

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CRAYS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2012 AT 7.30 P.M.

## **PRESENT:**

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

## **ALSO PRESENT:**

Parish Clerk – Georgina Bassett  
Two members of the public  
Police Constable Sharp  
Cllr. S. Allen – Basildon Borough Council

## **POLICE PRESENTATION:**

Constable Sharp is dedicated primarily for the area of Crays Hill. He provided an update of crime in the area from the February meeting. Low on anti-social behaviour. One burglary and one damage. Constable Sharp will be looking for responses to requests for Neighbourhood Watch. Message in a bottle scheme.

Unfortunately Cllr. Don Morris was unavailable to provide the update on Hardings Elms Road/Pipps Hill Road North.

## **47/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr. T. Sargent – Basildon Borough Council.

## **48/12 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

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

## **49/12 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2012 were approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Lucas and seconded by Cllr. Peake – **agreed**.

## **50/12 PUBLIC SESSION**

- (a) No members with prejudicial interests.
- (b) Member of the public requested confirmation of date for next meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 8.00 p.m.
- (c) Cllr. Allen confirmed £5,000.00 funding is available for Crouch Ward. The Parish Council is looking for funding towards the War Memorial and Cllr. Allen offered to take this initial enquiry up with the relevant officer at Basildon.

He confirmed that up to 48% recycled up from previous year with a significant contribution from flats which are now provided with pink sacks and green bin food waste facilities.

The situation of the golf Course at Basildon has been looked at in more detail and expressions of interest will shortly be sent out.

Residents were reminded of the necessity to respond to Basildon Borough Council in relation to the Core Strategy Public Consultation by 11<sup>th</sup> April 2012 in relation to options a, b and c.

## 51/12 FINANCE

The following payments were **agreed**:

N.I. Contributions	£205.56
Clerk Salary/Expenses - March	£336.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>£541.81</b>

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

## 52/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Application 12/00187/FULL.** Proposed Orangery.

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

The Parish Council objects on the grounds of over development of the site by extending beyond the building line – **agreed**.

**Decided:**

**Application 11/01087/OUT.** Outline planning application for the erection of 3 dwelling houses.

**Location:** Chestnuts Service Garage, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

**Application 11/00490/FULL.** Vehicular crossover and access.

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

## CONSULTATION ON REGENERATION MASTER PLAN CONSULTATION DRAFT 2012

This was considered by the Parish Council for a response prior to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012 and is in agreement with it but has concerns about the provision for suitable parking.

## CONSULTATION ON BASILDON BOROUGH COUNCIL CORE STRATEGY

The 3 options on the Core Strategy to respond to Basildon Borough Council by 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 were considered and it was **agreed** that members would respond individually and not as a Parish Council.

## ADOPTION OF THE SITE ALLOCATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT

It was noted that the above was formally adopted by Chelmsford Borough Council on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.

## 53/12 RE-SITING OF STONE MEMORIAL – WOODEN MEMORIAL

Update from the Working Party on:

- (i) Additional information received on grant funding provided by Cllr. Lucas. He will follow this up.

Clerk write to officer at Basildon in relation to £5,000.00 funding available to be allocated to Crouch Ward with request for a substantial part towards recycling the stone memorial.

Cllr. Peake meeting with designer to finalise drawing and costing of this for the April meeting.

- (ii) To date no information received from Basildon Borough Council on any planning permission required prior to the installation of a war memorial. Clerk to continue to pursue this.
- (iii) The solicitors have provided approximate costings for the legal transfer of the land. To be considered at the next Parish Council Meeting.

**54/12 DALE FARM**

- (i) Confirmation from Basildon Borough Council's press office that 21 days notice was issued to those in caravans sited on the road way and those doubled up on the legal side.
- (ii) John Baron MP confirmed he was unavailable to attend a Parish Council Meeting, however, it would be convenient for members to attend a surgery. The Parish Council will decline at this moment, but asked the Clerk to reply and thank him.

**55/12 CHURCH HALL**

- (i) No further advice has been received 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 of Ramsden Crays. Cllr. Allen has offered to liaise with Basildon Council solicitors.
- (ii) A reply has been received to the letter sent early March to the Diocese for the replacement Hall for use by the community. A reply to be sent in due course.

**56/12 FOOTPATH 69 - KISSING GATE**

Latest information from Essex County Council Highways on the enforcement action against a resident to provide a gate was that the resident has agreed to install a gate.

The Clerk is following up the issue of fly tipping in the field with Street Care.

**57/12 VILLAGE SIGN**

Review of costings and repair to village sign to be deferred to the next meeting.

**58/12 PLAY EQUIPMENT**

Some Information has been received on costings and equipment and this is being reviewed.

**59/12 NEWSLETTER**

Additional updates on the newsletter for distribution were considered. The Public Consultation on the Core Strategy is to be included and the trees have been collected from the school and are therefore to be deleted.

**60/12 QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

No information received from resident's on celebrations, i.e. bonfires within the Parish of Ramsden Crays.

**61/12 CRAYS HILL WILDLIFE AREA – SEWAGE LEAK**

Cllr. Borer has agreed to meet up with the representative on this issue from Anglian Water on the communication sent to them and the offer from Basildon to visit the site to review the situation.

Brambles/trees by the walkway of the park and wildlife area to be requested to be removed by the Clerk.

**62/12 PROGRESS CHECK FROM LAST MEETING**

Update on actions from last meeting – covered.

**63/12 INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting.  
Update on the bus collection for children from Dale Farm.

No pre session of the Basildon Borough Council Pre-Liaison Meeting to be requested.  
No further updates from the ABLC representative.

**64/12 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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

**65/12 CORRESPONDENCE**

For information only:

Essex County Council

Bus Passenger News March 2012 – Essex Works

County Update – February 2012

Making the Links March 2012

**66/12 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Members of the public to raise issues not relating to agenda items.

- (i) Requested an update on the issues at Dale Farm.
- (ii) Queried the situation on the “orphan plot”.
- (iii) Parish Council responded that another date for the next update to be scheduled during May, with Cllr. Ball to be present.

**67/12 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 at 8.00 p.m. after the Annual Parish Meeting – 7.30 p.m. at Crays Hill Primary School.

It was **agreed** to defer the following item to the next Parish Council meeting due the lateness of the hour:

Private Session – Personnel Issues:

Pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the meeting is not open to the public and press for this item of business and they will be instructed to withdraw.

**68/12 STAFFING**

To review Clerk’s Contract where applicable effective 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2012 in relation to:

- (i) Salary Scale as agreed in the Contract of Terms of Conditions (6.2).
- (ii) Hours.
- (iii) Administration – (office, retention of documents, telephone etc.).
- (iv) Mileage.
- iv) Appraisal Form.

**Meeting Closed at 09.15 p.m.**

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