

RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT THE CHURCH HALL, CRAYS HILL.

Present: Cllr. McPherson-Davis, Cllr. Peake, Cllr. Dornan, Cllr. Lucas and Cllr. Borer
Apologies: None
In the Chair: Cllr. McPherson-Davis
Minute Secretary: Georgina Bassett
Also present: 11 members of the public and the Press

67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence. None received.

68. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman to be elected. It was resolved that Cllr. McPherson-Davis would be Chairman.

69. CHAIRMAN'S SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE

The Chairman to sign the declaration of acceptance. These were duly signed.

70. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Vice-Chairman to be elected. It was resolved that Cllr. Peake would be Vice-Chairman.

71. VICE-CHAIRMAN'S SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE

The Vice-Chairman to sign the declaration of acceptance. These were duly signed.

72. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To receive any "personal" or "personal or prejudicial" interests relating to items on the agenda. None declared.

73. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There will be 15 minutes question time at the meeting should this be requested by the public.

(i) The Council was asked whether it had responded to Go East regarding the Travellers and the Council confirmed that it had not. (ii) The Parish Council, past and present members were thanked for their commitment throughout the year. (iii) The Licensing Act relating to the local village shop. (iv) The Council was asked by the press to comment regarding the Judicial Review and the travellers in the green belt.

74. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 16th April 2008 to be approved and signed. These Minutes were approved and signed.

75. PART III - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 - ETHICAL FRAMEWORK

Councillors to be advised of their duty to register any interests under paragraphs 13 and 14 of the Code of Conduct, review their respective Registers of Interests and advised of their duty under paragraph 13(2) of the Code of Conduct to provide written notification to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of becoming aware of any changes.

Councillors were advised and completed their register of interests.

76. REPRESENTATIVES

To decide a representative at (i) Basildon Association Town Parish Council and (ii) Basildon District Council Liaison Meetings.

The Council resolved that Cllr. McPherson-Davis would continue to represent the Parish Council at the Basildon Association Town Parish Council. It was agreed that any councillor could attend to represent the Basildon District Council Liaison Meetings in relation to Ramsden Crays Parish Council.

77. YEAR END REPORT AND MINUTED\ SIGNED FOR AUDITORS

The Parish Council to review details provided to them for the year ended 31st March 2008 for submission to the internal auditor and then external auditor and for this to be minuted for reference purposes. The Year end report was signed by the Chairman and Clerk and minuted on the document for the internal auditor.

78. CHANGE OF SIGNATORIES ON ACCOUNT

Chairman and Clerk to sign and minute record of change of signatories for account. This was signed and minuted at the meeting.

79. 2009 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

The Council to be updated on the dates for meetings during 2009. The Council agreed the dates for 2009 meetings.

80. BUS SHELTER

Parish Councillor volunteer to adopt one shelter to use with anti-graffiti kit on a weekly basis and further decision regarding a third bus shelter. Councillor Borer agreed to adopt one shelter and Councillor Lucas has agreed to continue to adopt the shelter nearest the local school.

81. COUNCILLOR TRAINING COURSES

Councillors to decide training to attend during the year and if necessary cheques to be raised. The Chairman requested to attend a Chairman's course in June and the Clerk will enquire of further in-house courses for the remainder of the Council.

82. COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FUNDING 2008/2009

Parish Council to decide grants to pursue for funding by 28th May 2008.

Projects to consider are:

VAS Signs - maintenance issues

Gates to the border of the Parish

Playground equipment - slide/roundabout

It was resolved to pursue a grant for a VAS sign. Cllr. Peake and the Clerk will liaise to complete the form by 28th May 2008.

83. OAK ROAD

Follow up from correspondence and communication to E.C.C. and Highways in relation to the condition of the road and rubbish in this area. The pollution in the ditches is being pursued by B.D.C. Environment and appears to be solved. The fly tipping remains to be an ongoing problem.

84. NOTICE BOARD

Progress in relation to siting these two notice boards. These two notice boards are to shortly be installed. E.C.C. Highways are to be notified of the installation date.

85. RECREATION AREA

Situation relating to cost and likelihood for lockable gates at night in this area from Basildon District Council.

Costings were received to purchase a barrier gate and annual service to lock and unlock on a daily basis and the Parish Council resolved not to pursue. The Police will look at the situation during their patrols.

86. SPONSORSHIP - BULBS - OAK ROAD

Update from Highways for bulbs to be planted near to the nursery in Oak Road. The current silt adjacent to the nursery will be cleared of rubbish and top soiled by Highways. The nursery has permission from Highways to plant on this area and another small location at the opposite side of the road, keeping this area tidy and low key with a small sponsorship sign.

87. PLANNING

Applications:

08/00317/FULL. Construction of toilet/shower block ancillary to caravan park facility and extension of existing caravan park with the addition of 5 no. caravan pitches (total of 10 pitches).

Location: Barleylands Farm, Barleylands Road, Billericay, Essex.

The Council has objected on grounds that it did not comply with developments in the greenbelt as per Policy BAS GB2 and also increased traffic flow.

08/00584/FULL. First floor rear extension.

Location: Beech Hall, Oak Avenue, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

No objection by the Parish Council.

Decisions:

08/00286/FULL. Change of use of stables/tack room to farriers workshop with associated extension, external alterations and formation of parking area (revised scheme).

Location: Land Adjacent to South Lodge, Southlands Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

08/00370/FULL. Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of 1 no. 4 bed detached house.

Location: The Nest, Pipp's Hill Road, North Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

The Parish Council objected previously and it was refused.

Other:

07/00310/FULL. Use of land subject of Lawful Development Certificate for separation and storage of waste materials prior to onward transfer to landfill sites and recycling companies in addition to existing use of site for skip hire business.

Location: Land adjacent to Whites Bridge Cottage, Crays Hill, Billericay.
Dismissed.

Cllr. McPherson-Davis updated the Council that this had gone to appeal, public inquiry and the application was then refused.

88. CORRESPONDENCE

Ramsden Crays Parochial Church, correspondence received thanking the Parish Council for its donation and a list provided on expenditure in regard to a donation by the Parish Council for the churchyard under Section 137 for the year 2007 - 2008.

Essex Saver Scheme Conditions

Update on services provided relating to Essex Network Saver Ticketing Scheme.

Friends of Historic Essex

Correspondence received in relation to Heritage and public funding.

89. FINANCES

Cheques for Payment:

Clerk's salary/expenditure - May	£293.09
Essex Association of Local Councils Affiliation Fee 2008/2009	£282.53
Annual Insurance - Allianz Insurance Plc £576.57	
Prontaprint - Press Release	£17.63
Littlethorpe - bus shelter - inclusive VAT £6,227.50	

Cheques were agreed for payment.

Receipts:

HM Revenue & Customs VAT return	£102.15
EALC - communication grant - repair to notice boards	£250.00

90. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 18th June, 2008 at 7.30 p.m. at the Church Hall, Crays Hill.

MEETING CLOSED AT 21:15

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**