

# RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Ramsey Town Council to be held on **Thursday 12 April 2018 at 7.00pm at 7 Church Green, Ramsey**, when the following items of business will be transacted: -

**Please ensure all mobile phones are switched off or turned to silent during the meeting.**

## A G E N D A

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations from Members as to disclosable pecuniary and other interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any agenda item.

#### 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To allow 20 minutes for any members of the public to address the Council.

#### 3. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 4. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 08 March 2018, copy attached.

#### 5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**1.1 – 18/00360/S73** – Variation of conditions 1,5 and 7 on Application Reference 16/01681/REM. The proposed site plan needs to be varied due to unforeseen ground conditions. As such the site plan drawing 16-084-02D as noted on the approval needs to be amended. Altanet Technology Ltd, The Hollow, Ramsey Forty Foot.

**1.2 – 18/00457/REM** – Details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. Outline application was not an Environmental Impact Assessment application – Land at 51 Blenheim Road, Ramsey.

**1.3 – 18/00489/HHFUL** – Erection of two storey side extension – 18 Drayhorse Road, Ramsey.

**1.4 – 18/00472/HHFUL** – Proposed outbuilding to replace existing garage and open store including room in roof space with 4 dormer windows and 6 conservation roof lights – Mill View, Holme Road, Ramsey St Marys.

**1.5 – 18/00697/TREE** – Remove sycamore, sugar maple and ash trees due to disease. Replacement trees more suitable to space to be planted once agreed with customer.

**1.6 – 18/00534/HHFUL** – First floor extension to rear of house – 12 Church Close, Ramsey Forty Foot.

#### 6. FINANCE ITEMS

- a) Bank reconciliation figures to 31/03/18 – copy attached.
- b) Financial Budget Comparison 01/04/17-31/03/18 – copy attached.
- c) Cheque list to be tabled and approved.
- d) Donation request for £60 from Ramsey & District Garden Club

#### 7. AMENITIES, HIGHWAYS, LEISURE AND CEMETERY ITEMS

- a) To note that the Council's application to Cambridgeshire County Council Local Highways Improvement Grant for traffic calming in Uggmere Court Road, Ramsey Heights has been successful and to discuss the effect of the reduced financial cost on the Windfarm Grant.
- b) Memorial bench
- c) CRW email (attached)

#### 8. TOWN MAYOR'S AND CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Police report - to be tabled.
- b) Freeman and Freedom of the Town (draft policies to be tabled)
- c) General Data Protection Regulations
- d) British Legion Band
- e) Letter from High Street Business

## 9. ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS


- a) Huntingdon Town Forum Meeting

## 10. MEETING DATES

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council will take place on 10 May 2018 at 7pm.

Gary Cook

2 March 2018



Town Clerk

**The press and public are welcome to attend.**

### Notes

#### A. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- (1) Members are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests and unless you have obtained dispensation, cannot discuss or vote on the matter at the meeting and must also leave the room whilst the matter is being debated or voted on.
- (2) A Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest if it
  - (a) relates to you, or
  - (b) is an interest of – (i) your spouse or civil partner; or (ii) a person with whom you are living as husband and wife; or (iii) a person with whom you are living as if you were civil partners and you are aware that the other person has an interest.
- (3) Disclosable pecuniary interests include
  - (a) any employment or profession carried out for profit or gain;
  - (b) any financial benefit received by the Member in respect of expenses incurred in carrying out his or her duties as a Member (except from the Council);
  - (c) any current contracts with the Council;
  - (d) any beneficial interest in land/property within the Council's area;
  - (e) any licence for a month or longer to occupy land in the Council's area;
  - (f) a beneficial interest (above the specified level) in the shares of anybody which has a place of business or land in the Council's area.

