

**MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2018 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE SHEPHERD AND DOG PUBLIC HOUSE**

**Present:** Cllr. D. McPherson-Davis – Chairman, Cllr. N. Flint, Cllr. G. Jenkins and Cllr. M. Kirby  
Clerk/RFO – Mrs. G. Bassett  
Three members of the public

**112/18 Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence received from Essex County Cllr. T. Ball and Cllr. M. Buckley.

**113/18 Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 were approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Jenkins and seconded by Cllr. Kirby – **resolved**.

**114/18 Declaration of Members Interests:**

No pecuniary interests or non-pecuniary were disclosed.

**115/18 Public Forum:**

Query regarding litter bins, concern by resident if they are not replaced.

**Borough and County Councillors:**

None.

**116/18 Finance Report:**

(i) **Expenditure:**

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| Clerk/RFO July 2018 Salary/Expenditure   | £599.93 |
| Clerk/RFO August 2018 Salary/Expenditure | £533.03 |
| RCCE – Annual Membership 2017/18         | £ 72.60 |
| Newsletters                              | £100.00 |
| Association of Basildon Local Council    | £ 20.00 |

Proposed by Cllr. Kirby and seconded by Cllr. Flint to pay the above – **agreed**.

(ii) Barclays Bank balance at 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 - £10,377.48 unable to reconcile to be reviewed.

**117/18 Planning:**

Applications:

**Application No: 18/00766/FULL.** Two storey rear extension, first floor front extension and garage conversion.

**Location:** Teagles, Ramsden Crays, Crays Hill, Billericay.

No objection. Concerns re side wall proximity to the adjacent property (check the print out).

**Application No: 18/00816/FULL.** Two storey side extension and roof alterations to facilitate conversion of the loft to habitable space together with the installation of two rear dormers.

**Location:** 4 London Road, Crays Hill, Billericay.

No objection.

**Application No: 18/00883/FULL.** Construction of two no. four bedroom detached dwellings on land fronting Southlands Road.

**Location:** Pickwick, Gardiners Lane North, Crays Hill, Billericay.

Objection is on green belt and plotlands.

### **Consultation Ramsden Bellhouse Neighbourhood Plan:**

The above consultation was considered. The Parish Council has no objection but it has concern there will be additional traffic on the highways.

#### **Decided:**

**Application No: 18/00564/LDC.** To establish the lawfulness of a proposed larger home extension projecting 6.0 metres from the rear wall of the original dwelling with a maximum height of 3.9 metres and an eaves height of 2.8 metres and constructed from materials to match the existing property (18/00248/PDPA).

**Location:** Borrowdale, Gardiners Lane North, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Permitted development. Noted.**

**Application No: 18/00630/FULL.** Installation of a front dormer.

**Location:** Kenley, Oak Avenue, Crays Hill, Billericay. **Granted.**

### **118/18 Community Projects:**

- (i) Letters thanking EALC and Essex County Council were sent for funding towards monthly bus shelter maintenance/cleaning. The relevant insurance cover from the appointed supplier has been received and the commencement date to be confirmed.
- (ii) The Clerk to contact Basildon Borough Council and confirm when the planting projects within the Parish will commence and a finish date for planting prior to the memorial service. A planting list to be requested.
- (iii) Ownership of the considered location is awaited. Permission for the new notice board and license to be installed yet to be received from ECC. Contact Cllr. Buckley ECC for an update on the situation and officer of ECC Highways as to any objections if the Parish Council does not install a pathway but only a notice board at location requested.
- (iv) The work on the website towards the Foundation Level is ongoing by the Clerk. No additional training received by members. The Council reminded of the EALC AGM on 20th September. Consider at (vii) below.
- (v) Response awaited from Basildon Borough Council on the request to examine all bins in the parish to replace or remove due to concern of hazard risk to the public – in particular along the London Road. Circulate to the two ward councillors and ask for their support now.
- (vi) The Council considered motions for the EALC AGM on 20th September, 2018. It confirmed it does not have any to put forward.
- (vii) Consider any motions for the EALC AGM in September. Nothing to put forward.
- (viii) The Salt Bag Scheme within the Parish was considered and it was **resolved** not to progress due to restricted volunteers and lack of storage for the salt.
- (ix) Two additional names received for consideration to be added to the War Memorial and another awaited. Defer to the September meeting.

### **119/18 Clerk Report:**

The Clerk had provided an update on the following. Items (vi) and (vii) to action.

- (i) Project – bulb planting.
- (ii) Replacement – removal of bins.
- (iii) Audit – Year End.
- (iv) Notice Board.
- (v) Funding – maintenance bus shelters.

- (vi) Response received from Essex County Council Police in relation to letters sent to Basildon Borough Council and Essex County Council Highways regarding congested roads in the area with events and roadworks, particularly at the weekends.

Clerk to write to Barleylands understanding the next major event is on 4<sup>th</sup> August requesting guarantees that adequate precautions have been undertaken to ensure that the problems that arose at their event at the Fathers' Day weekend are not repeated. Copies to Ward and County Councillors. Advise ECC Police.

- (vii) A Health and Safety Checklist for the public house. Issues etc. – risk elimination to be actioned.

**120/18 ECC Highways/Basildon Borough Council:**

Correspondence received from resident and ECC in relation to 7.5 tonne weight restriction within the Parish at Gardiners Lane. Previously agreed at ECC, but later considered the cost of £40,000.00 excessive and rescinded.

**121/18 Community Governance Review:**

The review from Basildon Borough Council to be responded by 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2018 was considered. It was **resolved** to respond with the six points.

**122/18 Information/Correspondence/External Meeting Reports from Parish Councillors:**

Liaison Meeting of Local Councils at Basildon and the ABLC AGM in Billericay were attended by Cllr. Jenkins, Cllr. McPherson-Davis and the Clerk Mrs. G. Bassett.

**123/18 Public Question Time:**

- (i) Resident enquired if the Notice board at Church Road will be replaced. The Chairman confirmed it will be repaired.
- (ii) Concern regarding the condition and replacement of litter bins as in 115/18 above.
- (iii) Concerns of traffic speeding up and down the hill. The Chairman confirmed that a speed check via ECC Highways about a year ago, the findings that this was not seen as a particular hazard.
- (iv) Request to install a 30 mph flashing sign. Councillor Kirby confirmed this had previously been discussed and aside from the cost to the Parish Council, there was difficulty obtaining permission from Highways for this type of sign.
- (v) Access to the playground on the footpath from Crays Hill Road adjacent to the roadside difficulty due to brambles etc. The Clerk to contact Basildon Borough Council and request this to be addressed and regular cutting of the grass in the park area.
- (vi) Concern from residents for the safety of pedestrians using the footpath for access to the local village store which involves illegal parking on zig zag lines and on the pavement. Clerk to contact Essex Police.

Further items for the next Newsletter:

Overgrown hedges on the footpath by private residents and agricultural growth - farming.  
Memorial Service.

**124/18 Date of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at 7.00 p.m. at the Shepherd and Dog Public House. No meeting scheduled during August, 2018 due to recess.

**The meeting ended at 8.26 p.m.**

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....