

Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 7.00p.m.at Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall.**

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.

In the absence of a Clerk Cllr. Kirby kept the minutes.

Attendance:

Cllrs Finn, Jenkins, Kirby and. McPherson-Davis
Cllr. Ball, Cllr. Buckley

13/2022. Apologies for absence

Cllr. Sargent

14/2022. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 17th January 2022

Acceptance Proposed by Cllr. Jenkins, seconded by Cllr. Kirby

All agreed. **RESOLVED**

Signed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis

15/2022 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr. Kirby .See 19/2022 Finance

16/2022 Reports from County and Borough Councillors.

Cllr. Ball informed Councillors that the budget for E.C.C had been agreed for 2022/3. which would be an increase of 4.5% on 2021/2. This included £1.5m to be spent on improving childrens reading ability which had fallen behind due to Covid, etc as well as attempts to level up living standards in various areas in the County.

He also confirmed the funding by E.C.C for two dog waste bins

Cllr. Kirby proposed that the Parish Council should place an order for them
Seconded by Cllr. Finn. All agreed **RESOLVED.**

Parish Councillors again raised the question of traffic calming in the village,
The consideration of more speed signage was suggested,

Cllr. Buckley outlined a proposed scheme to try and resolve the problem of
Traffic speeding in the village. Further details and costings to follow.

17/2022 Members of the Public

None

18 /2022Planning

To Consider

Application No. 22/00078/FULL

Single storey rear extension and new pitched roof to existing groundfloor Kitchen at The Greys, Crays Hill, Billericay, CM112YA.

Decision-No objection by the Parish Council

Application No. 22/00159/REM

Reserved Matters application in relation to detailed layout ,scale and Appearance of a new agricultural workers dwelling approved under Outline Consent. Ref:20/00198/OUT-Crays Hall Farm, Church Lane, Ramsden Crays, Billericay.

Decision-Objection by the Parish Council because the proposed design is out of keeping as it bears no comparison to an agricultural workers Dwelling. With all the prominent excessive glass over three floors it would not blend into the countryside scene.

Application No.22/00220/FULL

Demolition of existing single storey dwelling and the construction of a new four bedroom,two storey replacement dwelling at Willow End Farm, Approach Road, Billericay Essex.

Decision- Objection by the Parish Council to this proposed development which is in the green belt and is an over development of the site and would not blend into the countryside. The comparison measurements of the proposed new build with the current property, And the current site layout would appear some what misleading,

A site inspection is recommended before this application is considered by Planning.

Although not relevant to this application it should be noted that there is an existing breach of planning regulations at this site concerning the erection of a large steel prefabricated building.

Breach of Planning Regulations

The Parish Council agreed to write to B.B.C. requesting an update on outstanding breaches in the Parish

19/2022 Finance

(a) Expenditure to Consider

Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall.Fee for 23 rd February 2022	£10.00
VCS Websites Ltd –Annual Fees.	£180.00
C.Hughes-Garden Maintenance	£180.00
M.R.Brown –Cleaning Bus Shelters-February	£80.00
Cllr. M.Kirby –Purchase of bulbs for gardens	£15.00

Proposed by Cllr. Jenkins and seconded by Cllr.Finn to pay all five items. All agreed.**RESOLVED**

(b) Approve the Cash Book balance of £6172.61as at 31st January 2022

Proposed by Cllr. Kirby, seconded by Cllr. Finn to agree balance.All agreed
RESOLVED

(c) Approve the Bank Reconciliation upto 31st January 2022

Proposed by Cllr. Kirby,seconded by Cllr.Finn to agree the reconciliation
All agreed. **RESOLVED.**

20/2022 Parish Council Meetings

The Chairman reported that he and Cllr. Kirby attended a meeting with Ward Cllrs Sargent and Allen to discuss the possible use of the Village School for Parish Council Meetings or a new build in the Park.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to Cllr. Sargent To Request a meeting with the school Governors to discuss this request. Cllr Sargent agreed to pass this request to the school Governors, Cllr. Allen would refer the new build to planning.

21/2022 Gardens and General Maintenance

Cllr. Kirby reported that Mr. Hughes had completed the planting of bulbs and the general maintenance of the gardens as well as cutting back the hedging at Approach Road.

22/2022 Date of next Meeting

To be confirmed.

The Meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

Chairman..... **Date**