

RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE 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: 7 members of the public and Cllr. Terri Sargent B.D.C. and Cllr. Don Morris B.D.C./E.C.C.

91. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence. Apologies were received by Cllr. Stuart Allan.

92. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To receive any "personal" or "personal or prejudicial" interests relating to items on the agenda. No declarations.

93. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

Questions asked:

(i) Footpath 70 - brambles and hedging overgrown onto the path and tree beside the footpath in Gardiners Lane North. To be followed up by the Clerk.

(ii) Powerstation - Biomass - Cllr. Sargent commented that B.D.C. has said there is no interest and want to meet with them to put a stop to it.

Cllr. Morris gave an update that the planning application would go through E.C.C. and it is not possible to comment until a planning application has been received.

(iii) Cllr. Sargent gave further details of a new Community Initiatives Fund - "Youth".

- (iv) Cllr. Sargent mentioned that she had not been able to pursue the situation at Oak Road as to date had not received photographs, when in her receipt, Cllr. Sargent will continue with this.
- (v) The two benches not owned by the Parish require attention. The Clerk is to write to B.D.C. to ask for them to be painted.
- (vi) Cllr. Dornan updated the Council regarding the Planning Inspectorate a Preliminary Review Meeting will take place shortly. Those residents that have responded can reply to be included in the process.

94. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 14th May were approved and signed.

95. GARDINERS LANE

To discuss the development of the pinch point in Gardiners Lane. The Clerk is to write to E.C.C. for further clarification of the situation as no precise date for this pinch point.

96. SAFETY BARRIER - HARDINGS ELMS ROAD

The situation with the progress for a safety barrier at Hardings Elms Road, further to response received from E.C.C.

Initial response from E.C.C. has not been encouraging for the safety barrier. The Clerk is to write to the Head of E.C.C. for a risk assessment.

97. PARK BENCH

Update on installation and agreement by B.D.C. Parks Department to store until installed. It was confirmed that the replacement bench has been installed courtesy of B.D.C. Parks Department.

98. BUS VERGE SIGN

To consider the development with the bus verge sign and road markings to date following correspondence received from E.C.C.

A meeting is to take place between the Waste Operator and E.C.C. as it has been proven that this layby is E.C.C. property and it should be re-installed as a bus stop.

99. COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FUNDING - VAS SIGNS

Cllr. Peake to update the Council on the situation to date. Grant application for a traffic speed sign has been submitted and Cllr. Peake had inquired whether any additional funding was available for more signs and the response was not encouraging.

100. BASILDON ASSOCIATION OF TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

Update by Cllr. McPherson- Davis of meeting held on 29th May, 2008 included the appointment of a Clerk new representatives, finance and L.S.P. In addition he updated on quarterly liaison meeting held on 4th June between B.A.T.P.C. and B.D.C., this included promoting Town/Parish Councils, new directives concerning Standards Committees and also the current situation regarding future Gypsy/Traveller sites.

Cllr. McPherson-Davis updated the Parish Council with various appointments and representatives at these meetings. The Council was advised that Ramsden Bellhouse have secured a security company and the Clerk is to contact their Clerk for further information.

01/01 POLICE BEAT SURGERIES

It is intended that the Police Beat Surgeries will continue on every second Saturday in each month from 9.00 - 11.00 a.m. Cllr. McPherson-Davis to update. It was confirmed that this would become effective from July and the Police will provide posters to advertise these Surgeries. The Residents Association was requested to include the new arrangements in its next newsletter.

02/01 BUS SHELTERS

Update by Councillor Lucas of the situation regarding the request for a fourth grant. Councillor Lucas confirmed that a cheque had been received for £5,300.00 towards the third bus shelter and an application for a fourth bus shelter grant has been sent.

Cllr. Lucas had made enquiries if it was possible for the current 4th bus shelter in Crays Hill to be taken out and the Parish provided with some financial funding for the shelter - this was not possible. However, when asked if it could be re-sited to Church Road, this was better received.

