

Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 7.00pm at Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall

Attendance:

Cllrs. Jenkins, Kirby, McPherson-Davis and Finn
Cllrs. Buckley and Ball – Essex County Council
Cllrs. Allen and Sargent – Basildon Borough Council
Parish Clerk/RFO: E Beadle
Three members of the public

29/2023 Apologies for Absence

None

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All agreed. Proposed by Cllr Jenkins, seconded by Cllr. Finn **RESOLVED** Signed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis.

31/2023 Declaration of Members Interests

To receive pecuniary or non pecuniary declarations of interest on items on the Agenda.
Pecuniary interest by Cllr. Finn in relation to planning application no. 23/00323/Full.

32/2023 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

Basildon Borough Council

(a) Bus Shelters

The County is taking over maintenance and cleaning of bus shelters but this does not include the wooden ones which are installed in Ramsden Crays.

(b) New Waste Measures

There have been complaints about the new plan to charge for green bin collections. The charge for this is £25 for one bin for the first year and a cost of £15 for a second bin.. Full details of the scheme are included in the Basildon Council magazine which is currently being distributed. If

residents in Ramsden Crays have not received their copy by the end of the week the Clerk is to inform Cllr. Sargent.

There are concerns that residents are only able to register interest online which not everyone is able to do. A telephone number through which interest can be registered was on a leaflet sent with Council Tax Bills and a letter with full details and instructions of how to register interest is being sent to all households.

Cllr. McPherson-Davis asked if a leaflet or poster is available that could be placed on the notice boards so that the information is more accessible. Clerk to make enquiries.

(c) Voter ID

Information has been sent to residents about Voter ID which is being implemented. There is no voting within the Crouch Ward this year. There will be a boundary change of wards from next year but Ramsden Crays will not be affected. Voter ID will affect the parish elections next year.

(d) Local Plan

There are currently consultations being held regarding Regulation 18 for parishes and residents to comment on.

Essex County Council

(a) Road and Pothole Repairs

There is currently £9 million pounds in the budget allocated to pothole repairs and an additional £5million pounds from the Chancellors budget has been allocated to Essex for road repairs. As the weather improves more repairs will start as it has not been possible to make permanent repairs in the cold, wet weather. Temporary repairs have started to fail but they were only a temporary winter fix and permanent ones will be installed throughout the year.

Costs for the repairs have increased and there is a difficulty in sourcing approved contractors to complete the work.

Dangerous potholes can be reported to Highways.

(b) Blocked Drains

Cllrs. Ball and Buckley have received the list of blocked drains in Ramsden Crays and they will be checked to see if they are blocked or if there are issues with capacity.

33/2023 Members of the Public

Opportunity for members of the public to comment on agenda items and other matters.

Questions raised by residents to consider:

None

34/2023 Planning

To Consider

Application No. 23/00272/FULL

Proposed change of use of an agricultural shed to a dog grooming unit – **The Oaks Farm, London Road, Crays Hill, Billericay**

The Parish Council agreed object to this application on the grounds that it was change of use from agricultural to commercial on greenbelt land.

Application No. 23/00344/FULL

Retention of basement in barn – **The Oaks, Land to the Left of Pond Farm, London Road, Crays Hill, Billericay**

The Parish Council have requested an extension for a decision on this application to form a full response. Cllr. Sargent has agreed to take this Application to Committee.

Application No. 23/00323/FULL

Proposed new detached bungalow on land to front of Toledo, Madeira and adjacent to Bay Tree Lodge, with new access on to London Road, provision of amenity space and hardsurfacing – **Toledo, London Road, Crays Hill, Billericay**

The Parish Council agreed to object to this application on the grounds that the new access was in a dangerous line of sight on a blind bend. It does not object in principle to the construction of the bungalow if it is to use existing access.

Additional planning Application:

Application No. 23/00353/FULL

Proposed single storey rear extension to provide new surgical entrance, reception and waiting area, store rooms, WCs and other associated facilities. Alter car parking layout – **Facemed Cosmetics Medical and Dental Centre, Crays Hill, Billericay**

The Parish Council agreed to object on the grounds the increased footfall and vehicles at the premises would affect local residents.

35/2023 Internal Audit Report for 2021/2022

The proposed actions were **AGREED**. Proposed by Cllr. Kirby, seconded by Cllr. Jenkins.

36/2023 Review of (a) Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and (b) Risk Assessment

Latest NALC Regulation and Risk Assessment were **AGREED**. 2023 Risk Assessment is to be uploaded to the website.

37/2023 Budget for 2023/2024 Final Document

Precept remains the same for the current year. Proposed by Cllr. Kirby, seconded by Cllr. McPherson-Davis **RESOLVED**

38/2023 Finance

(a) Expenditure to Consider

Parish Clerk – Salary for February 2023	£203.00
M.R. Brown – Cleaning of bus shelters February 2023	£80
Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall – Fee for March 2023 Council Meeting	£10

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

39/2023 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 18th April, 7.00pm
Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Chairman **Date**