#### B. Other interests

- (4) If a Member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest then you are required to declare that interest but may remain to discuss and vote.
- (5) A Member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest where, (a) a decision in relation to the business being considered might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing of you or a member of your family or a person with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would the majority of the council tax payers, rate payers or inhabitants of the electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the Council's administrative area, or (b) it relates to or is likely to affect any of the descriptions referred to above, but in respect of a member of your family (other than specified in (2)(b) above) or a person with whom you have a close association and that interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest.

## RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 8 March 2018 at The Business Centre, Abbey College, Hollow Lane, Ramsey.

**Present:** - Councillors R Brown, J Clarke, S Corney, Mrs A Costello (Deputy Mayor,) L Duffy, H Edwards, Mrs D Knight, A Lavender, D McIlwain (Mayor), J Palmer, S Selby and Town Clerk.

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the venue and it was agreed to write to the College thanking them for the use of the building.

25. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Mrs A Curtis, R Hartley, P Reeve and Mrs S Reeve.

26. **To Receive Declarations of Interest**

None.

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend the meeting to enable dialogue with members of the public, by 9 votes with 1 against.

27. **Public Participation**

There were eight members of the public present. A gentleman arose to query the fact why another stillborn baby had been interred in the grave of his baby brother who passed away at 6 days old in 1958.

The Mayor stated that he had been made aware of the facts and whilst it had occurred prior to the formation of Ramsey Town Council, he apologised and was willing to ask Council to wave the fees for the recent interment of his mother's ashes in the grave space along with the fees for erecting a headstone a total of £145.00, as a goodwill gesture which was unanimously **AGREED**.

**RESOLVED** to reconvene the meeting by 9 votes with 1 again.

28. **Town Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor pointed out that the April meeting would be the last prior to the Town Council elections on 3 May 2018.

29. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved**

The minutes of 8 February were unanimously accepted as a true record.

30. **Planning Applications for Consideration**

1.1 – **18/00203/HHFUL** – Single storey rear extension and double garage – 91 Ugg Mere Court Road, Ramsey St Mary's. **APPROVED** by 9 votes with 1 abstention. Plot large enough to accommodate proposed extension and garage.

1.2 – **18/00241/CLED** – Certificate of Lawfulness application for the installation of solar photovoltaic panels >1kw (4 panels) to rear facing roof in accordance with PDR guidelines. Completion date of installation was 23/05/17, property formally signed off as complete for building control regulations on 20/06/17 – 19 Little Whyte, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED** will not impact on street scene.

1.3 – **18/00307/HHFUL** – Demolition and reconstruction of side extension due to severe subsidence damage – 5 Hawthorn Road, Ramsey. Unanimously **APPROVED** will not impact on street scene.

1.4 – **18/00250/HHFUL** – Amendment to application 17/00793/HHFUL for changes to fenestration 166 Herne Road, Ramsey St Mary's. Unanimously **APPROVED** does not significantly alter original plans submitted.

1.5 **17/02519/FUL** – Change of use of Hangers 1 and 2 and land from refurbishment of jet engines, components and accessories together with ancillary storage. 1-2 Upwood Air Park, Ramsey Road, Bury. Further information has been provided regarding the business synopsis following requests from the parish councils. As an adjoining parish we would fully support the decision made by Upwood Parish Council, asking that the applicant adhere to the times and conditions of their Operator's Licence.

### **PLANNING – Other business**

- a) To discuss Ramsey Town Council's response to residents' concerns and Warboys Parish Council's email regarding the proposed Treatment Plant in Warboys. Unanimously **AGREED** to support Warboys Parish Council and to write to the County Council with our objection.
- b) To note changes to delegated powers for planning officers. Noted but expressed concern as to why we hadn't been consulted earlier.

- c) To discuss the council's response to the Development Management consultation. Views put forward – possibility of a fairer system than alphabetical thereby allowing some Cllrs to leave earlier. Vary meetings dates and times and reducing the amount of information provided.
- d) To note that an appeal has been made against HDC's refusal of planning application 17/01152/FUL – Demolition of existing stables and erection of a detached dwelling with parking and turning facilities – Land South of White Arches, Bury Road, Ramsey (neighbouring parish.) Noted
- e) Proposed part extinguishment of public footpath No. 4 (Biggin Lane) to be replaced with an adopted road with footpath – documents attached. Cllr Lavender declared a non-pecuniary interest, it was **AGREED** to accept the proposal with 1 abstention.

