

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE CHURCH HALL, RAMSDEN CRAYS ON WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Georgina Bassett – Clerk to the Council
Four members of the public
One member of the press

18/03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Cllr. S. Allen of B.D.C. and Cllr. I. Pummell of Essex County Council.

19/03 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations of “personal” or “personal or prejudicial” interests relating to items on the agenda.

20/03 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th July, 2010 were approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Borer and seconded by Cllr. Reeve – **agreed**.

07:33 open session

21/03 POLICE PRESENTATION

P.C. Curtis and P.C.S.O. Caroline Guest.

The following statistics provided are for the whole of the Crouch Ward and not just Ramsden Crays Parish Council.

For the period 20th July – 4th September 2010:

Three common assaults, 6 burglary dwellings, 1 breach of court order, 5 burglary others, 1 criminal damage, 6 criminal damage to dwellings, 1 criminal damage other than dwelling, 9 criminal damages to vehicles, 2 drug cultivations, 3 drug possessions, 1 Public Order Act Section 4, 1 Public Order Act Section 5, 1 robbery, 5 theft of motor vehicles, 5 theft others and 6 theft from motor vehicles.

Forty-three anti-social behaviour incidents from 20th July to 4th September 2010 over a 46 day period for the whole of Crouch Ward. The previous period 8th June to 20th July 2010 over a 42 day period for the whole of the Crouch Ward were a total of 53 incidents. Primary around the Noak Bridge area. “Operation Admonish” has been in operation over school holiday period.

- Speed survey – strips out on 14th September informed, not visible today, will pursue. Data will be analysed.
- Accident data – 36 months for Crays Hill – Hardings Elm Road – 6 accidents.
- Parking on pavement causing restricted vision and CCTV in Longwood directed towards private properties. Police not yet had opportunity to look into and will come back to the Parish Council.
- Mobile Police Station – is active, recently at Ramsden Bellhouse. Website available to update Council.

- Visits have been made to Dale Farm and have been tasked for twice a day.

08:05 closed session

22/03 PUBLIC SESSION

- (a) Parish Councillors - None.
- (b) Public to be heard – none.
- (c) Essex County Council by District/Basildon District Council Ward Councillors Reports – none.

23/03 PROGRESS CHECK FROM LAST MEETING

Update on actions from last meeting received.

24/03 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Cllr. Lucas request for an agenda item for the Parish Council to consider sending a letter to the church authorities requesting a small percentage from the sale of the village hall to allow the Parish Council to apply for match funding to obtain alternative accommodation.

Planning correspondence and correspondence in general.

Situation on how many legal sites are permitted on the Dale Farm site.

Cllr. Lucas - resurfacing of the park car park.

25/03 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

4th August Highways Panel – Cllr. D. McPherson-Davis attended this meeting with minimal attendance. Opinion of all at this meeting was that it would be inappropriate for the Panel to be set up for Basildon District to decide where monies should be spent.

Cllr. McPherson-Davis attended a joint hosted Viola Pitsea Marshes Trust and Basildon Council funding seminar where he was informed that funding is available.

26/03 OAK LANE

- (i) The Parish Council reviewed the situation on the eviction process and the way forward with B.D.C. Clerk to write to B.D.C. to request 28 day notice served sooner rather than later and to ask what progress has been made since the last update with all the agencies concerned and why has notice not been served. Additionally to congratulate B.D.C. on the successful eviction from Hovefield.
Proposed by Cllr. Reeve and seconded by Cllr. Borer – **agreed.**
- (ii) Considered the response on the issue of legal pitches after the eviction of Dale Farm from B.D.C. Paragraph to add to earlier letter from the Clerk to request what B.D.C. think the position is at the legal site, how many pitches there currently are on legal site and whether any sub-division has taken place? Is it likely that the four or ten year rule will come into effect? How does B.D.C. control the occupation of the legal site?
Proposed by Cllr. Peake, seconded by Cllr. Reeve - **agreed.** (Letter to A. Ball and cc Ward/District Councillors and John Baron.)

27/03 HARDINGS ELMS ROAD – TRAFFIC RESTRICTION

The reply to the letter of 30th July from Essex County Council was reviewed. The Clerk to send a letter requesting the criteria considering this road incorporates a ditch, no footpath, a windy road and houses on each side.

