

MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT CRAYS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 16th JANUARY
2013 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: A. Peake - Chairman, T. Borer, D. McPherson-Davis and N. Flint

ALSO PRESENT:

Parish Clerk – Georgina Bassett
Cllr. Don Morris and one member of the public
No members of the press

PRESENTATION – POLICE:

Apologies P.C. Wyn Sharp of Ramsden Crays unable to attend.

01/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

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

02/13 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

No declarations of “non-pecuniary” or other interests relating to items on the agenda
were received.

03/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th December, 2012 were
received and approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis
and seconded by Cllr. Flint – **agreed**.

04/13 PUBLIC SESSION:

- (a) No members of the public heard.
- (b) No members of Essex County Council by District/Basildon Borough Council or
Ward Councillors gave verbal update.

05/13 FINANCE:

It was proposed by Cllr. Borer and seconded by Cllr. Flint to pay the following to the
Clerk – **agreed**.

Clerk/RFO Salary/Expenses – January 2013	£322.60
Crays Hill Primary School – Extraordinary Meeting 23.01.13	£10.00

Chairman arranging completion of two removals of signatory.

06/13 PRECEPT REVIEW:

Calculations were considered for precept request and additional grant from Basildon
to reflect the cost of the introduction of the Localised Council Tax Support Scheme
(LCTS) with the overall amount to be received during 2013/14.

The Parish Council completed the precept form for Basildon’s legal financial
requirements and it was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by
Cllr. Borer to request a lesser amount of £8,990.00 to ensure residents basic amount
of council tax is not increased.

07/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

It was noted that an additional application had been received, although inadmissible

for this meeting as it had not been received prior to the agenda published.

Consultation document on temporary stop notices reviewed for response by 13th February, 2013. The Parish Council **agreed** to consider at extraordinary meeting.

08/13 RE-SITING OF STONE MEMORIAL – WOODEN MEMORIAL:

Update received on:

- (i) Request for funding. A letter had been sent with a request for funding towards the fencing; and
- (ii) request from ECC Highways for additional space to locate memorial planters at the war memorial on the grass verge. Decision still awaited; and
- (iii) commencement of war memorial on second week of March.

09/13 CHURCH HALL:

The response from the Diocese for request to replacement Hall following letter sent in September was considered. It was **agreed** to appraise the press of this situation.

Clerk to communicate with Charity's Commission as part of decision making where funds are spent.

Clerk to contact Basildon Planning Department for confirmation of decision of the planning application(s) for the Church Hall. Enquire whether any modifications have been received.

10/13 FOOTPATH 69 - KISSING GATE:

It was noted that installation of a kissing gate had been agreed by residents at the end of 2012 to commence. Latest information from Essex County Council was that they have not complied. ECC is following through.

Footpath blocked near Dale Farm and Clerk to report to ECC after confirmation by members of footpath number.

11/13 VILLAGE SIGN:

Cllr. Flint appraised members that he had liaised with various suppliers but no further information received to date.

12/13 PLAY EQUIPMENT:

The Clerk confirmed that permission had been received from Basildon Borough Council to install a zip wire, funded by the Parish Council. Confirmation to be received that Basildon will insure the equipment.

13/13 HIGHWAYS:

Cllr. Don Morris confirmed he had requested the various Highways issues within Ramsden Crays on issues including drainage, pot holes and reduced speed limit signs.

14/13 MINUTES BOOK:

The replacement minutes book for 2013 were reviewed and it was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Peake to purchase at a cost of £179.74 plus VAT.

15/13 PARISH PLAN:

Consideration of a Parish Plan for Ramsden Crays was reviewed. It was **agreed** that a Working Party would meet to review ideas.

16/13 PROGRESS CHECK FROM LAST MEETING:

Update on actions from last meeting were noted and Cllrs. Flint and Peake confirmed they had reviewed some footpaths within the Parish.

17/13 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

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

18/13 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Reports from councillors on any meetings they have attended or updates, since the last meeting were noted.

19/13 CORRESPONDENCE:

For information only:

Bus Passenger News November/December 2012

County Update No. 112 November/December 2012

20/13 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

An issue was raised by a members of the public on item not on the agenda: The road surface at the bottom end of Oak Road despite reassurances has not been completed, numerous pot holes, difficulty traffic to utilize the road. Clerk write to Highways and copy to John Baron MP.

21/13 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Extraordinary Meeting on Wednesday 23rd January, 2013. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th February, 2013 at 7.30 p.m. at Crays Hill Primary School.

Meeting closed at 8:21 p.m.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): DATE: