

MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT CRAYS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH
2013 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

One member of the public

No representatives of the press

PRESENTATION – POLICE:

An update was provided by P.C. Wyn Sharp of Ramsden Crays.

51/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence received from Cllr. Don Morris.

52/13 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

No "non-pecuniary" or other interests relating to items on the agenda were received.

53/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th January, 13th February and Extraordinary Meeting of 28th February, 2013 were received and approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Flint and seconded by Cllr. McPherson-Davis – **agreed.**

54/13 PUBLIC SESSION:

- (a) No members of the public were heard.
- (b) Essex County Council by District/Basildon Borough Council Ward Councillors Reports.

55/13 FINANCE:

The payments of the following were agreed:

Clerk Salary/Expenses – March 2013	£329.05
Consideration for 2 hour short course – tailored to Council or possibility of training with another Parish Council	£260.00
Noak Bridge Community Association - hall hire 28.02.13	£15.00
Harvey Copping & Harrison – registration of Land Registry	£30.00
Society of Local Council Clerks Membership Renewal	£145.00
The Post Office Tax/N.I.	£220.71

Proposed by Cllr. Borer and seconded by Cllr. Flint that all the above is **agreed** with the exception of the tailored training course. Further enquiries of costings to be confirmed with Noak Bridge Parish Council for the possibility of combined training.

Change of account signatories mandate. Received by the Clerk and signed by Chairman and Clerk.

Note – HM Revenue & Customs VAT receipt of £636.29

56/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Application No: 13/00186/FULL. Retrospective consent sought for a detached single family dwelling house.

Location: Ormonde, Gardiners Lane North, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Objection as initially aware one dwelling was granted planning permission on this site.

Application No: 13/00192/FULL. Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of a detached house.

Location: Hazledene, Crays Hill Road, Billericay, Essex.

No objection.

57/13 RE-SITING OF STONE MEMORIAL – WOODEN MEMORIAL:

(i) To date ECC Highways has not confirmed if it is able to provide additional space to locate memorial planters at the war memorial on the grass verge. Clerk to contact and explain that the Parish Council is in a position to commence works.

(ii) Installation date for the stone memorial to be confirmed.

(iii) It was noted that the Clerk wrote and thanked the Rotary Club for its donation of £850.00.

(iv) Fencing around war memorial to be considered.

(v) Insurance is to be arranged prior to installation.

58/13 CHURCH HALL:

(i) To date no additional response received from the Diocese.

(ii) One response received from Charity Commissioners to the letter sent to them in relation to any proceeds of sale to the residents of the Parish which requested documentation to be sent. The Clerk duly responded and further reply awaited.

59/13 FOOTPATH 69 - KISSING GATE:

ECC Highways have liaised with the residents for the kissing gate at footpath 69 to be correctly installed and completed. Confirmation was not available that this had been finalized. It was **agreed** that Cllr. Borer would visit the site and if the work is still outstanding, the Parish Clerk will contact ECC to request enforcement action.

60/13 VILLAGE SIGN:

A resident has looked around the areas for a village sign. Cllr. Peake will make further enquiries.

61/13 PLAY EQUIPMENT:

The Parish Council noted that the request for funding to Veolia of £7,000.00 has been applied towards the aerial runway with quotations and decision on preferred supplier and costings. The panel is scheduled to meet in May.

62/13 HIGHWAYS:

(i) Cllr. Don Morris provided an update on requests to date from Highways. Confirmation received that ditches at Gardiners Lane North are scheduled to be cleared.

(ii) Cllr. McPherson-Davis confirmed that although the reduction in speeding at Hardings Elms Road had been agreed by Highways, implementation of any changes can be expected to be a year.

Clerk to write for clarity of a submission date to panel and confirmation of the issues that were submitted to the Highways panel for Ramsden Crays.

- (iii) Cllr. Peake to contact John Baron MP in relation to incomplete resurfacing of Oak Road by ECC Highways, reduced speeding in Hardings Elms Road and drains in Harding Elms Road.
- (iv) The responses received in relation to Freedom of Information on last two Basildon Local Highways Panel meetings were noted. Clerk write to Essex County Council Highways confirming that it has examined the minutes of the meeting and found them not transparent in relation to location, figures etc.

63/13 DALE FARM:

The update on when the results would be publicly received from the Environment Agency on the situation at Dale Farm from the pollution testing at this site was noted.

64/13 NOTICE BOARD:

The latest update on the painting and then subsequent installation of name plate at Ramsden Crays Notice Board was discussed and it was **agreed** to install when the weather has improved.

65/13 INTERNAL AUDIT

Review internal audit report:

- (i) Consideration of amendment to the Standing Orders to reflect the adoption of 2012 Code of Conduct and rescinding of the Power of Wellbeing (now replaced by the General Power of Competence) was **agreed** for the Clerk to update this amendment.
- (ii) The effectiveness of the internal audit was reviewed and it was **agreed** that it was effective and await for the final report.

66/13 PROGRESS CHECK FROM LAST MEETING:

Update on actions from last meeting were noted.

67/13 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting, ABLC representative or items for members attending B.B.C. Pre-Liaison Meeting.

68/13 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Reports were received from Cllr. David McPherson-Davis from the ABLC and Basildon Liaison Meeting.

69/13 CORRESPONDENCE:

For information only:
EALC County Update No. 114, February 2013.

70/13 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Members of the public raised issues:
Sign damaged at High View Rise request to be replaced.

71/13 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th April, 2013 at 8.30 p.m. at Crays Hill Primary School. This will be after the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 8:48 p.m.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): DATE: