

# Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Cllrs. McPherson-Davis, Jenkins, Kirby, Pusey & Bailey

Cllrs. Ball & Buckley

1 member of the public

## **39/2024 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. Sargent

## **40/2024 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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

## **41/2024 Declaration of Members Interests**

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

None

## **42/2024 Reports from County and Borough Councillors**

### **Essex County Council**

Morrisons have pulled out of opening a store in Wickford. Currently there are no other interested parties. There are not enough residents in Wickford to sustain a large supermarket, the profit margin is too small. The site already has planning permission for 180 flats but the plans do include supermarket space.

### Highways

Changes are being made to the Local Highways Panel. Currently the Highways Panel consists of nine Councillors who look at different feasibility studies but not implementation as they have a smaller budget of £500,000.

There will be a new Chairmans Panel which has a larger budget of £2 million and is able to implement larger schemes. It will look at schemes based on safety such as bollards on grass verges, parking on pavements and signage. Installing crossings are surprisingly expensive. Installation of a

pelican crossing that cost around £100,000 and in some instances the cost can almost treble. This is due to placing power and services to the crossing.

It was discussed that parking on a pavement is not an offence in England apart from in London but currently is in Scotland.

Cllr. Pusey raised concern about the amount of accidents at the cross road junction of Castledon Road/London Road in Wickford. The junction is not suitable for traffic lights or a mini roundabout due to poor visibility on the approach but signage could be improved. A resident has been approached to cut trees back opposite the Downham Arms to improve visibility from Castledon Road.

#### **43/2024 Members of the Public**

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

Mr. Edgecombe attended the meeting with concerns regarding the Planning Application by Facemed Ltd.

Mr. Edgecombe feels that the amended plans that have been submitted the height of the infill extension is still very close to what has already been rejected. The plans include commercial use of what was a garden and garage. Although reasons for refusal have been addressed he feels there has been an abuse of planning consent, there is a conflict of delivery routes to what is stated and where the delivery routes take place and the Application contains a misleading description of the area.

Mr Edgecombe will be forwarding a detailed response to Planning at Basildon Borough Council.

The Parish Council will consider Mr Edgecombe's points when making a decision.

#### **44/2024 Planning**

**To consider:**

##### **Application No. 23/01498/FULL**

Amended plans to scale and design of **Facemed Ltd, Crays Hill, Billericay.**

Following our Parish Council meeting of April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the Parish Council agreed to **Object** to the Application. It was noted that amended plans submitted have addressed objections in relation to the height and scale of the infill extension, however its previous objections submitted to the Basildon Borough Council on January 18<sup>th</sup> 2024 still stand:

The Parish Council agreed to object to this Application on the grounds that it is overdevelopment of a commercial property in a residential area and would necessitate change of use from residential to commercial for the area that is included in the development. Further, the Application is misleading as to the street scene in which the property is situated which is almost wholly residential. The Parish Council recommends a site visit by councillor members of the Planning Committee to assess the Application's impact on the surrounding properties. Councillor Sargent has agreed to forward this Application to the Planning Committee.

**Application No. 24/00258/FULL**

Erection of single storey rear extension – **Clayfields, Pitsea View Road, Billericay, Essex**

The Parish Council agreed they had **No Objection** to this Application.

**45/2024 Adoption of gov.uk Email Addresses**

Decision to be made at next meeting.

**46/2024 Bank Reconciliation**

The balance held by the Parish Council at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 is £21,313.53. Proposed by Cllr. Kirby, seconded by Cllr. Jenkins. **RESOLVED**

**47/2024 Parish Council Elections**

Five Nominations were submitted and a Notice of Uncontested Election has been received from Basildon Borough Council. This Notice has been placed on the website and noticeboards. **RESOLVED**

**48/2024 Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Bench.**

Cllr. Kirby provided details and costs of approximately £2000 to install a Memorial Bench. Clerk to forward details to Cllrs. Ball and Buckley for consideration of a contribution from their Community Fund. **RESOLVED**

**49/2024 Tidying and Planting Required in Parish Gardens**

Clerk to contact Mr Bowman with regard to planting new plants and shrubs and tidying garden areas. A maximum budget was set of £500. **RESOLVED**

Clerk to contact Parks and Highways Department about a dead tree near the village sign and dead trees and foliage dangerously overhanging the highway along Wash Road.

**50/2024 Finance****(a) Expenditure to Consider**

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Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall	Fee for April 2024 Council Meeting	£12.00
Parish Clerk	Salary for March 2024	£390.00
M.R. Brown	Cleaning of bus shelters March 2024	£90.00

Proposed by Cllr. Kirby, seconded by Cllr. Pusey to pay all items.

All agreed. **RESOLVED**

**51/2024 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Annual Parish Meeting – 7.00pm  
Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm  
Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall

**The meeting closed at 8.20pm**

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