

RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Ramsey Town Council to be held at **7pm on Thursday 13th March 2025**, at **Ramsey Town Council, Great Whyte, 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.

The meeting room will open to the public at 18.50.

Lisa Renfree

7th March 2025



Town Clerk/RFO

AGENDA

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. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th February 2025, previously circulated – attached.

4. PLANNING

No applications received.

PLANNING – OTHER BUSINESS

- Planning Tracker of planning applications received and decisions made – attached.
- Great Whyte Project - Pre-Planning Application for information

5. FINANCE ITEMS

- a) Financial Summary - Cash book to 28/02/25 – to be tabled.
- b) Expenditure Transactions – to be tabled.
- c) Great Whyte Project – Car park, decision on funding – previously circulated

6. AMENITIES, CEMETERIES, HIGHWAYS AND LEISURE ITEMS

- a) To appoint a new Town Council representative to the Hunts Volunteers

7. TOWN MAYOR'S AND CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter received from Florence House

8. ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS:

9. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE:

10. MEETING DATES

The next meeting of Ramsey Town Council (Planning) will take place on 27th March at 7pm.

MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
held on Thursday 13 February 2025 at 7:00pm
Ramsey Town Council Great Whyte, Ramsey

Present: Councillors J Aubin, R Brereton, J Bufton, J Clarke, M Clarke, S Corney (Deputy Mayor), A Costello, B Davidson, V Fendley (Mayor), C Maskell, N Soer, P Taylor, E Welsh.

In attendance: Mrs L Renfree Town Clerk.

116 – Apologies for Absence: Councillors L Knight, J Palmer and G Rayment.

117 - To Receive Declarations of Interest: Councillors R Brereton, S Corney and J Clarke declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.121, Planning Applications, as Members of the District Council's Development Management Panel and reserved the right to change their views when presented with applications at the panel. Cllr Fendley item 123b and 124b.

118 – Public Participation:

There were five members of the public present. one member spoke about 20mph speed limit and mentioned there are accusations on social media about councillors taking brown envelopes. This was strongly rebutted and Cllr Corney made it clear that if anyone knows of any bribes being taken, they must let the Council know, equally if accusations continue on social media the Police will be informed.

119 – Minutes of the Last Meeting to be Approved: Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** in favour to **APPROVE** the minutes of 9th January 2025 as a correct record.

120 – Co-option of New Town Councillor – Three candidates had applied and two attended the meeting, the successful candidate was Mr Ashley Austin. The Mayor welcomed Cllr Austin to the Council.

121 – Planning Applications for Consideration:

1.1 24/00550/REM Approval of reserved matters (layout, scale, landscaping, and appearance) for a mixed-use development including industrial units (Use Class B2/ B8), commercial, business and service units (Use Class E) and car sales/mechanic (sui Generis Use) pursuant to 19/00364/OUT – land Northwest of Tesco, St Marys Road, Ramsey. Cllr Brereton proposed, and Cllr Maskell seconded for Council to **APPROVE** the application. Council voted **12 FOR** and **1 ABSTENTION** for the application to be **APPROVED**.

Planning other Business

CCC Draft Validation List Consultation – previously circulated. Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to support the draft proposals and for this to be submitted to CCC.

122. Finance Items:

- a) Financial Summary – Cash book to 31/1/25 – **Noted**
- b) Expenditure Transactions – Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to **APPROVE** the transactions.
- c) Council to decide on bringing Discover Ramsey under the management of the Town Council. – Proposed by Cllr Corney seconded by Cllr Aubin for Ramsey Town Council to manage Discover Ramsey, Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to **APPROVE**.
- d) Clerk's review and pay scale – Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to the increase from LC2 to LC3. Proposed by Cllr Brereton seconded by Cllr Corney.

