

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CRAYS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2012 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Parish Clerk – Georgina Bassett
Three members of the public
One member of the press

23/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Cllr. R. Reeve and Cllr. Borer and Essex County Councillor Iris Pummell. Apologies were later received from the local Police.

24/12 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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

25/12 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th January, 2012 were approved. Proposed by Cllr. Lucas and seconded by Cllr. McPherson-Davis - **agreed**.

26/12 PUBLIC SESSION

- (a) No members with prejudicial interests were to be heard.
- (b) Crays Hill Primary school representative confirmed that:
Fruit trees are available for collection by local residents on Wednesday's between 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Residents to telephone the school on the day to confirm prior to collection.
- (c) No Essex County Council by District/Basildon Borough Council Ward Councillors Reports.

27/12 FINANCE

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

Clerk Salary/Expenses - February	£297.35
Total	£297.35

Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Lucas – **agreed**.

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

Recommendations by the internal audit from the report for the period 2011/12 to increase fidelity guarantee were considered and this is to be increased at the insurance renewal in June to £8,500.00. Proposed by Cllr. Lucas and seconded by Cllr. Peake - **agreed**.

Thanks to be minuted by the Council in appreciation to the Parish Clerk for the input on this internal audit.

28/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications:

Application No: 11/01355/FULL. Alteration to existing low pitch roof, rear single storey extension and the creation of rear pitched roof dormer above.

Location: Ground Floor Flat, Hillcrest, Crays Hill, Billericay.
No comment.

Application No: 12/00053/FULL. Construction of a nursery shop.
Location: The Elms Nursery, Hardings Elms Road, Crays Hill, Billericay.

A planning construction was agreed in approximately 2005 for a new nursery shop. It is acceptable for the Parish Council to agree to the new one provided it is the same size and dimensions as the one agreed but not taken up previously.

There is a new wooden structure on the nursery land which does not have planning approval and action should be taken regarding this.

Decisions:

Application No: 11/01003/FULL. Erection of agricultural grain storage building.
Location: Crays Hall Farm, Church Lane. **Granted.**

Application No: 11/01202/FULL. Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.
Location: 1 High View Rise. **Granted.**

CONSULTATION ON REGENERATION MASTER PLAN CONSULTATION DRAFT 2012

The consultation was considered and there are no comments by the Parish Council at the moment. It was **agreed** for this to be deferred to the March meeting. A hard copy to be requested.

29/12 RE-SITING OF STONE MEMORIAL – WOODEN MEMORIAL

Update from the Working Party on:

- (i) Cllr. Lucas updated that he has liaised with various memorial funding societies.
- (ii) To date no further information received from Basildon on planning permission.
- (iii) Solicitor on the legal transfer of the land wrote to the Parish Council to confirm various details awaited from the current owner of the land.
- (iv) The Parish Council has written to the current land owner solicitors on costings etc. Letter acknowledged and awaits further information from their client – owner of the land. Clerk to write to the solicitors for further update and copy current land owner.
- (v) Crays Hill Primary School asked if they have any design ideas from the children.

30/12 DALE FARM

Cllr. Peake confirmed meeting dates received from Basildon Borough Council on the eviction situation within the Parish of Ramsden Crays.

John Baron MP to be written to in relation to planning in general.

31/12 CHURCH HALL

- (i) No further advice from Basildon Borough Council Legal Department in relation to the Church regarding land/premises to be sold and proceeds that might be legally available to the Parish.
- (ii) Response from Diocese received on replacement Hall for use of the community. The Clerk to write again and explain that the land and buildings were all volunteered and paid for from the residents of Crays Hill residents.

- (iii) The latest action from the Diocese to complete weed cutting along railings and general upkeep at Church Hall was that the litter will be monitored, the weeding/grass cutting will not be until later in the year.

32/12 PLANTING WITHIN RAMSDEN CRAYS

Budget remaining to be considered for additional bulbs within the Parish. Permission at the top of the hill by the bus shelters has been agreed. Other areas to be reviewed in front of Whitesbridge Farm.

Fruit trees for collection from Crays Hill Primary School to be included in the newsletters.

33/12 TRAFFIC RESTRICTION - IMPROVEMENTS

Hardings Elms Road/Pipps Hill Road – North Crays Hill.

Await a response from John Baron MP on update of this since January.

The Clerk to ask Cllr. Don Morris from Essex County Council to assist in this matter on the speed restrictions.

34/12 FOOTPATH 69 - KISSING GATE

Latest information from Essex County Council Highways is that there is now an enforcement action against a resident to provide a gate in place of the ménage.

Fly tipping now on the field adjacent to footpath 69 – Clerk to inform Planning Enforcement Department/Enforcement.

35/12 VILLAGE SIGN

Cllr. McPherson-Davis awaiting a quotation for repair to village sign.

36/12 PLAY EQUIPMENT

Play equipment for the park area was reviewed and it was **agreed** for the Clerk and Cllr. McPherson-Davis to look for relevant areas for funding and receive information on costings for play equipment.

Request painting of the aeroplane from Parks Department.

37/12 NEWSLETTER

The drafted newsletter was reviewed for printing and subject to a couple of additional items will be available for distribution during early March.

38/12 QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Consideration was made for a bonfire within the Parish of Ramsden Crays. The Parish does not own any land so unable to progress this further. Item to be placed in the newsletter that it would be lovely to have some form of bonfire celebration within the village.

39/12 LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – POLLING DAY – THURSDAY 3RD MAY 2012

The Parish Council considered whether or not to have joint poll cards with Basildon Borough Council or pay additional costs for separate cards. It was **agreed** for the Clerk to contact Basildon and request joint poll cards to assist with minimal costs.

40/12 CRAYS HILL WILDLIFE AREA – SEWAGE LEAK

The information provided from Basildon Borough Council in relation to sewage leak at the wildlife area within the Parish was considered, particularly in relation to the offer by Basildon to write a joint letter direct to Anglian Water requesting them to ensure this is not repeated in the future. It was **agreed** for the Clerk to write to Anglian Water on

behalf of residents and ask Basildon Borough Council to include the Parish Council in their correspondence.

41/12 PROGRESS CHECK FROM LAST MEETING

No further updates on actions from last meeting.

42/12 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

No additional agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting, ABLC representative or items for members attending B.B.C. Pre-Liaison Meeting.

43/12 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

No reports from councillors on any meetings they have attended or updates, since the last meeting, to include ABLC and Basildon Borough Council.

44/12 CORRESPONDENCE

For information only:

Essex County Council

Bus Passenger News January/February 2012 – Essex Works

Making the Links – February 2012.

General

Campaign to Protect Rural England – A guide to neighbourhood planning

Chelmsford Borough Council – North Chelmsford Area Action Plan

The Playing Field – Winter 2011/12

45/12 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

A member of the public informed those present:

- (i) Oak Road – two letters have been sent to Legal Department of Basildon Borough Council and one to Basildon Festival Leisure Park for update on resurfacing of the road and 10 years history reports on the road of Oak Road.
- (ii) Official complaint to Basildon Borough Council re the illegal caravans parked in Dale Farm breaking the injunction at the High Court.
- (iii) Requested from Basildon Borough Council under Freedom of information all the information on the ten plots plus that have been sub divided on the legal site.
- (iv) Plot in Church Lane caravan has been rubber stamped by Basildon Borough Council as it had been in place more than 10 years.

No response was given to the above by the Parish Council.

46/12 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st March, 2012 at 7.30 p.m. at Crays Hill Primary School.

Meeting Closed at 08:46 p.m.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): DATE: