

Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 13th June 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

59/2023 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Kirby, Sargent and Ball

60/2023 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th May 2023

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

61/2023 Declaration of Members Interests

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

None

62/2023 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

Essex County Council

Roads

Potholes continue to be an issue and can be reported. Repairs are underway on both pavements and roads.

Clerk to send to Cllr. Buckley images of blocked drains taken by residents of the village.

Cllr. McPherson-Davis raised the proposed change of signage on Wash Road and asked if there is any feedback. A decision would have to be made on the location for any new sign. Cllr. Buckley suggested a brown information sign as an alternative. Cllr. Buckley to investigate if this is possible.

Cllr. Buckley has investigated the Parish's proposal to take over responsibility of the VAS signs in the village. He has requested a detailed breakdown of the costs involved and is waiting for a response.

Budget

Budgets are still under a huge amount of pressure. The locality fund has been drawn on for local projects.

63/2023 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

64/2023 Planning

To Consider

Application No. 23/00664/FULL

Single storey front extension – **The Ranch, Church Lane, Ramsden Crays, Billericay**

The Parish Council agreed not to object to this application.

Application No. 23/00636/FULL

Demolish ancillary stable structures to rear and convert existing annex/stables/garage building into an independent 4 bed dwelling – **The Ranch, Church Lane, Ramsden Crays, Billericay**

The Parish Council agreed not to object to this application.

Application No. 23/00630/VAR

Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) and Condition 3 (materials) of planning permission 17/00717/FULL, replacing approved plans with proposed amended plans incorporating raised roof ridgeline, insertion of obscure glazed windows to first floor flank elevations, link to converted and altered detached garage for use as a utility room and use of render with contrasting brick/stone to exterior walls and black slate/tiles to roof – **Gardone, Oak Avenue, Crays Hill, Billericay**

The Parish Council agreed not to object to this application.

65/Purchase of Plaque to Commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III

The Parish Council agreed to purchasing of the plaque. Clerk to obtain further information.

RESOLVED

66/2023 Renewal of Bus Shelter Cleaning Contract

The contractor has requested an increase of £100 per month for cleaning of the bus shelters. Cllr. McPherson-Davis suggested negotiating an increase of £90. Clerk to contact Mr Brown. **RESOLVED**

67/Training Courses for the Clerk and Councillors

Clerk to complete Nimble Online Training Courses. Payment has been agreed and Clerk to apply for bursary. **RESOLVED**

68/2023 Annual Accounts – Audit Report

All completed with no action to be taken. They are now to be displayed on the noticeboards and website. **RESOLVED**

69/2023 Garden Maintenance/Purchase of Plants Etc.

Mr Bowman has quoted £328 for replanting of the garden areas and £100 per visit for maintenance of the three areas. Cllr. McPherson-Davis proposes acceptance of the quote, seconded by Cllr. Finn. **RESOLVED**

70/2023 Finance

(a) Expenditure to Consider

Parish Clerk – Salary for May 2023	£220
M.R. Brown – Cleaning of bus shelters May 2023	£80
Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall – Fee for June 2023 Council Meeting	£10
Mr Bowman – Gardening services	£200
Information Commissioner’s Office – GDPR/Data Protection Fee	£40
Heelis & Lodge – External Audit	£170
EALC – Nimble Online Course Fees	£81.60

Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis, seconded by Cllr. Finn to pay all items.
All agreed. **RESOLVED**

71/2023 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th July, 7.00pm
Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman **Date**