123. Amenities, Cemeteries, Highways and Leisure Items:

- a) CCC 20 mph applications open The Clerk informed Council that the 20mph bids were now open and separate to the LHI bids. **Noted**
- b) Great Whyte Dine Out – To agree to Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust using the Market charter for the Great Whyte Dine Outs from April to September. Proposed by Cllr Davidson seconded by Cllr Maskell, Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to allow the Great Whyte Dine Outs to take place.

124. Working Party Recommendations:

Amenities, Highways and Leisure Working Party.

- a) To discuss 20mph speed limit in Ramsey villages following Highways recommendation – Cllr Costello informed Council that after meeting with the Senior Highways Officer they do not recommend 20mph in the villages but would look at the speed limits through Ramsey Heights and St Mary's.
- b) Skate Park funding – Plan B (previously circulated) Council had been informed by Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust that the funding must be spent by September 2025 and the work to have commenced. As there were delays with the land northwest at Tesco, they do not want to let the young people of Ramsey down and asked for an alternative location. Proposed by Cllr Brereton seconded by Cllr Welsh Council voted **12 FOR and 1 ABSTENSION** to **APPROVE** the new location be QE11 (Millfield's) Play Park.
- c) to agree new market contract rules and regulations for stall holders including charity and community stallholders and stall holder fees to remain the same for 2025 – previously circulated. Proposed by Cllr Costello and seconded by Cllr Brereton Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to **APPROVE** the market contract.
- d) to agree to the Heritage Partnership using the Market Charter on Sunday 6th April 2025 for Heritage Day – Proposed Cllr Costello seconded by Cllr Corney Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to **APPROVE** the Heritage Partnership using the Market Charter on April 6th.
- e) to agree the calendar of events shown at the meeting previously circulated – Proposed by Cllr Costello seconded by Cllr Soer Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to **APPROVE** the calendar of events.
- f) To agree a community event led by RTC for 5 May bank holiday – Proposed by Cllr Costello seconded by Cllr Maskell Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to **APPROVE** the event.
- g) Submit a Section 211 Notice for tree work to remove a dead Cherry Tree on Church Green and replace with another Cherry Tree. – Proposed by Cllr Costello seconded by Cllr Brereton Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to **APPROVE** to submit a 211 Notice.
- h) Proposed by Cllr Brereton seconded by Cllr Welsh, Council voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to **APPROVE** the unveiling of the plaque for the Gun Stand on 8 May.

125 -Town Council Representative on External Organisations.

- a) Council **APPROVED** Cllr Maskell as their representative on the Heritage Partnership.

126 - Town Mayor's and Clerk's Correspondence:

- a) A list of ongoing work was tabled and **Noted**
- b) Cllr Fendley informed council that she had received communication about perceived criminal activity down the Drovers in the villages.

127. Attendances at Meetings and Organisations:

- a) Cllr Fendley had attended a meeting at Ramsey Junior school, further meetings would take place.

128. District and County Councillor Update:

Cllr Costello informed Council that Cambridgeshire County Council would be closing the Resource Centre based on the site of Abbey College and that the Foxes out of school club was closing at the end of February 2025 due to staffing issues. Cambridgeshire County Council was looking into a solution. Council was also advised that the 30mph with 40mph buffer zone had been implemented on Puddock Road.

Cllr Corney reported that he and Cllr Costello had put forward a motion to County Council to use £800,000 to fix the roads in the Ramsey Parish – this motion had failed.

Cllr Corney also advised Council regarding the 'tilted balance' on planning. This meant that the scales of balance were tilted toward the developer because the new NPPF rules meant that Huntingdonshire District Council fell short on delivering 1300 houses. Cllr Clarke said that would be the case across the country. Cllr Brereton advised that until December 2024 Huntingdonshire had been ahead of the housing provision, this had changed due to the new rules.

There was a brief discussion on the 'White Paper' for the Local Government Restructure.

129. Date of the Next Meeting

The next Council Meeting (Planning) would take place on 27 February 2025.

Town Mayor _____ Date _____