

Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7.30pm at Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall

Attendance:

Cllrs. Jenkins, McPherson-Davis and Finn

Cllr. Buckley – Essex County Council

Parish Clerk/RFO: E Beadle

49/2023 Election of the Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

Cllr. McPherson-Davis proposed as Chairperson by Cllr. Jenkins, seconded by Cllr. Finn

Cllr. Kirby proposed as Vice Chairperson by Cllr. Jenkins, seconded by Cllr. Finn

RESOLVED

50/2023 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Kirby, Sargent, Allen and Ball

51/2023 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th April 2023

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

52/2023 Declaration of Members Interests

To receive pecuniary or non pecuniary declarations of interest on items on the Agenda.

None

53/2023 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

Essex County Council

Borough Council Elections

Borough Council Elections have been held. There has been no change in control and no change in Councillors. There will be a General Election held next year and wards in this area will be changed.

Pothole Scheme

A new pothole repair scheme is being rolled out. The details of the scheme are not yet confirmed. There is also a footpath repair scheme. The Parish Council can compile a list of footpaths and potholes that need attention, including photographs of the defects that can be forwarded to Cllr. Buckley.

Budget

There is currently a shortfall in the budget of £30 million. Savings will have to be made next year which may affect social care. Fees for waste management will also be looked at. The cost of disposal of non-recyclable waste is £100 to £140 per ton which is far higher than recyclable waste. The charge for collection of green waste should be rolled out in June. Half price compost bins are available to purchase on the LoveEssex.com website for households that wish to compost their green waste.

Cllr. Ball's Portfolio

This now includes Beauchamps High School and Castledon School.

Cllr. Buckley left the meeting at 8pm.

54/2023 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

55/2023 Planning

To Consider

Application No. 23/00505/FULL

Garage conversion, single storey rear infill extension and covered BBQ area to rear – **Glenhaven, Oak Avenue, Crays Hill, Billericay**

The Parish Council agreed not to object to this application if the property remains classified as residential and not commercial.

56/Personnel Committee Reform

Cllr. McPherson-Davis proposed Personnel Committee Reforms for all Parish Councillors. Seconded by Cllr. Jenkins. **RESOLVED**

57/2023 Finance

(a) Expenditure to Consider

Parish Clerk – Salary for April 2023	£299.56
M.R. Brown – Cleaning of bus shelters April 2023	£80
Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall – Fee for May 2023 Council Meeting	£10
Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd, Insurance Premium 2023/2024	£797.38

Proposed by Cllr. Finn, seconded by Cllr. Jenkins to pay all items.

All agreed. **RESOLVED**

(b) Insurance Renewal – Part of 3 Year Term with Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd.

(c) Internal Audit – Accounts for Year End 31st March 2023

(d) Fixed Asset Register

(e) Review Governance Documents, AGAR Annual Governance and Accountability Returns of Year End 31st March 2023

Proposed by Cllr. Finn, seconded by Cllr. Jenkins. All Agreed **RESOLVED**

58/2023 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th June, 7.00pm

Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman **Date**