**31. Finance Items**

- a) Bank reconciliation figures to 28/02/18 – Noted.
- b) Financial Budget Comparison 01/04/17-28/02/18 – Noted.
- c) Cheque list unanimously **APPROVED**.
- d) Request for grant towards the Summer Reading Challenge – Unanimously **AGREED** to make a donation of £160.
- e) Freedom scrolls/badges – to be discussed on next meeting's agenda.

**32. Amenities, Highways and Leisure Items**

- a) To discuss Ugg Mere Court Road, Ramsey St Mary's Bridge, traffic calming proposals – Cllrs weren't satisfied with the proposal as put forward to request another meeting with the County's Officer.
- b) To discuss replacement of scramble nets at Ramsey Mereside Play Park (approx.cost £1,800) and replenishment of play bark at an approximate cost of £2,300) or possible alternatives. Unanimously **APPROVED**.
- c) To note that a visit to the Great Fen Project has been arranged for 21 March at 10.00am. Noted.
- d) War Memorial. The Clerk has requested two quotes.
- e) Roundabout proposal (Ram). Unanimously **AGREED** to pursue.
- f) Mini roundabout Stocking Fen Road/Great Whyte. To discuss with the County's Officer.

**33. Town Mayor's and Clerk's Correspondence**

- a) Police report - Noted.
- b) Letter from Ramsey Colts requesting letter of support for grant. Unanimously **APPROVED**.

**34. Attendances at Meetings and Organisations**

Cllr Palmer had attended a meeting of Ramsey Initiative.

**35. Meeting Dates**

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council will take place on Thursday 12 April 2018 at 7pm.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Community Roadwatch email)

Hi, Gary,

**Intro**

Apart from the SID owned by the Town and installed in RFF (Ramsey Rd South) and already brought onto your Asset Register, is the Town Council willing to also cover SIDs and Loggers that are 'on loan' to it from the CRW pool of devices and installed in response to requests from resident groups or even the Parish Councils themselves where they have plans for such usage? If so please sign and return the attached Asset Liability-Council Agreement. If you do not agree, please also let me know and we will remove our devices forthwith and make our apologies to the residents for raising their hopes and expectations.

**Devices Owned/Managed by CRW**

Apart from a Mick George-sponsored SID and a Lottery-funded SID, CRW also owns a SID partly sponsored by the Red Tile Wind Farm and a Logger partly funded by the Ramsey Wind Farm both of the latter for use by CRW within the Ramsey and Warboys area at the request and direction of resident groups and Parish Councils who wish to avail themselves of CRW services. The devices are available only if the Parishes are willing to cover with insurance the items once installed and actually 'on loan' to them.

**Location of SIDs wef 3 Apr 18**

At present, at our risk, in anticipation of your agreeing to the attached Agreements (as other Parishes have done without ado), CRW SIDs have been installed in speeding hotspots to moderate traffic in Ramsey St Mary's (at the shop) and Pondersbridge (Herne Rd South) for the month of April. The posts (that have been used before) have been approved once before by BBLP, the relevant CCLHO with no objections from our local police.

**Pondersbridge**

We are helping Pondersbridge South that little extra with a SID to try and moderate speeding at the moment because their Speedwatch effort has virtually died (only 3 ish remaining) with volunteers withdrawing on realising the extent of violence some drivers will offer following the recent brutal beating in the village of a driver by another whose wing mirror was merely clipped. The Speedwatch volunteers, have already been exposed to bad language and hand gestures and are not now prepared to take the chance of encountering something more severe. We will help them carry out discrete CRW sessions instead using the SID to address some commercial speeding on the basis that every little helps a lot and any little is a lot better than no little at all.