



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting

Venue: The Council Chamber, The Custom House, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate.

Date: Wednesday 26th March 2025 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors: Nixey (Chair), Ara, Austin, Crittenden, Driver, Green, Hudson, Huxley, Makinson, Moore, Ovenden, Shonk, Wing & Young,

Also in attendance:

Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO

074/25 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllr Albon (family commitment), and Cllr Hetherington (doctor's appointment). No apologies received from Cllr Ara.

075/25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

076/25 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no public requests to speak.

077/25 **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council considered the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 26th February 2025 (Minutes 045/25 – 058/25).

RESOLUTION: The Minutes were approved as a true & accurate record of the meeting.

078/25 **FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)**

Council received a report of payments 1st to 31st March 2025; the Council was asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £7,247.48) and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £98,183.82).

RESOLUTION: The payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £7,247.48) were noted, and the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £98,183.82) were approved.

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

Council received to note the following Committee Minutes (for approval by the respective committees):

- (i) Draft Planning & Infrastructure Committee Meeting 12th March 2025 (Minutes 059/25 – 063/25).
- (ii) Draft Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting 19th March 2025 (Minutes 064/25 - 065/25).

RESOLUTION: The Minutes were noted.

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QUADRENNIAL REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL ALLOWANCES 2025-2029

Council considered a request from the East Kent Joint Independent Remuneration Panel for input ahead of the next Quadrennial Review covering the period 2025–2029.

RESOLUTION: A recommendation will be made that £1,000 is appropriate per year, and the Panel should consider what will happen after local government reorganisation, when town & parish councils will play a more significant role.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS:

- (i) It was recommended that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

RESOLUTION: The press and public were excluded for the following item of business.

- (ii) Council received a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and considered the quotes contained therein for tree work across the council's sites. It was recommended that this matter be considered confidentially due to the quotes to be discussed.

RESOLUTION: The quote from Westgate Tree Services, totalling £4,800, was approved.

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DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 30th April 2025 at 7pm.