

RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 8 April 2021 @ 7pm by remote video conference.

Present: - Councillors R Brereton (Deputy Mayor,) J Bufton, Mrs L Charles, 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, N Soer, E Welsh and P Wright. **In Attendance:** - G Cook, Town Clerk.

31. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr L Brady.
32. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** - Councillor Corney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 35, 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 Edwards and Soer declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 36 item (b.) Cllrs Brereton. Fendley and Rayment declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 36 item (a.)
33. **Public Participation** – There were no members of the public present.
34. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** – Minutes of 11 March 2021 were unanimously **APPROVED** and duly signed.
- Cllr R Costello gave his apologies and left the meeting due to an emergency.
35. **Planning Applications for Consideration**
- 1.1 **21/00535/HHFUL** Proposed single storey side/rear extension forming garden room, utility room, guest bedroom and shower room, internal alterations and proposed detached double garage, including outhouse – Chestnut Cottage, Holme Road, Ramsey St Mary's. Unanimously **APPROVED**, site large enough to accommodate proposed extension, garage and outhouse. Will not impact on neighbours nor surrounding area.
- 1.2 **21/00572/FUL** Application for full planning permission for demolition of existing redundant buildings and infrastructure, residential development of 321 dwellings, with associated highways, infrastructure and open space – Upwood Hill House and Part of RAF Upwood, Ramsey Road, Upwood. Although consulted as a neighbouring parish the development will impact on services provided within the Town of Ramsey. Council did **APPROVE** the plans by 14 votes with 1 abstention. However, concern was shown over traffic flows particularly the Bury/Upwood Road Junction and the impact on local service such as Doctors and schools. Council was insistent that these services do receive a substantial injection of funds from 106/CIL funding.
36. **Financial Matters**
- a) Bank reconciliation figures to 31/03/21 – Noted.
- b) Financial Budget Comparison to 31/03/21 – Noted.
- c) BACS/Cheque list to be approved – Unanimously **APPROVED**.
- d) Working Party recommendation – Subject to all the necessary checks and surveys being carried out and the building being suitable for purpose to pursue the purchase of a building for use as the Council Office and community hub. To be financed by a PWLB loan to the value of £250,000. Unanimously **APPROVED**.
37. **Amenities, Highways and Leisure Items**
- a) Skate Park – Cllr Fendley outlined the current situation regarding the skate park and cost implications. A proposal was put forward that the Council reserve £30,000 from current CIL funds toward the cost. **APPROVED** by 14 votes with 1 against.
- b) Town Market – Unanimously **APPROVED** that the licence be left with Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust for a further two years.
- c) Privately Funded Local Highways Initiative (PFLHI) - One way system feasibility study – Cllr Mrs Costello to speak with the County Council for further clarification.
- d) Mill Lane Play Area – Defer to await Cllr Brady's input although it was agreed to set up a working party to look into the details.
- e) War Memorial – The Clerk outlined the situation as he saw it. Cllrs Clarke, Corney and Palmer to seek further information with the District Council.
38. **Town Mayor's and Clerk's correspondence**
- a) CCTV Service Level Agreement – To query uplift in costs.
- b) Email regarding rubbish and sharp disposal Field Road public footpath – To follow up with the County Council and Constabulary. If the resident needs planning approval for fence raising it was agreed to support.
- c) Clerk to look into possibility of some wild flower areas.
39. **Attendances at meetings, organisations. Town Mayor's Announcements and COVID-19 update.**
The Mayor had attended several online meetings with particular reference to opening up of the Town after covid restrictions are eased.

40. **Date of Next Meeting**
Thursday 22 April 2021 at 7pm.

Town Mayor _____ Date _____