

## RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 8 July 2021 @ 7pm the Drill Hall, Ramsey Camp.

**Present:** - Councillors R Brereton (Deputy Mayor,) J Bufton, J Clarke, Ms M Clarke, S Corney (Mayor,) Mrs A 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.

75. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Mrs L Charles and R Costello.
76. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** - Councillor Corney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 79, 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 and Fendley declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 80 item (d) and 81 (a). Cllr Rayment declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 81 item (a.)
77. **Public Participation** – There were no members of the public present.
78. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** – Minutes of 10 June 2021 were unanimously **APPROVED** and duly signed.
79. **Planning Applications for Consideration**
- 1.1 **21/01170/HHFUL** Single storey rear extension and garage conversion 3 Lime Road, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED**. No neighbouring objections, will not impact on street scene.
  - 1.2 **21/01157/FUL** Variation of planning permission, reference: 19/00924/FUL for the demolition of existing pavilion prior to the erection of a replacement cricket pavilion to include changing facilities, a community hub room and new main entrance and redevelopment of car parking area – Ramsey Cricket Club, Cricketfield Lane, Ramsey. **APPROVED** by 12 votes with 1 abstention. No further comments made.
  - 1.3 **21/01193/HHFUL** Demolition of part single storey and conservatory and erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension – Gunton House, Daintree Road, Ramsey St Marys. **APPROVED** by 12 votes with 1 abstention. No neighbouring objections.
  - 1.4 **21/01278/S73** Variation of condition 2 (Plans) for 19/01127/FUL to vary approved plans to incorporate the repositioned access – 19 Bury Road, Ramsey. Unanimously **REFUSED**. Inadequate access and visibility splays.
  - 1.5 **21/00444/LBC** Consent to display one non-illuminated hanging and two fascia signs (Listed Building Consent) – 108 High Street, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED**.
  - 1.6 **21/00467/S73** Minor Material Amendment to 19/00416/FUL: Move driveway entrance to make for better access/exit, remove trees T33&T34 (no effect on lime tree in original survey). Also, to reduce the dwelling size and make double garage detached and to build on a slight angle 2 metres closer to entrance – Nene Side, St Marys Road, Ramsey St Marys. Unanimously **APPROVED**. No further comments made.
  - 1.7 **21/01332/TREE** Horse Chestnut crown reduction by 3m in height and 2-3m on each side – tree causes excessive shading and overhanging the boundary to house and public road – 2 Tower Close, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED** so long as work conforms to District Tree Officer's recommendations.
  - 1.8 **21/01327/HHFUL** Single storey side extension – 19 Blenheim Road, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED** no neighbouring objections.
  - 1.9 **21/01237/HHFUL** Proposed rear single storey extension with balcony above and new games room – 251 Ugg Mere Court Road, Ramsey Heights. Unanimously **APPROVED**. Although Town Council recommends Juliet balconies as the norm to prevent loss of privacy issues.
- Street Naming - 9 New Dwellings, Land Rear Of 80 Newtown Road, Ramsey. Council **APPROVED** the use of the name "SHOTBOLT" within the street name but were against the use of the term Wharf.
80. **Financial Matters**
- a) Bank reconciliation figures to 30/06/21 – Noted
  - b) Financial Budget Comparison to 30/06/21 – Noted
  - c) BACS/Cheque list to be approved – Unanimously **APPROVED**.
  - d) Request from Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust for match funding of £4k to help maintain Discover Ramsey – Unanimously **APPROVED**.
  - e) Ramsey Senior Lunch Club funding request – A donation of £210 was **APPROVED**.

**81. Amenities, Highways, Leisure and Cemetery Items**

- a) Update on maintenance by the Town Council of the Attenuation Basin on the St Marys' Road housing development. Clerk to enquire if the Council can take on the green space excluding the attenuation basin, could this be a planning condition as part of the 106 agreement?
- b) One Way Survey results – Results to be forwarded to the County Council. Cllr Brereton thanked all Cllrs that had helped with the distribution of the survey.
- c) Confirmation of CCC Local Highways Improvement Grant for footpath to 1940s Camp – Noted.
- d) Ramshed memorial silhouettes, memorial bench and War Memorial update. It was **APPROVED** to spend up to £3,000 on the silhouettes and bench by 11 votes with 1 against and 1 abstention. Site for the bench to be decided but should be separate from the war memorial.
- e) To note the provision of a gate by CC Highways on the footpath between Oliver Close and Cromwell Close following complaints to the Council of moped riders using the path - Noted.
- f) Disabled persons parking bay, Westfield Road. Unanimously **APPROVED**.
- g) To discuss the creation of a Ramsey Flood Volunteer Group – Agreement given to proceed.

**82. New Civic Centre**

In the past the Council had reviewed several properties with a view to moving, such as the police station and the George Hotel, none had offered the potential currently available with the TSB building. Also, with match funding on offer it was agreed that this was a “right place, right time” scenario.

The Clerk confirmed that the TSB Board had approved our offer today and tabled a provisional HoTs document he had received. It was **APPROVED** that we engage Hunt & Coombs to undertake the Council's legal work. He also stated that, at the moment, funding streams had not yet been approved.

Several papers had been circulated and the Mayor requested there be a full and frank discussion on each in turn before being voted on.

Options Paper – Setting out key criteria and options. Cllr Fendley stated that the document “summed things up very well.” Unanimously **APPROVED**.

Business Plan – Cllr Lavender wished to add a couple of points to the plan, 1. Regarding the Town Council's Statutory Powers and 2. Commitment from other Statutory bodies. With these amendments the Business plan was Unanimously **APPROVED**.

Cllr Clarke proposed, seconded by Cllr Edwards that there should be a contingency repair fund for the building built into future budgets. Unanimously **APPROVED**.

It had never been Council's intention to increase the precept to cover the cost of the move. It was felt that loss of rental expenditure along with anticipated rental income and energy savings would manage these costs. To clarify this a proposal was put forward by Cllr Mrs Rayment, seconded by Cllr Brereton that any shortfall from the rental income for the first three years be taken from reserves. Unanimously **APPROVED**.

**83. Town Council Maintenance Work**

It was unanimously **AGREED** that any work undertaken by contractors must be directed through the Office.

**84. Council email and Facebook**

The Clerk outlined the current situation and would be glad for any Cllrs input.

**85. Councillor Leave of Absence**

Cllr Mrs Laura Charles had requested a leave of absence on the grounds of a relative's ill health – Unanimously **APPROVED**.

**86. Town Mayor's and Clerk's correspondence**

- a) Rural Market Town Group Services – Cllrs did not wish to pursue.
- b) Biggin Lane development - road issues (emails from residents) – Noted.

**87. Attendances at meetings, organisations**

The Mayor had recently met with Shailesh Vara MP.

**88. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 22 June 2021 at 7pm.

Town Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_