Clerk requested to write to E.C.C. to move the 30 mph limit on the A129 junction pushing the 30 mph limit westwards towards Billericay beyond the junction of Hardings Elms road in light of continued incidents over the last 3 years and the close proximity of Whites Bridge industrial estate on a blind bend.
Proposed by Cllr. Peake - **agreed**.

28/03 AUDIT RETURN

The Clerk to resend report of the full audit to all councilors to be reviewed at next meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Peake - **agreed**.

29/03 STANDING ORDERS

To review at the next meeting the circulated document on the standing orders and agree changes to the current models for Part 2 – **agreed**.

30/03 WAR MEMORIALS

The response from the two specialist companies was considered on.

(i) Restoration and (ii) ultimate resiting of both memorials.

One company wrote not interested and the other yet to respond.

(iii) The funding information from Wickford Memorial Group was provided to members from Cllr. McPherson-Davis who confirmed they are interested in the First World War Memorial. It was **agreed** to contact them when the Parish Council is aware of the situation regarding the hall.

It was **agreed** to defer consideration for budget preparations towards restoration and resiting to the next meeting.

31/03 CHANGES IN RESPONSIBILITY TO CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL PASSES AND THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis that current travel regulations to be retained – **agreed**.

32/03 SUMMER NEWSLETTER RESOLUTIONS

(i) It was resolved that the newsletter is ready for printing and distribution. Proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Lucas.

(ii) It was offered by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and resolved that in future he will put a copy into a folder for future retention in the Wickford Library.

33/03 P11DX

It was **agreed** that Cllr. Peake will review the dispensation form for HM Revenue for the financial year 2010 – 2011 and for this matter to be deferred to the next Parish Council meeting.

34/03 CHARTER BETWEEN BASILDON DISTRICT COUNCIL

It was **resolved** that the revised Charter between Basildon Council and Ramsden Crays be accepted.

35/03 ASSOCIATION OF BASILDON LOCAL COUNCILS

It was **resolved** that the amended constitution from BATPC and the name change to Association of Basildon Local Councils and the proposed subscription to £20.00 for the year for the meeting on 15th September, prior to SGM be **agreed**.

36/03 ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL SOUTH AREA FORUM BUDGET

Consideration was made for funding for this and CIF Funding and Veolia Marshes Trust.

37/03 GRANT FUNDING

Cllr. McPherson-Davis updated the Council that funding is available for the park area. He proposed that an application is submitted by all three current fundings available and on the basis that any additional required funding comes from the other two – **agreed**.

It was **agreed** that Cllr. McPherson-Davis research and make applications for another goal post in the park and two small 5 a side goal posts and a couple of park benches.

38/03 SCRUTINY REVIEW OF TAXI NUMBERS AND ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES

The two issues under review on the Overview and Scrutiny Review were considered and Council **agreed** not to make any comment.

39/03 CLG CONSULTATION – LOCAL REFERENDUMS TO VETO EXCESSIVE COUNCIL TAX INCREASES

The referendum and its contents were noted by the Parish Council.

40/03 SALT BINS, SALT BAGS AND PARISH COUNCILS

RECOMMENDATION “The Council considered being part of a pilot scheme with 1 tonne salt bags as an alternative to salt bins”. It was **resolved** that the Clerk to respond with a “no thank you”..

41/03 BUDGET – PRELIMINARY – PRECEPT

It was **agreed** to review the preliminary budget and precept at the next Parish Council meeting.

42/03 PENSION – CLERK

RECOMMENDATION “To consider the options available for the Clerk to join the local government pension scheme”. The Clerk will forward information to members – **agreed**.

43/03 NATURE RESERVE

The response of the letter of 1st July from B.D.C. was considered for the future intention of the maintenance and possible development of this area. The Clerk was instructed to write to ask “that considering the amount spent at Wat Tyler Park and elsewhere does B.D.C. not think Ramsden Crays can receive a minimal maintenance. Proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Borer - **agreed**.”

