

# Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.00pm at Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall**

## **Attendance:**

Cllrs. Jenkins, McPherson-Davis and Finn

Cllr. Ball – Essex County Council

Parish Clerk/RFO: E Beadle

## **72/2023 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs. Kirby and Buckley

Cllr. McPherson-Davis asked that it be noted that if Cllr. Kirby is able to attend the September meeting this remains within the rules of S.85 Local Government Act 1972 regarding non-attendance of meetings.

## **73/2023 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

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

## **74/2023 Declaration of Members Interests**

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

None

## **75/2023 Reports from County and Borough Councillors**

### **Essex County Council**

Cllr. Ball to liaise with Cllr. Buckley about items raised at the last meeting.

### **Potholes**

Pothole repair scheme is underway. The Parish Council and residents can notify Cllrs. Buckley and Ball about areas that need repair. Cllr. McPherson-Davis informed Cllr. Ball that there is a particularly bad pothole by Elm Farm, Hardings Elms Road and Gardners Lane is generally in a bad state of repair.

### **Local Scheme**

A local scheme is in place where Cllrs. Ball and Buckley have £8000 to donate to small projects. The deadline for applications is the end of the financial year.

### **Public Health England**

Public Health England have a grant of £7.5 million which Parish Councils are eligible to claim for. Cllr. Ball to forward details to the Clerk.

### **Volunteering Campaign**

There is a volunteering campaign which includes organised litter picks and gardening. Cllr. Ball to forward details to the Clerk.

### **Local Plan**

There will be a consultation of Councillors for questions and opinions. No decision has been made yet.

Cllr. McPherson-Davis asked who is responsible for cleaning road signs. Cllr. Ball thinks it is possibly County but will investigate.

Cllr. Finn asked who is responsible for cutting back hedges on pathways/pavements. Cllr. Ball stated it is the responsibility of the resident who the hedges/trees belong to. Residents can be notified that the bushes need to be cut back but County has powers to cut them back if this is not carried out.

### **76/2023 Members of the Public**

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

Questions raised by residents to consider:

A member of the Parish raised a query regarding maintenance of the graveyard of St. Mary's Church, Crays Hill as members of the public had been helping to maintain the graveyard and now wished for remuneration for the work carried out. Cllr. McPherson-Davis stated that the graveyard is now the responsibility of Mary Magdalene Church, Great Burstead and any questions regarding maintenance should be directed to them. **RESOLVED**

### **77/2023 Planning**

#### **To Consider**

#### **Application No. 23/00805/FULL**

Development of two detached dwellings, hard and soft landscaping and associated parking and infrastructure – **Land on Corner Road, Ramsden Crays, Wickford**

The Parish Council agreed to object to this application on the grounds that it is development of green belt land.

**Application No. 23/00792/FULL**

Part single and part two storey rear extensions and formation of basement level and alterations to fenestration – **The Fens, Crays Hill, Billericay**

The Parish Council agreed not to object to this application.

**Application No. 23/00861/FULL**

Demolish existing dwelling and erect 5 bed 6 person chalet in new location – **Willow End Farm, Approach Road, Crays Hill, Billericay**

The Parish Council agreed to object to this application on the grounds that the plans constitute overdevelopment of the site.

**Public Path Diversion Order** Proposed diversion of Footpath 35 Ramsden Crays/35 Great Burstead and South Green, and Footpath 36 Great Burstead and South Green

The Parish Council have no objection to proposed diversion. Clerk to contact Great Burstead Parish Council for any comments.

**78/Garden Maintenance**

The Parish Council agreed to provide a budget of £300 to add larger, hardy shrubs to the War Memorial and noticeboard at Gardners Lane. Clerk to contact Mr Bowman **RESOLVED**

**79/2023 Basildon Local Plan**

No consultation as yet with Parish Council.

**80/Parish Newsletter**

It was agreed to publish the next newsletter at the beginning of October to include details of the Remembrance Sunday Service. **RESOLVED**

**81/2023 The Defibrillator**

Further to it being brought to the Parish Council's attention that the defibrillator situated at the Shepherd & Dog was not registered with East of England Ambulance Service it has not been checked over and registered with "The Circuit" so it can be easily accessed if required. **RESOLVED**

**82/2023 Finance**

**(a) Expenditure to Consider**

Parish Clerk – Salary for June/July 2023	£465
M.R. Brown – Cleaning of bus shelters June/July 2023	£180
Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall – Fee for July 2023 Council Meeting	£10
Mr Bowman – Gardening services	£352

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

All agreed. **RESOLVED**

**83/2023 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall

**The meeting closed at 8.00pm**

**Chairman .....**      **Date .....**