**Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council**

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# To all members of the council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council to be held in the Parkeston Community Hall on **Monday 14th October 2024 at 7.15pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:



Teresa Le Blanc, Clerk

**Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend**

**AGENDA**

# Chairman’s welcome

# To accept apologies and reasons for absence:

# Declaration of Interest: Councillors are invited to declare any disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other interest and nature of it, in relation to any item on the agenda:

# To allow public participation - 15 minutes – Members of the public are able to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the agenda and are welcome to stay and observe, but not comment upon, the rest of the meeting:

# To confirm the minutes of the RPPC Meeting held on 16th September 2024

# To receive a report from Essex County Councillor Daniel Land.

# To receive a report from Tendring District Councillors Tanya Ferguson and Bill Davidson.

# To receive a report from the Clerk and Councillors activities:

## Clerk’s Report –

* Clerk has been working with Lin (Cemetery administrator) to answer questions from a local resident doing research on the history of a house in Una Road, also to update the risk assessment from the cemetery, Clerk has completed the risk assessment and sent it to Lin to add the locations of the plots where possible as that info was missing from the report.
* Clerk’s broadband package is up for renewal, I believe I may be able to get a better deal from another company other than BT as it is costly and not really very good, Clerk to look into prices for other companies.
* Audit is complete, PKF Littlejohn have sent completion certificate, the only thing I was picked up on is getting my dates mixed up and only allowing 29 days for freedom of information, rather than 30 days, this has been rectified for this year.
* Insurance has renewed this year, at £3464.42 a slight increase on last years price of £3394.71, all cover has continued as per last year.
* Clerk has been talking to Paul Carratt, he has started up another IT company and wants to quote for the website and emails for RPPC, awaiting quotes from him. Paul has also advised that he believes that Little Big Tech have been overcharging us, with duplicate invoices, I have been questioning them for some time but have never received a response from Nick Haley, since Paul has got involved, Nick has now answered and is looking into it.
* Clerk has forwarded email regarding reduced speed limit on A120 from Horsley Cross to Ramsey, also 20 is plenty in Essex campaign.
* RPPC has also received an email from the Air Ambulance thanking us for our previous donations and requesting donations for the upcoming year.

## Ramsey Councillors Report:

* Clayton Road Playpark, any updates:
* Dock River flooding, any updates:
* Cllr Norgan is concerned that there are child carers in Ramsey that don’t get days out and has asked if RPPC can help, clerk has advised Cllr Norgan that legislation from Local Gvt Act 1972 section 137 (8) ‘Provided that there is no alternative power, whether limited or conditional or not, and no statutory prohibition, the council may incur expenditure under section 137. The council must first be satisfied that there is a direct benefit to the area or part of the area, or to some or all of the inhabitants. The council is the body to determine whether or not such benefit will accrue, and a decision by the council could only be challenged on the ground that it was wholly unreasonable. The use of “some” in relation to the inhabitants means that the council cannot use the power to benefit a single individual. It may be possible for the council to help an organisation to which the individual belongs, thus releasing funds for the organisation to help individuals. For example, a council could make a donation to a local organisation which provides grants to needy persons’, prevents RPPC from donating to individuals.

## Parkeston Councillors Report:

## Parkeston Cemetery Report:

* Updated risk assessment with topple tests in Cemetery is complete and report has been received, this has been input into a risk assessment, unsafe headstones have been laid down and made safe, notices added to let relatives know why some headstones are down - please discuss recommendations for repairs.
* Cemetery Lodge, the tenants have mentioned that they are awaiting contact from Cllr Stanford still regarding their toilets, please can this be resolved asap.

# Chairman’s report:

# Planning Updates:

# Applications Received:

* Application No: 18/01592/OUT This is an appeal after planning permission was refused.

Proposal: Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of two detached dwellings.

Location: Site of 1 & 2 Bridge Cottages, Parkeston Road, Parkeston.

## Applications considered by the Planning Committee since the last meeting: None

## **Decisions received** – For information only: None

# Dog poo bins, Cllr Norgan and Cllr Bird were to come back to Cllr Ferguson with location suggestions for some new dog poo bins, any updates:

# ID Cards: Photographs needed of councillors to order ID cards, please can councillors either email photo to clerk or give permission for clerk to take a photograph at the meeting so cards can be ordered, lanyards and holders have been ordered at a cost of £14.97 for 20, the actual ID cards have been quoted at £12.00 for 12 x ID Cards.

# TDC planning: Clerk has emailed TDC Planning regarding Stour Road development and the pill box/bunker that we want to ensure the preservation of, response received and the bunker does not currently have any preservation orders, but they have supplied links to application if we would like to apply for the order, please discuss.

# Proposed Sunshine Coast Greenway tourism route: Clerk forwarded an email recently regarding a proposed walking/cycling route around essex, including Ramsey and Parkeston, please discuss

# Energy Costs: Clerk has contacted Ricky Gosling at Cardinal Energy and Nicholas Hoyles at Utility Aid to look at energy bill charges as we are currently paying between £350-£500 per month for 29x LED streetlights which seems expensive, we may require a change of certificate from the old Halogen bulbs to the LED ones. All requested information has been supplied,Utility Aid have come back to say they are unable to help currently, awaiting Cardinal Energy.

# Notice Boards: Have been received, awaiting installation.

# Mile Markers: RPPC spoke to Phillip Cunningham from Manningtree Museum and Local History Group, they are working on the missing mile markers in Ramsey that we had in our budget to get done last year, the project stalled but Phillip would like to get it restarted, the money is still in the project budget to do it, so have advised Phillip to go ahead as long as they are within the budget we have of £1,600.00, which was put aside last year.

# Newsletter: Newsletter has been agreed and is in the process of being restarted, RPPC will contribute financially and with a section to be written by RPPC.

* As discussed in the July 2024 meeting, a request has been made on Facebook for articles/stories which will be emailed to Clerk, nothing yet received, Clerk has contacted other local clerks for templates and has a few different layouts..

# Speed Awareness Signs: Any updates.

# Emergency Planning Leaflet: Suggestions have been received back from Catherine Boyer-Besant, Clerk is making suggested changes.

# Defibrillators: For Parkeston and Ramsey, notice added to Ramsey notice board detailing that the defibrillator has been moved as requested.

# Pumping station at Parkeston, causing flooding and ruining the eco-system: Update

# Budget meeting: Proposed budget meeting will be Monday 2nd December at 6.15pm, please submit any proposals for projects to the clerk by 31st October 2024.

# Finance:

## To agree accounts for payment as approved by the Chair/Vice Chair as previously circulated.

# Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda:

# To agree the next meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council is to be held on Monday 18th November at 7.15pm in the Parkeston Community Centre.

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