

RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE CHURCH HALL, RAMSDEN CRAYS ON WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE, 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: A. Peake (Chairman), J. Lucas, D. McPherson-Davis and R. Reeve

ALSO PRESENT:

Georgina Bassett – Clerk to the Council

Two members of the press

63/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Cllr. Tina Borer, Cllr. Don Morris and Cllr. Iris Pummell.

64/02 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations of members interest on items of the agenda.

65/02 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th May, 2010 were considered as an accurate reflection of the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr. Lucas and seconded by Cllr. Reeve and **agreed**. Point raised by Cllr. McPherson-Davis re normal donations to various committees and finance 41/02 - £72.00 hall hire – for six months – it was confirmed that the cheque for payment had in fact not yet been signed by members of the Council and had not been sent.

Open 07:38 p.m.

66/02 PRESENTATION

Police Sergeant Cath Henderson spoke with the Parish Council in relation to speed enforcement and other issues within the Parish with Barry Curtis – the new Neighbourhood Specialist Officer for Crouch Ward.

Issues covered:

NAPs meetings are held every six to eight weeks for the Crouch Ward to discuss issues with the local community.

Useful Essex Police website – “My Neighbourhood”.

Consideration for a poster to advertise the meeting dates was requested.

View to have Police NAP at Parish Council Meetings – either prior or after meetings.

Statistics for top 10 for Ramsden Crays area/Crouch Ward of crime from 16th June 2009 – 15th June 2010:

Burglary dwelling in the Crouch Ward is 40 for the year of these Ramsden Crays is 3.

Commercial burglaries in Crouch Ward is 30 of these Ramsden Crays is 8.

Theft from Motor vehicles in Crouch Ward is 29 and of these Ramsden Crays is 4.

Theft other in the Crouch Ward is 28 of these Ramsden Crays is 10.

Criminal damage to vehicles in Crouch Ward is 26.

Criminal damage to dwellings in Crouch Ward is 20.

Criminal damage not building in Crouch Ward is 10.

Total of the above three for Ramsden Crays is 3.

Assault in Crouch Ward is 40.

Theft and taking vehicles in Crouch Ward is 22 and of these Ramsden Crays is 7.

A request for Essex Police Speed Recording Equipment – cable across the road to record speeds has been requested to be installed for a short term with data recording at the bottom of Crays Hill Road near the end of the village prior to the 30mph speed restrictions should be possible. This will give data for the Parish Council to go to Highways to reinforce requests as follows:

An additional request for the speed sign in London Road to be moved to 30 mph past the junction of Hardings Elms Road rather than current unrestricted sign was discussed. This is a Highways/Parish Council matter, the police can support the Parish Council request after the data recording is done, provided evidence of excess speed is demonstrated. This will be raised at the next NAP meeting on 6th July at Noak Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The issue of “fly posters” on the telephone box is now resolved. The Clerk to receive contact details if an issue in the future.

The Neighbourhood Specialist Officer Barry Curtis will make enquiries on the frequency of flashing on the VAS sign installed by Highways. If available he will attend the Parish Council meeting of 14th July at 7.30 p.m. with updates.

Session Closed 08:21 p.m.

67/02 PUBLIC SESSION

- (a) No councillors comments.
- (b) No members of the public heard.
- (c) No reports from Essex County Council by District/Basildon District Council Ward Councillors.

68/02 PROGRESS CHECK FROM LAST MEETING

Update on actions from last meeting were provided to the Parish Council.

69/02 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting, BATPC representative or items for members attending BDC Pre-Liaison Meeting.

Cllr. Reeve requested the issue of 33 pitches, now considering 44 legal sites to be considered for the next Parish Council meeting.

70/02 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING VENUE – 2011

The response to the letter from Crays Hill Primary School was considered. It was **agreed** for the Clerk to write to request if available from January 2011 from 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. on those evenings for third Wednesday of the month and with a request for a reduction if we book 11 months in advance and pay rather than in six monthly bookings. It was also agreed to pay for the current hall hire for 8 months £96.00 – end of December as the facility is available.

Cllr. Peake was concerned about the War Memorial on the Church Hall building and the dedication in the shed at the back when the Hall is no longer in use. It was **agreed** for the Clerk to write to the Church to ask for their intention regarding both of these. Cllr. Reeve will provide information to the Clerk regarding war memorial funding.

71/02 NATURE RESERVE

The future correspondence for the development with B.D.C. in relation to the

Nature Reserve was considered. The Clerk is to write as the Parish Council would like to know what the intention is of BDC in the future for the maintenance and possible development of this area. Proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Lucas – **agreed**.

72/02 MAINTENANCE – REPAIR

Additional recommendations from B.D.C. for contractors for repair/maintenance were considered of the following:

- (a) The sign – Cllr. McPherson-Davis confirmed that it has mould and should just be a quick clean up exercise with a coat of varnish. The Clerk to liaise with insurance company for councillors to repair this.
- (b) The bus shelters – these were reviewed by councillors Peake and Lucas. At present the condition is good – no maintenance required. To be considered for review later in the year.

73/02 THREE YEAR PLAN – STANDING ORDERS

The Working Party had not been able to meet to consider the following recommendations. A provisional date is now set for Wednesday 30th June after a Council Meeting.

- (i) Quality Parish Council.
- (ii) Standing Orders Part 2 to adopt to suit the Parish Council.

