

Ramsden Crays Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 31st August 2021 at the Billericay Reading Rooms

In line with current corona virus regulations a full risk assessment was carried out prior to the meeting, All safety measures were in place, Including attendance records.

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs. Finn, Jenkins Kirby and McPherson-Davis

Item 1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ball, Buckley and Sargent,

The Clerk chose not to attend.

Item 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2021

Proposed by Cllr Kirby Seconded by Cllr Finn. All agreed **RESOLVED**
Signed by Cllr McPherson- Davis.

Item 3 Declaration of interest

None declared

Item 4 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

None received

Item 5 Members of the public

None attended

Item 6 Recreation Ground

An on site meeting took place with Cllr Mcpherson Davis, Cllr Sargent and Basildon parks personnel to discuss the possibility of making the park more secure due to the increasing amount of incursions by travellers, An extra security post is being installed to prevent access to the play area, The one already installed to the main park has prevented further incursions. Two new picnic benches are to be installed in the play area and maintenance to both the play and exercise equipment will be carried out, It has also been agreed to cut back the overgrowing foliage along the path leading to the play area. A quote is being requested from the Councils CCTV provider to access the feasibility of installing a camera in the park.

Item 7 Overgrown hedges,etc

It was agreed by the Parish Council that due to the extreme over growth of the bushes between Church Lane and the house called Crays side that they would authorise a maximum spend of £300 to our gardener to trim back the offending bushes as a temporary measure until the Borough Council or Highways Essex can get in to cut it back.

Cllr Kirby to liaise with the gardener,

Proposed by Cllr Kirby Seconded by Cllr Finn. All agreed **RESOLVED**

Item 8 Maintenance of Gardens

It was agreed to spend up to £500 on the parish gardens in preparation for the memorial service, Cllr Kirby to again liaise with the gardener,

Proposed by Cllr Jenkins Seconded by Cllr Mcpherson Davis. All agreed **RESOLVED**

Item 9 Notice Board at Church lane

The Parish Council agreed to accept the submitted estimate from OCB Building and electrical of £350, for the installation the new notice board [as a temporary measure] to the existing posts, Council are concerned that the current notice board may present a danger to the public if left in its current state, The new posts will be installed at a later date.

Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis ,Seconded by Cllr. Finn. All agreed **RESOLVED**

Item 10 Memorial Sunday

It was proposed and agreed BY ALL Parish Councillors that the following actions be carried out by the Councillors listed In preparation for the Memorial service on the 14th November 2021

Cllr Finn To liaise with the Shepherd and Dog for refreshments prior to and post service.

Cllr McPherson Davis To contact the British Legion and provisionally book the banner and 2 wreaths for the service

Cllr Jenkins To put together newsletter and remembrance service sheet ready for the printer

Cllr Kirby To contact Fr. Michael Hall at Great Burstead Church to confirm service details etc

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

Signed Chairman

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Councillors then held a confidential personnel meeting