

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE CRAYS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL, CRAYS HILL ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Georgina Bassett – Clerk to the Council  
3 members of the public  
1 member of the press

**01/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr. S. Allen and Cllr. T. Sargent.

**02/11 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

No declarations of "personal" or "personal or prejudicial" interests relating to items on the agenda were received.

**03/11 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010 were considered and it was **resolved** to sign these as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Lucas and seconded by Cllr. Reeve – **agreed**.

**04/11 PUBLIC SESSION**

- (a) No members with prejudicial interests.
- (b) No members of the public put any questions to the Parish Council.
- (c) No reports by Essex County Council by District/Basildon District Council Ward Councillors.

**05/11 FINANCE**

The payments of the following were **agreed**:

Clerk's salary – expenses – January 2011	£311.12
Land Registry	£ 22.00
Total	<b><u>£333.12</u></b>

Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Peake.

It was also **resolved** that payment be made of £50.00 for the Clerk to undertake training. Split with Shotgate as agreed at the December 2010 meeting and for payment of £21.00 to be sent to Noak Bridge for Cllr. A. Peake's training as the cheque has been lost - **agreed**.

Received:

£8.00 Land Registry – Parish Council in receipt of one relevant application and form not therefore requested from Land Registry.

**06/11 CHURCH HALL**

The correspondence/update was reviewed on:

- (i) HM Land Registry on two application forms – HC1 and OC2 at a cost of £10.00 and £12.00 respectively and **agreed** for payment as above – proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Lucas – **agreed**.
- (ii) The insurance information received for the removal of the

war memorial was considered.

Cllr. Peake informed members that he had spoken to a museum in Chelmsford who had agreed to store both the stone and wooden memorials in a regimental museum whilst the Parish Council confirms relocation. Further update at the next meeting.

Cllr. McPherson-Davis advised that a resident has offered to put the stone memorial in the field at the corner of Approach Road. It was **agreed** to review at the next meeting. The Clerk will write to thank the resident for the offer and to confirm exact location.

#### **07/11 LEGAL SITES ON DALE FARM SITE**

Response noted on the situation on how many legal sites are permitted on the Dale Farm site. This will be referred to Basildon Borough Council at its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2011.

#### **08/11 OAK ROAD**

- (i) The current situation at Oak Road was reviewed, including the road deterioration.  
Litter on the ditches and the road has deteriorated and is not being cleared once a week as previously. Basildon Borough Council Street Care to receive a request for improvements and signs to put installed to dispose of litter properly.
- (ii) The 30 mph signs in Oak Road have not reappeared. The exact locations for replacement signs to be provided to Street Care to assist in the prevention of vehicles driving into the ditches.

#### **09/11 NATURE RESERVE**

Cllr. Peake confirmed he had liaised with Basildon that this was an ongoing problem. To date Basildon Borough Council confirmed that there is no funding. A site meeting is scheduled in the next couple of weeks and at this meeting they will be asked how they intend to maintain it. Update should be available at the next Parish Council meeting – **agreed**.

#### **10/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Applications:

**Application No: 10/01306/FULL.** Single storey front extension.

**Location:** Ashbourne, Southlands Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

No objection.

**Application No: 10/10408/FULL.** Sub division of ground floor flat to create two residential units.

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

Objection to overdevelopment and out of character to the neighbourhood – **agreed**.

Decisions:

**10/01204/COND.** To discharge condition 2 of planning approval 09/00994/FULL.

**Location:** Loven Joel, Crays Hill Road, Ramsden Crays, Wickford, Billericay, Essex.

**Granted.**

#### **11/11 HARDINGS ELMS ROAD – TRAFFIC RESTRICTION**

The response to the request for traffic restriction was noted. Based on a report from the Essex Police. The Clerk to write to request a speed limit of 30mph in Hardings Elms Road and to move the 30 mph sign on the A129 back past the junction with Hardings Elms Road.

**12/11 MINERALS DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENT**

This document was considered and no comment by the Parish Council.

**13/11 ASSETS REGISTER**

It was noted that Basildon Borough Council has the asset of the slide and that the assets register is in order for the internal audit in February.

**14/11 PLANTING WITHIN RAMSDEN CRAYS**

The Clerk to contact Parks Department to request another update.

**15/11 PROGRESS CHECK FROM LAST MEETING**

Crays Hill Recreation Car Park to pursue with relevant department.  
Footpath and Kissing Gate Footpath 69 – pursue situation with Highways.  
Play Equipment progress from Cllr. McPherson-Davis – should be available for February meeting.

**16/11 INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Request to the Police to attend the Parish Council meeting in February.  
Condition of the recycling of clothes and bottle banks in the car park.  
Timetable for refuse collection.  
Confirmation of date for completion of the Oak Road surfaces.

Courtauld Road – traffic situation.

**17/11 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Lucas and Cllr. McPherson-Davis inspected and asked questions about Parish Council Meetings at Crays Hill Primary School. Some of the issues to be noted: Enter and exit by the main entrance, toilet facilities in the hall, emergency fire exit from the hall and assemble on the playground. Booking commence at 7.30 p.m. and finish at 9.30 p.m. and to include putting away the chairs and tables during this period.

Cllrs. Peake, McPherson-Davis and Sargent met with Headteacher, Deputy Head and Chair of Governors. A copy of the minutes to be available for the next Parish Council meeting.

**18/11 LITTER BIN**

Dog bin to be installed at the end of High View Rise and of a litter bin near to the grit bin at junction of Oak Avenue and A129.

**19/11 ESSEX AND SOUTHEND LINK – ESSEX NEIGHBOURS AND EMERGENCY PLANNING PROJECT**

The Officer to be invited from Basildon Borough Council to give a short presentation at the next available meeting.

**20/11 CORRESPONDENCE:**

For information only:

BBC

Appeals and General Purposes Committee Minutes 25.11.10

Audit and Risk Committee Minutes 10.11.10

Community Safety and Housing Scrutiny Committee Minutes 14.12.10

Development Control and Traffic Management Committee Minutes 14.12.10

Licensing Committee Minutes 21.10.10

ECC

Mobile Library Service from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011

County Update December 2010

Essex Works

Bus Passenger News December 2010/January 2011  
Consultation – Essex Transport Strategy  
General  
Great Poppy Party Weekend – 04.01.11

**21/11 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

A resident has seen documents on the number of travellers pitches at the legal site at Oak Road. These indicate that of the 28 pitches 11 have been sub divided. Another file is due to be released in the next 3 weeks. He has requested a copy of this file.

A resident confirmed that contractors are scheduled to have a sub station site at Oak Avenue at the junction Oak Road.

**22/11 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd February, 2011 at 7.30 p.m. at Crays Hill Primary School.

***MEETING CLOSED AT 08:42 P.M.***

**SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): ..... DATE: .....**