



Ramsgate Town Council

MINUTES

MEETING: Council.

MEETING DATE: 1st March 2021.

VENUE: Virtual: online and streamed to the internet.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Nixey (Chairman), Albon, Crittenden, Green, Hetherington, Huxley, Knight, Makinson, Moore, L. Piper, Rev. Piper, Ruseicki, Young and Wing.

R. Styles – Town Clerk.

D. Williams – Digital Communication Officer -Host.

130. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ara - other business.

131. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Nixey -Special interest friendship with the vendor of the land at Thorne Hill.

132. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 3rd February 2021 - Minutes 112-120.
- Approval as a true record proposed by: Cllr Green.
- Seconded by: Cllr Albon. **RESOLVED**
- 24th February 2021- Minutes 126-129.
- Approval as a true record proposed by: Cllr Albon.
- Seconded by Cllr Hetherington. **RESOLVED**

133. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM

- Cllr Nixey, having declared an interest, relinquished the chair for the rest of the meeting and called for the meeting to elect a chair to consider this one item.
- Cllr Green was proposed by Cllr Albon.
- Cllr Hetherington seconded the proposal.
- No other candidate being proposed Cllr Green was elected. Cllr Nixey vacated the chair.

134. ACQUISITION OF LAND AT THORNE HILL FOR ALLOTMENTS.

Cllr Green (Chairman) proposed that the Council delay one month to ascertain the following information:

- Whether RTC could get a loan from the public loans board and what terms.
- Investigate whether there are local farmers who would rent the land from RTC if all the land could not be used immediately.
- Consult with the existing allotment waiting list and to see if any of them would be willing to take a plot on this new site.

- Investigate possible other funding sources including whether we could use crowdfunding and also whether we could set up another body to attract lottery funding, if that is a way forward.
- Are there any community bodies that would take some of the burden of developing this allotment site in part from the council staff.
- As the proposal had not yet received a seconder, the Chairman allowed an amendment to the proposal from Cllr Rev Piper.
- That RTC doesn't make a final decision on this proposal until the 'bad reception' is resolved or until the Council can meet in person.
- The amended proposal was seconded by Cllr Rev Piper. **RESOLVED**

Note# 'The bad reception' issue has since been resolved by adopting a more rigorous meeting protocol. A subsequent Cttee meeting held the following day using the new protocol, worked well.

135. TRANSFER OF ALBION GARDENS TO RTC OWNERSHIP

- The Clerk outlined the response received by him and Cllr Albon from TDC estates. The response was that an 'Estates fee' of £600 and legal fees for the transfer of £600 is TDC's estimate of costs.
- The Clerk recommended that the Council agree to a total of £1,200 in full and complete payment of all TDC's costs, and that the £25,000 paid to TDC for Pulhamite repairs by Historic England be transferred with the land to RTC.
- Acceptance of the terms for transfer of Albion Gardens was proposed by Cllr L.Piper.
- Seconded by: Cllr Ruseicki. **RESOLVED**

136. RADFORD HOUSE

- Cllr Albon raised the possibility of naming a part of Radford House as the 'Campbell community hub' or 'Peter Campbell community hub'.
- This was seconded by Cllr Nixey. However as the item was not on the original agenda summons it cannot be made council policy, but will instead be included as an agenda item in any future meeting.

The meeting ended at 20.00 hrs.

CHAIRMAN