03/01 PROPOSED BIOMASS POWER STATION

Although the Council had not received any formal notification of Biomass Power Station, it was discussed.

Councillor Dornan as a Basildon District Councillor asked that he be distanced from comments that were made. (To be taken out.)

Councillor McPherson-Davis proposed and it was agreed that the Clerk write to E.C.C. explaining that the Parish Council understands that until an application is submitted to E.C.C. that no decision can be made but it would appreciate any comments it is prepared to make at this time on planning policies concerning such a proposal. (The decision not to write to BDC was made.)

04/01 NEWSLETTER

The Parish Council to decide whether to issue another newsletter to update residents of the activities of the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Councillors would contact to liaise with the Clerk to compile a newsletter ready for the next meeting in July.

05/01 BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY

Decision whether to put forward a nomination for the Chairman to attend. It was agreed that the Chairman would be nominated for the 2009 Garden Party.

06/01 SCREENING OF THE EDF BOX

Proposal to request permission from EDF to screen its property via screens. Cllr. Lucas requested to screen around the box with plants. The Clerk to write to E.C.C. for permission and the Parish Council will need to maintain it.

07/01 ARRIVAL OF ADDITIONAL MOBILE HOME

Cllr. Peake update with regard to additional mobile home in Crays Hill area. The Clerk is to write to B.D.C. to request how regular checks are made on the site with regard to potential expansion.

08/01 PLANNING

Applications:

08/00716/OUT. Outline application for erection of one detached bungalow and demolition of existing bungalow.

Location: Oakwood Cattery, Oak Road, Billericay Essex.

No objection although the Parish Council expects to see a condition attached and enforced in that the existing property is demolished on completion of the proposed replacement bungalow.

08/00724/FULL. Timber framed rear extension to existing mobile home.

Location: Four Gables, Oak Road, Billericay Essex.

Objection under Policy BAS GB4 in the Basildon District Local Plan - Adopted March 1998.

08/00546/OUT Construct a four bedroom house adjacent to existing property.

Location: Pipp's Hill Farm, Pipp's Hill Road, Crays Hill, Billericay Essex.

Objection in respect of Policy BAS GB2 in the Basildon District Local Plan - Adopted March 1998.

08/00758/FULL. First floor rear extension.

Location: Magnolia House, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

No objections. Suggested one condition that the window shown on the West Elevation should be permanently glazed with obscure glass.

Decisions:

07/012646/FULL. Demolish existing dwelling and erection of 2 no. detached dwellings (Amended Plans).

Location: Pump Cottage, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Refused.**

08/00366/FULL. Replacement dwelling.

Location: The Ramblers, Pitsea View Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Granted.

07/01498/FULL. Roof alterations comprising raising of roof height with gable ends.

Location: Fairmeadow, Crays Hill Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Refused.

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

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

Refused.

The Parish Council had felt that this application had not been appropriate, even though it was not in the Parish, as it could have had an indirect effect on the residents.

09/01 CORRESPONDENCE

Essex Air Ambulance letter received thanking Ramsden Crays Parish Council for its donation of £50.00.

Correspondence received relating to Oak Road - road repairs and sewerage from John Baron MP.

Correspondence from NATS relating to Proposed Changes in Airspace - further detailed information can be obtained from

www.nats.co.uk/TCNconsultation

Letter received from ex Councillor Reeve. He expressed a thank you for the good wishes sent to him and said if he could help in the future he would.

10/01 FINANCES

Cheques Signed for Payment:

Clerk's salary/expenditure - June	£293.94
Customs and Excise - April - June - Clerk's salary	£149.85
Councillors Training Day - November Cllr. Borer EALC	£52.00
Chairman's Training Day 3 - November Cllr. McPherson- Davis EALC	£52.00
Bench Seat - Furnitubes International Ltd	£418.26

Receipts:

Cheque Paid:

EALC - Chairman's Course 3 rd June	£52.00
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11/01 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 16th July, 2008 at 7.30 p.m. at the Church Hall, Crays Hill.

MEETING CLOSED AT 21:10

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**