, Benwick. Unanimously **APPROVED** no impact on neighbouring amenities.

OTHER BUSINESS

Development Management Committee Monday 16 September 2019 7pm. Two items for Ramsey – 19/00702/OUT – Construction of new chalet bungalow. Starcross, Daintree Road, Ramsey St. Mary's. 19/01318/FUL - Partial demolition of existing semi-detached dwelling No.143a, retention of No.143 as a detached dwelling, construction of a replacement detached dwelling No.143a and construction of a small extension to the rear of No.143 Great Whyte, Ramsey – Cllr Clarke to attend.

- 112. Financial Matters** –
- Bank reconciliation figures to 31/08/19 – Noted.
 - Financial Budget Comparison to 31/08/19 – Noted.
 - BACS/Cheque list – Unanimously **APPROVED**.

Standing Orders/Direct Debits			
Date	Payee	Desc	Amount
01-Aug	CF Corporate Finance	Copier lease	230.36
01-Aug	Abbots Ripton Farm	Office rent	430.00
15-Aug	HDC	Office rates	223.00
15-Aug	HDC	Cemetery rates	252.00
15-Aug	HDC	Toilet rates	120.00
19-Aug	British Gas	Office gas	90.00
21-Aug	Eon	Cemetery electric	11.00
23-Aug	BT	Office telephone	205.15
27-Aug	ICO	Membership fee	35.00
Total			£ 1596.51

The following cheques are presented for approval

No.	Payee	Desc	Amount
	None		
Total			£ 0.00

The following bacs payments are presented for approval

	Payee	Desc	Amount
	C&D Cleaning	Toilet Cleaning	455.00
	Cambs County Council	Reading challenge donation	200.00
	Computer Network Services	Maintenace	306.00
	Eon	Fountain electric	15.12
	Ethos	Copier usage	34.21
	HDC	Maintenance contract	29451.60
	Roy Parker Garden Services	Maintenance	525.40
	Pondersbridge PCC	Grass cutting donation	350.00
	Staff salaries	August	3056.10
Total			£ 34393.43

113. Amenities, Highways, Leisure and Cemetery matters

- Ramsey Heights Play Area – The Clerk outlined the situation with the play equipment and it was agreed to notify the village association.
- Local Transport Plan Consultation – The Mayor and Deputy had attended the consultation at the library with Cllr Mrs Costello outlining residents views. All Cllrs were urged to respond to the consultation.

114. Town Mayor's and Clerk's correspondence

- Ramsey Timebank Update – Noted.

115. Attendances at meetings and organisations

The Mayor thanked everyone who attended the Civic Service only good reports had been received. Cllr Mrs Costello had attended the Children's and Young Peoples Committee meeting at which the Abbey college was discussed. There had been a Market Town Strategy meeting attended by many organisations within the Town and the Mayor had attended the Colt's pavilion grand opening.

- 116. Date of Next Meetings - The next meetings of Ramsey Town Council will take place on Thursday 26 September 2019 at 7pm (planning) and Thursday 10 October 2019 at 7pm.**