

RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 14 October 2021 @ 7pm the Drill Hall 1940s Camp, Ramsey

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

119. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs L Brady, L Charles, A Lavender and J Palmer.
120. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** -
Councillor Corney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.128, 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. Cllrs Brereton, Fendley and Rayment declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 123 (b.)
121. **Public Participation** – There were five members of the public present. Issues were raised regarding speeding and flooding.
122. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** – Minutes of 9 September 2021 were unanimously **APPROVED**.
123. **Amenities, Highways, Leisure and Cemetery Items**
- Town toilets – Cleaning has improved of late. However, it was agreed to look for another contractor as another option.
 - Attenuation basin, skate park update & CIL application – Cllr Fendley stated that tenders for the work were being sent out.
 - Slade Dyke clearance – Volunteers needed. It would certainly be of benefit if the trees and hedgerows were cut back. The Clerk was authorised to arrange equipment hire for two days if required.
 - Weeds update - Noted
 - Rose beds, Great Whyte – One quote had been received for the work, another one needed.
 - Phone box – The Clerk was awaiting the contract back from BT and the removal of telephony equipment.
 - Creation of Queens Jubilee Celebration Group – Council is happy to work alongside other organisations within the Town. If a group was to be formed Cllrs Brereton and Rayment would represent Council. Quote to be obtained for a gas beacon.
 - High Street parking – Council unanimously **APPROVED** pursuing double yellow lines outside the old Bow Window premises.
 - Adopt a grave – Unanimously **REFUSED**.
 - Forty Foot bonfire – Regrettably **REFUSED** the use of Council land by 10 votes with 2 abstentions.
 - Town Pond – Digger available at £155 plus VAT hire per day. The Clerk was currently looking into traffic lights.
 - Great Whyte railings – Cllr Costello would check the painting of the railings with the County Council.
124. **Financial Matters**
- Bank reconciliation figures to 30/09/21 – Noted
 - Financial Budget Comparison to 30/09/21 – Noted
 - BACS/Cheque list to be approved – Unanimously **APPROVED**.
 - Budgets – The Clerk asked Cllrs to consider any additional spending for next year's budget preparation.
 - Donation requests – Ramsey Over 60s Xmas Dinner - £250 unanimously **APPROVED**.
Ramsey Mereside Xmas Dinner - £250 unanimously **APPROVED**.
It was also unanimously **APPROVED** to make a further £40 donation to Ramsey Day Care Centre.
- Cllr Richard Costello left the meeting at 8pm.
125. **New Civic Centre**
Provisional plans for the building configuration had been received from the architect. The Clerk would forward electronic copies to Cllrs and asked for their views by return.
- An email from the Rev. Iain Osborne regarding the possibility of office space within the building was tabled. It was unanimously **AGREED** that Council had to be inclusive and could not favour one organisation over another. If office space became available for letting it would have to be on an ad hoc basis.
126. **Town Mayor's and Clerk's correspondence**
- The Clerk had been approached by a resident regarding the siting of a bench in the cemetery – Unanimously **REFUSED**.
 - The Clerk outlined the recent CIL bid which had been made for additional funding toward the skate park. Cllr Palmer had agreed to take the lead on this, but due to timescales the bid had been prepared by Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust.
127. **Attendances at meetings, organisations**
None reported.

128. Planning Applications for Consideration

- 1.1 21/01884/HHFUL** Replacement of old faulty oil boiler providing hot water and central heating to water heat pump system – 171 Oilmills Road, Ramsey Mereside. Unanimously **APPROVED**, no further comments made.
- 1.2 21/02014/HHFUL** Retention of timber store – retrospective, 84 Herne Road, Ramsey St Marys. Unanimously **APPROVED**, no further comments made.
- 1.3 21/01875/HHFUL** Proposed front extension – 52 Blenheim Road, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED**, no neighbouring objections
- 1.4 21/00746/FUL** Proposed new minor development of 4 detached units with double garages – 192 Oilmills Road, Ramsey Mereside. **APPROVED** by 9 votes with 2 abstentions. However, Council was concerned over neighbours comments regarding resident bats and the fact that outbuildings had already been demolished.
- 1.5 21/02032/HHFUL** Loft conversion to rear of dwelling involving raising of gable walls – 249 Ugg Mere Court Road, Ramsey Heights. Unanimously **APPROVED** will not impact on street scene.
- 1.6 21/02010/HHFUL** Proposed single storey extension and alteration to existing connecting roof – 35 Hollow Lane, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED** no neighbouring objections.
- 1.7 21/02019/REM** Reserved matters approval for the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the construction of 100 dwellings, internal roads, open space, sustainable urban drainage and associated infrastructure pursuant to outline planning permission 19/00552/OUT – Land West of The Avenue, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED**. Council asked for a condition to be included that the Developers are responsible for the maintenance of that section of Slade Dyke.
- 1.8 21/02124/HHFUL** Conversion of existing garage to habitable room. Change of garage door to window – 77 Ramsey Road, Ramsey Forty Foot. Unanimously **APPROVED** will not impact on street scene.
- 1.9 21/01779/FUL** Change of use from butchers (Class E) to Tattoo Studio (Sui Generis) 72A High Street, Ramsey. **APPROVED** by 9 votes with 2 abstentions
- 2.0 21/02197/HHFUL** Demolish existing extensions and replace with new extension – Kelvedon Cottage, Harpers Drove, Ramsey Heights. Unanimously **APPROVED** no neighbouring objections.
- 2.1 21/02173/FUL** Erection of stable and barn including part change of use from agricultural to paddock/equine facility – Land South of Hanley Stables, Middle Drove, Ramsey Heights. **Approved** by 8 votes with 3 abstentions, no further comment made.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Street names required for Biggin Lane development – proposal to use the names of World War II airmen who flew from the site and perished. **APPROVED** by 10 votes with 1 abstention.

129. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 28 October 2021 at 7pm.

Town Mayor _____ Date _____