74/02 DOG AND LITTER BINS

No response since the positions given to B.D.C. The Clerk will follow up for the additional litter/dog bins within the parish.

75/02 FLOWER TROUGHS

Cllr. Peake confirmed that a site visit from E.C.C. for the costings of plants, bulbs and shrubs for consideration by the Parish Council had not been possible. He will make further attempts to meet with them prior to the scheduled 30th June Parish Council meeting.

76/02 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Update on issues:

- (a) Hardings Elms Road. The Council considered response from E.C.C. on speeding and road signs for traffic calming in the road and requested the Clerk to write for the speed limit to be reduced to 30mph.
- (b) Oak Road response from E.C.C. is that it is in the plans for this year as high priority to resurface the remainder of the road. Review at the July meeting.

77/02 OAK ROAD

To consider:

- (i) The response from Essex Police of the letter of 28th May with regard to newspaper quotation was considered and will be followed up at the next liaison meeting with B.D.C.
- (ii) The response from B.D.C. with regard to notice to the illegal travellers and quotation in the newspaper was considered and will be followed up at the next liaison meeting with B.D.C.
- (iii) The response from John Baron MP on the situation at Oak Road was considered and the Parish Council will await his further comments.

Oak Road to be on the agenda of the 30th June meeting.

78/02 BONFIRES

The Council considered the response to the Environmental Protection Act 1990 on

smoke issues from regular bonfires at Great Waskett Farm, Gardiners Lane North and Dale Farm at Oak Lane. The Clerk will visit the website and update the Council to assist it to write with a response.

79/02 PLAY EQUIPMENT - RECREATION AREA – ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Cllr. McPherson-Davis confirmed the new slide has been installed. The Parish Council considered the publicity, invitations and date of event involving E.C.C. for the low pedestal play equipment in the recreation area.

Cllr. Jowers had given dates when he is available. The preference from members is Tuesday 29th June at 2.00 p.m. The Clerk is to ask Cllr. Don Morris of E.C.C. and invite the press to attend.

80/02 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TRAFFIC ORDER – PARKING BAYS FOR DISABLED

The Parish Council considered the response to the letter of 28th May from E.C.C. on traffic management within the area. It decided not to provide a response as this is not under the Parish Council.

81/02 CONSULTATION – HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND – ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

The Parish Council considered the response to the consultation on Broadband within the area and fully support the action by the County in any improvements. It does not have problems in the Parish.

82/02 CONSULTATION – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK NEWSLETTER

The Parish Council considered its response on the newsletter – it does not have a response, but asked the BATPC Representative to raise at the next Executive Meeting.

83/02 REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr. McPherson-Davis confirmed he is not available to be appointed as the Transport Representative.

84/02 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

A report from Cllr. Lucas of the 20th May BATPC that there are a few changes to councillors on the Executive and financial funding is being considered along with constitution changes and clarification of procedures on B.D.C. Liaison agenda. The AGM of BATPC will be on Thursday 17th June in Billericay and a name change will be considered at this meeting.

Cllr. Peake will attend the 15th July BATPC Executive meeting instead of Cllr. Lucas.

85/02 PLANNING

Applications:

10/00502/FULL - sub division of ground floor flat to create two residential units.

Location: Hillcrest, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Considered application and the response from the Parish Council is there are no objections.

Cllr. Lucas was requested to raise at BATPC the issue not adequate time to respond to planning issues with weekly delay of receipt of the letter.

86/02 FINANCES

Cheques agreed for payment:

Mrs. G. Bassett – June Salary/expenses	£289.10
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd – low pedestal slide	£4,141.88 (inc. VAT)
Tax – HM Revenue 1 st April – 30 th June 2010	£185.89
Ramsden Crays Parochial Church	£96.00 (additional – 8

meetings)

All the cheques were approved for payment. The invoice for Wicksteed is yet to be received and provided it is, then the Clerk has been authorised to pay. Proposed by Cllr. Lucas and seconded by Cllr. McPherson-Davis – **agreed.**

87/02 CORRESPONDENCE:

For information only:

Basildon Council Minutes Council - 15.04.10

Cabinet Minutes 08.04.10

Members Bulletin Week 23

Standards Committee Minutes 02.03.10

Leisure and Health Scrutiny Committee Minutes 03.03.10

Overview and Scrutiny Commission Minutes 21.04.10

Development Control and Traffic Management Committee Minutes 20.05.10

Appeals and General Purposes Committee Minutes 02.03.10

LDF Newsletter June 2010

EALC – County Update May 2010 No. 77

NALC Annual General Meeting – 13.10.10

Essex Air Ambulance Summer 2010 update

Essex County Council – South Essex Area Forum Meeting 07.06.10

Essex County Council – Mobile Library July 2010

Essex Works – Carer Awareness Seminar

Essex Works – Highways Community Infrastructure Fund (HCIF) 24.05.10

Essex Works - Passenger Transport Keeping you in the Picture April 2010

Essex Works – Passenger Transport Representatives Meeting 04.05.10

Essex Works – Bus Passenger News June/July 2010

Making the Links – May 2010

The Playing Field Spring 2010

88/02 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

None.

89/02 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Provided the hall is available there will be an additional Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 30th June at 7.30 p.m. and the next meeting after that will be on Wednesday 14th July, 2010 at 7.30 p.m. at the Church Hall, Crays Hill.

MEETING CLOSED AT 09:19 P.M.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**