

Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7.00pm at Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall

Attendance:

Cllrs. Jenkins, McPherson-Davis and Finn
Parish Clerk/RFO: E Beadle

95/2023 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Sergeant, Ball and Kirby

96/2023 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th September 2023

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

97/2023 Declaration of Members Interests

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

98/2023 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

None

99/2023 Members of the Public

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

Concerns have been raised about overgrown footpaths in the Village. Footpath 68 from Oak Avenue to Oak Road is completely impassable resulting in entering a privately owned field to access the path. Footpath 69 from the Shepherd & Dog leading to Crays Hill Road is only partially accessible and very overgrown in places. Clerk to contact Cllr. Buckley regarding footpath maintenance.

A member of the public has raised a concern about overgrown bushes and shrubs on Crays Hill, opposite Crays Hill Road which are causing a significant obstruction on the pavement near a busy stretch of road. The resident has offered to cut back the bushes himself. The Parish Council have prepared letters to properties in Staceys Mount which they believe the bushes may belong to request that they are cut back. Council to await a response before deciding how best to deal with the overgrown bushes.

100/2023 Planning

To Consider

Application No. 23/01159/FULL

Demolish existing outbuilding and construct new outbuilding – Balestra, London Road, Crays Hill, Billericay

The Parish Council agreed to **Object** to this application on the grounds that there is insufficient detail and information regarding the height and size of the new outbuilding on the application form.

No further decisions could be made on planning matters due to the Planning Portal experiencing technical difficulties, therefore the Councillors were unable to view the details of the Applications. An extension of 14 days for decisions to be submitted has been requested.

101/Garden Maintenance

Mr Bowman has tidied and planted some winter plants in the beds. The Parish Council **Agreed** that no further planting needs to be done over the Winter. **RESOLVED**

102/Parish Newsletter

Cllr. Jenkins has prepared a draft of the newsletter which was approved and will be printed and distributed over the coming weeks. **RESOLVED**

103/2023 Remembrance Sunday

Clerk has arranged for light refreshments to be available in the marquee at the Shepherd & Dog from 11.30am until 12.30pm, directly after the service at the War Memorial, whereafter residents are welcome to move into the public bar. **RESOLVED**

104/Consultation on the Noak Bridge Neighbourhood Plan: Regulation 14

Acknowledged.

105/2023 Finance

(a) Expenditure to Consider

Parish Clerk – Salary for September	£220
M.R. Brown – Cleaning of bus shelters September 2023	£90
Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall – Fee for October 2023 Council Meeting	£10
ABLC – Annual Subscription	£20
Essex & Herts Air Ambulance – Annual Donation	£100
Shepherd & Dog – Remembrance Sunday	£150

*Cllr. McPherson-Davis provided a Bank Reconciliation which was **Agreed***

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

All agreed. **RESOLVED**

106/2023 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th November 2023
Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.45pm
A Personnel Meeting followed

Chairman **Date**