44/03 CRAYS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

The latest letter from the school for provisions of dates for meetings during 2011, with a request for a copy of the insurance provision for public liability prior to first meeting was considered. The Clerk to write and give dates from 1st January 2011 and to provide a copy of the insurance provision - **agreed**.

RECOMMENDATION “To consider listing of the facade of Crays Hill School”. Cllr. Borer proposes that the Clerk looks into information on listing the frontage facade of Crays Hill school as a listed building – **agreed**.

45/03 FOOTPATH 69

Cllr. Borer proposed that the PC writes to the relevant department for a gate as has been used frequently by horses coming out of the area – **agreed**.

46/03 PLAYING FIELDS

Cllr. Borer proposed that the Council consider applying for the playing fields to

become village greens. The Clerk to receive information from Cllr. Borer and make further enquiries – **agreed**.

47/03 CHRISTMAS TREE

Cllr. Reeve offered to put up and decorate a Christmas tree. He proposed to make an enquiry of a local resident for a donation of the tree as in previous year's - **agreed**.

48/03 PLANNING

Applications:

10/00871/FULL. Demolition of existing house and erection of 2 no. 4 bed detached houses (amendment to previously approved application 05/00691/FULL).

Location: 14 Bromfelde Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

No objection.

10/00759/FULL. Single storey rear extension.

Location: Mount Lodge, Oak Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Object too large and in green belt.

10/00976/TP0BAS. Remove T1 (Oak) of TP/01/04 – Land on the Corner of Gardeners Lane North, Pitsea View Road, Crays Hill, Billericay.

Unable to comment. The Council recommends this is referred to the Arboriculturalist.

Decisions:

10/00246/FULL. Demolition and re-construction of detached garage and store (revision of 09/00387/FULL – retrospective – revised drawings).

Location: Overmead, London Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

09/00682/COND. To discharge conditions 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 of planning approval 07/00166/FULL.

Location: Shirley, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

09/01127/FULL. Demolish existing bungalow and construction of detached 4 bed house.

Location: Weir Cottage, Hardings Elms Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Refused.

10/00749/FULL. Demolition of existing single storey rear extensions and construction of two storey rear extension with ground floor infill extension.

Location: Great Barns, Oak Avenue, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

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

Location: Hillcrest, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Refused.**

49/03 CORRESPONDENCE:

For information only:

BDC

Appeals and General Purposes Committee Minutes 10.06.10

Appointments Committee Minutes 20.05.10

Community Safety and Housing Scrutiny Committee Minutes 06.07.10, 04.08.10

Development Control and Traffic Management Committee Mins. 06.07.10, 21.07.10, 03.08.10

Leisure and Health Scrutiny Committee Minutes 09.06.10

Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee Minutes 7th July 2010

Overview and Scrutiny Commission Minutes 17th June 2010

Town and Parish Council Liaison Meeting Minutes 29.07.10

EALC

County Update No. 79, July 2010

NALC – Report of the Chief Executive 29 June 2010

ECC

Essex Speed Management Strategy 2010

Essex Works – Bus Passenger News July/August 2010 August/September 2010

Bulletin No. 32/33

South East Essex Forum Meeting – 1st September 2010 – South Benfleet

General

Being a good employer leaflet

CPRE – August 2010 Fieldwork, Newsletter Issue Number 12 – September 2010

Countryside Voice – Summer 2010

House of Commons Early Day Motion No. 557 August 2010

The Playing Field Summer 2010

50/03 FINANCE

The following payments were proposed by Cllr. A. Peake and seconded by Cllr. D.

McPherson-Davis to pay - **agreed**:

Audit Commission tax year 2009 – 2010	£141.00
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Clerk's salary – expenses – September 2010	£290.67
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HM Revenue – July – September 2010	£186.96
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Total	<u>£618.63</u>
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Cllr. McPherson-Davis informed the Parish Council that the installation work of the low pedestal slide in relation to the contractor had been made good and it was **agreed** for the Clerk to now send the cheque to the supplier.

09:45

51/03 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Common land question

Aerial photographs of traveller sites at Oak Lane and Dale Farm taken recently.

52/03 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th October, 2010 at 7.30 p.m. at the Church Hall, Crays Hill.

MEETING CLOSED AT 10:00 P.M.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**