

# Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Cllrs. Jenkins, McPherson-Davis, Kirby, Pusey & Bailey  
3 members of the public

## **11/2024 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs. Ball, Buckley ,Allen & Sargent

## **12/2024 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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

## **13/2024 Declaration of Members Interests**

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

## **14/2024 Co-Option of New Parish Councillor**

Rebecca Bailey was co-opted as a Parish Councillor. Proposed by Cllr. Kirby, seconded by Cllr. Jenkins  
**RESOLVED** The Parish Council welcomes Cllr. Bailey.

## **15/2024 Reports from County and Borough Councillors**

No reports.

## **16/2024 Members of the Public**

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

Concerns about blocked footpaths and rubbish along Oak Road.

Mr White, a resident of Oak Road raised concerns about the blocked footpath at the end of Oak Avenue which is completely impassable. Mr White is partially sighted and has fallen on fencing and paving which has been placed in the entrance to the path that leads to Footpath 68. It is unclear who has placed the paving slabs, barbed wire fencing and width restrictions. Concerns were also raised about ditches overflowing, mud over the road and hedges overgrowing in the area encroaching on paths and roads.

Further concerns have also been raised by residents about overgrown and impassable footpaths and litter in the Oak Road/Oak Avenue area.

Clerk to contact County Councillors to ascertain who is responsible for maintaining the footpath running alongside Great Oaks.

The Chairman explained that the ditches and overgrown hedges are the responsibility of the property to which they belong. Essex County Council do have a programme for hedgerow and footpath maintenance but any areas of concern can be reported on this link <http://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads.aspx> by any member of the public.

Clerk to report issues with litter to Basildon Council Street Cleaning and confirm whether these areas are on a regular street cleaning route. Clerk to also contact Footpath Inspector at Essex County Council with regard to overgrown and poorly maintained footpaths within the village.

## **17/2024 Planning**

### **To consider:**

#### **Application No. 23/00323/FULL**

#### **Appeal Reference: APP/V1505/W/23/3328440**

Proposed new detached bungalow on land to front of Toledo, Madeira and adjacent to Bay Tree Lodge, with new access on to London Road, provision of amenity space and hardsurfacing.

The Parish Council maintains its original decision that although it has no objection to the site and construction of the property, it **Objects** to the Application on the grounds that access to the property is situated in a dangerous line of sight on a blind bend. The Parish Council has no further comment.

#### **Application No. 23/01551/OUT**

Hybrid planning application for up to 400 residential dwellings comprising detailed planning permission for Phase 1 of the erection of 65 residential dwellings (Class C3), including associated landscaping, amenity and play spaces, parking provision, new pedestrian and vehicular access, sustainable drainage, attenuation basin, and associated works; and outline planning permission (all matters reserved except means of access) for the erection of up to 335 residential dwellings (Class C3), a community use facility (Class E), landscaping, information sports pitches/spaces, amenity and play spaces, parking provision and vehicular access, sustainable drainage, allotments and associated works.

The Parish Council expressed concern that there is a lack of infrastructure in the surrounding area of the proposed development such as schools, doctors and dentists. The development could also place further strain on already busy roads and affect the traffic flow through Crays Hill. However, the application is not within the boundary of Ramsden Crays Parish Council. Clerk to upload the notice of application to the website and any residents who have concerns should take the opportunity to comment using the channels outlined in the Planning Services letter.

**18/2024 Councillor Training**

Cllr. Pusey and Cllr. Bailey to attend New Councillor Training at EALC on 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Clerk to book the courses and investigate Councillor Training Bursary. Proposed Cllr. McPherson-Davis, seconded Cllr. Kirby **RESOLVED**

**19/2024 Governance Document Updates**

Councillors to confirm any changes to be implemented at next meeting. **RESOLVED**

**20/2024 Bank Reconciliation**

Bank Reconciliation as at 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis, seconded by Cllr. Jenkins. **RESOLVED**

**21/2024 Change of Email Address and Website Domain to Gov.uk**

It was **Agreed** that it is not necessary to change the email address and website at this time.

**22/2024 Memorial Bench for Queen Elizabeth II**

Clerk to contact County Councillors about potential funding towards purchase and installation of the bench. **RESOLVED**

**23/2024****(a) Expenditure to Consider**

Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall	Fee for February 2024 Council Meeting	£12.00
Parish Clerk	Salary for January 2024	E260.00 Flowers: £32 Memory Stick: £16.99 <b>Total: £308.99</b>
M.R. Brown	Cleaning of bus shelters January 2024	£90.00
VCS Websites	Website and email hosting	£220.00

A further cheque was requested in the sum of £95 for payment of the first New Councillor Course to be undertaken by Cllrs. Pusey and Bailey. Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis, seconded by Cllr. Kirby.

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

**24/2024 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall

**The meeting closed at 8.20pm**

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