

**MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL 2009 AT
8.00 P.M. AT THE CHURCH HALL, CRAYS HILL**

Present: Cllr. McPherson-Davis, Cllr. Peake, Cllr. Borer, Cllr. Lucas
and Cllr. Reeve
Apologies: None.
In the Chair: Cllr. McPherson-Davis
Minute Secretary: Georgina Bassett
Also present: 9 members of the public, one member of the press

09/03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Sargent.

10/03 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were received.

11/03 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident asked if the Parish Council has come to a decision to approach the owner about the land at Pond Farm.

The Chairman confirmed that this question would be considered later in 14/03.

Essex County Council by District/Basildon District Council Ward Councillors Reports. No reports.

12/03 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 18th March were circulated to members. Cllr. Lucas proposed and Cllr. Reeve seconded this as an accurate account of this meeting and this was signed as **agreed**.

13/03 PROGRESS CHECK FROM LAST MEETING

- (i) Bus lay-by. Cllr. Lucas commented that the response from ECC Highways in unsatisfactory. The Clerk to write for clarity on ownership.
- (ii) Oak Road. Cllr. Reeve mentioned the condition of the road and the litter. Following on from the recent project to reduce litter in BDC, the Clerk to contact ECC to request a camera placed in the road.
- (iii) Safety Barrier. Cllr. Peake had a site visit today in Hardings Elms Road. Funding is available for traffic calming and reduction in speed by ECC. Report to be sent to the Parish Council.
- (iv) Electricity – Church Hall. The Clerk to write to Church to enquire what improvements are to be implemented on the electrical work.

14/03 DALE FARM

Cllr. Reeve commented only two responses received to the letter sent on funding for the travellers. The Clerk to write to Communities and Local Government enclosing proof and to request response to the previous questions.

15/03 DISTRICT AND WARD COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Peake requested a meeting with District and County Ward Councillors and Parish Councillors on specific topics in Ramsden Crays and their involvement in these areas. The Clerk to write to them.

16/03 PROJECTS 2009/2010

Cllr. McPherson-Davis mentioned that the Community and Initiatives Funding application for new projects during 2009/2010 may request an early response from the Parish and the two projects - hanging baskets and play equipment need to be considered. Cllr. Borer to collate ideas for hanging baskets and all councillors to consider for the park area.

17/03 PRESS – MEDIA

Councillors considered the standing order for press and media communication. It was decided to leave communication as it currently stands and not to adopt a standing order.

The Chairman suggested that if Councillors are asked to comment that they should approve what their comments are prior to publication and that they have the item read/e-mailed to them for confirmation prior to approval for printing and that they ensure they are quoted as “in my opinion” for clarity that it is not the Parish Council’s opinion or decision.

18/03 CRAYS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cllr. Borer proposed that the Clerk sends two letters to BDC and ECC with regard to why no objections were raised to the planning application as it is on Green Belt. Proposed by Cllr. Borer and seconded by Cllr. McPherson-Davis – **agreed**.

19/03 FOURWAYS – OAK ROAD, CRAYS HILL

The Clerk to write to owner of this land and enquire what planning application was proposed and the date and to highlight that under normal circumstances we would not support development in the Green Belt.

Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis – **agreed**.

20/03 POND FARM

Cllr. Peake considered the point raised earlier by a resident and the concerns for the Parish regarding the grazing of horses on this land adjacent to the main road. The Clerk to write to the owner of this land and BDC Planning Department for clarity on this situation.

21/03 BUS SERVICE

Cllr. Peake raised concerns that there is a reduction of bus services out of rural areas and the enhancement of carbon footprints. The Clerk to write to ECC to request standards are maintained in the bus services.

22/03 RISK ASSESSMENT

Cllr. McPherson-Davis reminded the Parish Council of the importance of reviewing risk assessments and future projects to include risk assessments. He proposed that the current risk assessment is satisfactory to date – **agreed**.

23/03 PLANNING

Submitted:

Application No: 09/00216/FULL. First floor rear extension, remodel and extend front dormers.

Location: Westborough, Gardiners Lane North, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

No objection by the Parish Council.

Application No: 09/00200/FULL. Single storey front extension with a hipped roof, rear conservatory and a paved driveway.

Location: 7 High View Rise, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

No objection by the Parish Council.

Application No: 09/00142/CCBAS. Erect tensile shade structure over rubber crumb safety surface surrounded by native shrub planting and fencing in the south west corner of Crays Hill primary School's sports field.

Location: Crays Hill County Primary School. **No objection by B.D.C.**

Decision:

Application No: 09/00035/FULL. Single storey side extension.

Location: Oak House, Oak Road, Crays Hill, Billericay Essex. **Refused.**

Application No: 09/00027/FULL. Single storey front extension with a hipped roof, rear conservatory and a paved driveway.

Location: 7 High View Rise, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Refused.**

Application No: 09/00021/LDC. To establish the lawfulness of a proposed front conservatory and single storey rear conservatory.

Location: Westbury, Hardings Elms Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Refused.

24/03 Application No: 08/00793/LDC. Retention of residential building on gypsy caravan site.

Location: 4A Oak Lane, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Withdrawn.**

The Clerk to write to Dawn French of BDC, Cllr. Buckley and ECC by District/BDC Ward Councillors to arrange a meeting with Parish Councillors with concerns of LDC's in the travellers site.

25/03 CORRESPONDENCE

For information only:

BATPC

Draft minutes meeting 12.03.09

BDC

Agenda Cabinet – 1st April, 2009

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 20.03.09 (e-mail)
Development Control and Traffic Management Committee Mins. 10.03.09
Development Control and Traffic Management Committee Mins. 24.03.09
Environ. and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Cttee. Mins 17.02.09
Housing and Community Overview and Scrutiny Cttee. Mins. 25.02.09
Members Bulletin 19.03.09/Issue No. 2009/11
Members Bulletin 02.04.09/Issue No. 2009/13
Members Bulletin 09.04.09/Issue No. 2009/14
Miscellaneous Licensing Sub-Committee Minutes 24.02.09

Clerk

March 2009

Campaign to Protect Rural England

March 2009

Countryside Voice – Spring 2009

EALC

Briefing Report 07.03.09

Briefing Report 08.03.09

Essex LLA Refresh

Briefing Note for Partners 13.02.09

ECC

Bus Passenger Service – 23.03.09

The Essex Compact

Making the Links – March 2009

Oak Road, letter received of 27th March, 2009

Passenger Transport Representatives Meetings – Spring 2009

Pond Farm, letter received of 27th March, 2009

Lay-by Crays Hill 27.03.09

Safety Barrier – Hardings Elms Road

Road Works – 07.04.09

General

Great Burstead and South Green Village Council
Communities and Local Government – Dale Farm

Tree Company

Letter – John Baron MP re Oak Road

RCCE

Training for Transition – 28th and 29th April 2009

Community Led Project 14th May 2009

26/03 FINANCES

Cheques agreed for payment:

Clerk's salary/expenditure – April	£313.74
Campaign to Protect Rural England Annual Subscription	£29.00
Society of Local Council Clerks Subscription (half paid between Shotgate Parish Council)	£105.00

27/03 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Next agenda items:

Oak Road

Project proposals – Hanging baskets, play area and electrics in the hall

28/03 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No further points were raised.

29/03 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The Annual Council Meeting of Ramsden Crays Parish Council will be on Wednesday 20th May, 2009 at 7.30 p.m. at the Church Hall, Crays Hill.

MEETING CLOSED AT 21:53.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**

YET TO BE APPROVED BY PARISH COUNCIL