

RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the SHEPHERD AND DOG PUBLIC HOUSE on **TUESDAY** the **EIGHTEENTH DECEMBER** 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

Attendance: Cllr. D. McPherson-Davis – Chairman, Cllr. J. Jenkins and Cllr. M. Kirby
Mrs. Georgina Bassett – Parish Clerk/RFO

Also in attendance: Basildon Borough Cllr. S. Allen
No members of the public in attendance.

174/18 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence received from Cllr. Sargent – Basildon Borough Cllr. T. Ball and Cllr. M. Buckley – Essex County Council.

175/18 Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The private minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th November were considered as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Jenkins and seconded by Cllr. Kirby – **agreed.**

The Extraordinary Meeting of Monday 10th December were considered as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Kirby and seconded by Cllr. Jenkins – **agreed.**

176/18 Declaration of Members Interests:

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests from members.

177/18 Public Forum:

Cllr. Allen spoke on the Local Plan “following closure of the Regulation 19 public comments on 18th December, the plan will soon be sent to the Government for assessment”.

Basildon regeneration is being reviewed in particular the college and market area. A Special Constables scheme is being considered.

178/18 Finance Report:

(i) **Expenditure:**

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| Clerk/RFO December 2018 Salary/Expenditure | £ 489.33 |
| Bus Shelters – cleaning December | £ 80.00 |

(ii) Barclays Bank balance at 30th November, 2018 - £10,587.29.

Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Jenkins to pay the two amounts and consider the bank balance as an accurate record – **agreed.**

179/18 Planning:

Applications:

Application No: 18/01594/NMBAS. To establish whether altering the Juliet balcony at the rear by extending this to a 1m deep balcony can be considered as a non-material amendment to approved application ref. 18/01227/FULL.

Location: 8 Staceys Mount, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. No objection by the Parish Council.

Application No: 18/01447/FULL. Rose Villa, Crays Hill Road, Billericay, Essex.

Location: Proposed two-bedroom detached chalet, Crays Hill, Ramsden Crays, Billericay, Essex.

The Parish Council objected.

Application No: 18/01453/FULL. Hardcore resurfacing for a farmyard storage area.

Location: Woolshots Farm, Church Road, Crays Hill, Ramsden Crays, Billericay.

The Parish Council had agreed, subject to conditions.

Consider responses from Basildon:

Longwood, Crays Hill, Foyers, Crays Hill, land to rear of Highlands – Pond Farm, land at the south end of the Pond Farm.

Update at the rear of Highlands. Enforced action on the shed, understood removed and planning application needs to be applied for.

Consultations:

Public consultation on Essex Future Library Services Strategy (2019-2024) consultation until 20th February, 2019. To complete the survey at www.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation. Noted.

Public consultation on the first ever Fire and Rescue Plan. To complete the survey at <http://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/fire-rescue-plan-2019-2024-public-survey> by midnight on Tuesday 15th January, 2019. Noted.

Response to Highways Devolution Pilot and letter. Review of ECC devolving of Highways Services to all Parish, Village and Town Councils commencing January 2021 and the impact on precept and management of projects.

180/18 Community Projects:

- (i) Consideration of a pathway for the notice board at Gardiners Lane North junction. Cllr. Kirby to receive quotations on the pathway for a decision at the next meeting.
- (ii) Consideration of costing purchase of bins to attach to the bus shelters and confirmation that Basildon will continue to remove the waste should the Parish Council purchase and install. Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Jenkins – at two bus shelters at the top of the hill – **agreed**.
- (iii) No additional names requested for inclusion to the War Memorial.
- (iv) ECC Community Initiatives Fund confirmed that no funding will be provided towards a replacement notice board at the corner of Church Lane and Crays Hill.
- (v) Consideration for training on the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 via EALC or another organisation prior to September 2019. Noted.

181/18 Clerk Report:

Various updates from the Clerk on issues within the Parish.

182/18 Budget/Precept 2019/2020:

The budget – precept during this period was considered after response from residents for projects and other factors, including Highways Devolution. To be finalised at the January 2019 meeting.

Clerk to contact Basildon Council re the introduction of the LTS grant.

183/18 Travellers:

To note nothing on the response from Basildon Borough Council on the traveller situation. The Clerk to request an update from planning enforcement on this.

The Clerk to make enquiries of Basildon Council on parks precautions and safeguards with regard to the continual fly tipping in the car park at Ramsden Crays recreation ground.

184/18 Information/Correspondence/External Meeting Reports from Parish Councillors:

Noted.

185/18 Public Question Time:

No questions from the public.

186/18 Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 21st January, 2019 at 7.00 p.m. Venue to be confirmed.

187/18 To Consider the Exclusion of the Public and Press:

The council to consider the exclusion of the public and press due to the confidential matters arising in item 169/18 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Kirby – **agreed**.

- (i) Review:
Consideration of various policies including:
Dignity at Work/Bullying, Equal Opportunities and Equality Policy.
Review at the January meeting.
- (ii) Continuation Contract of Employment.
- (iii) The Clerk's hours were reviewed and it was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Kirby to increase to 12 hours a week effective 1st December, 2018 and the continuation contract to be signed – **agreed**.

8.40 p.m. the meeting ended.

Signed
Chairman

Dated