

Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 11th September 2023 at 7.00pm at Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall

Attendance:

Cllrs. Jenkins, McPherson-Davis and Kirby
Cllrs. Ball & Buckley – Essex County Council
Cllr. Stuart Allen – Basildon Borough Council
Parish Clerk/RFO: E Beadle

Member of public – Stewart Mott

84/2023 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Sergeant & Finn

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

86/2023 Declaration of Members Interests

To receive pecuniary or non pecuniary declarations of interest on items on the Agenda.
None

87/2023 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

Basildon Borough Council

A new refuse and recycling collection scheme is being rolled out from November 27th, 2023. Non-recyclable waste will now be placed in a 180 litre bin, which should hold approximately three black bags of waste to be collected fortnightly, the waste can be placed in loose or in bags.

Recyclable waste will now be placed in white bags for plastics and cans and blue bags for paper and cardboard which will be collected weekly. These bags will be provided to households in the coming weeks. There will also be a separate bag for textiles. Glass will continue to be collected fortnightly in orange boxes and food waste is still to be placed in green kitchen caddies for weekly collection. Leaflets explaining details of this new scheme will be delivered over the next few weeks. Different collection plans will be put in place for people living in flats.

County Councillors further explained that a new waste strategy is being put in place by the Essex Waste Partnership, that all Boroughs and County Councils will be consulted on. Parish Councils will be asked to contribute their views. Recycling waste is the most financially viable way of dealing with household refuse due to the landfill tax of £99 per ton of all non recyclable waste being sent to landfill. The more separate the waste is, the greater payments received by the Council but currently this is not enough to cover the disposal costs.

A charge has now been put in place for green bin collection as they are not needed by all households. Combining garden and food waste caused cross contamination when composting. With regard to black sack collection now only being every fortnight, a key problem with odour in non recyclable waste is caused by food so this should encourage households to use the green caddies for food waste which are collected every week. The Love Essex website provide half price compost bins to promote composting of green and food waste.

If residents have issues in moving their waste to the front of their property they can contact Basildon Council for assistance.

Planning

An application has been submitted to develop Laindon Ponds, Noak Bridge. This is for approximately 300 homes on around a sixth of the plot. No infrastructure plans have been submitted as it is not enough housing to warrant a new school but Noak Bridge School is currently full to capacity.

Local Plan

A briefing is scheduled for next Tuesday with regard to the process starting. Details of this will be coming to all Parish Councils. It will be approximately 3 years before a decision is made by the Government.

Essex County Council

Bus Services

A Bus Survey will be starting on October 5th for a consultation on bus services. Cllr. Ball to send details to the Clerk.

RAAC

Bromfords and Billericay School are being affected by the RAAC issue within schools. Plans are in place for remote learning when necessary. Original guidelines deemed visual inspections to be safe but after a collapse these have now been changed. Ten schools in Essex are affected, three severely. The Department of Education are to cover costs of repair and transport to other sites if deemed reasonable.

Safer School Streets

New signage of 20mph and humps are being installed around schools in Wickford. This is being rolled out in phases around the County. There is a public session regarding this being held at the Nevendon Centre.

88/2023 Members of the Public

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

None

89/2023 Planning

To Consider

Application regarding Denby Lodge, Crays Hill Road, Billericay was withdrawn.

Application No. 23/01105/FULL

Erection of agricultural storage building and extension of adjacent farmyard for agricultural storage – Crays Hall Farm, Church Lane, Crays Hill

The Parish Council feels that this is a retrospective application as the work has already started. There appears to be discrepancies of the size and location of the building between the application and the plans. The Parish Council **Agrees** not to object to this application provided the building is used for agricultural use, not commercial as the plans show that the building is positioned on a commercial site where there is no weigh bridge and no clear access for transportation of grain.

90/Garden Maintenance

Mr Bowman has maintained the garden areas over the summer. The Parish Council will advise Mr Bowman after the next meeting as to what planting will be required prior to the Remembrance Sunday Service. **RESOLVED**

91/Parish Newsletter

Cllr. Jenkins to prepare the Parish Newsletter to be distributed in late October. Any thoughts or ideas to be passed to him. **RESOLVED**

92/2023 Remembrance Sunday

Clerk to approach the Shepherd & Dog to confirm details for refreshments after the service. Cllr. Kirby will contact the Minister to perform the service. **RESOLVED**

93/2023 Finance

(a) Expenditure to Consider

Parish Clerk – Salary for August 2023	£220
M.R. Brown – Cleaning of bus shelters August 2023	£90
Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall – Fee for September 2023 Council Meeting	£10
Mr Bowman – Gardening services	£100

From 1st October 2023 the cost of the hall hire will increase to £12.

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

94/2023 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th October 2023
Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman **Date**