

# Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Cllrs. McPherson-Davis, Jenkins, Kirby & Bailey

Cllr. Ball

2 members of the public

## **52/2024 Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Signed by Councillors McPherson-Davis, Kirby, Jenkins, Pusey & Bailey **RESOLVED**

## **53/2024 Election of the Chairperson/Vice Chairperson**

Nomination of Cllr. McPherson-Davis as Chairman by Cllr. Jenkins, seconded by Cllr. Bailey.

Nomination of Cllr. Kirby as Vice Chairman by Cllr. McPherson-Davis, seconded by Cllr. Bailey.

**RESOLVED**

## **54/2024 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs. Pusey & Buckley

## **55/2024 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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

## **56/2024 Declaration of Members Interests**

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

None

## **57/2024 Reports from County and Borough Councillors**

### **Essex County Council**

The locality fund opens on 14<sup>th</sup> May. The Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Bench in Ramsden Crays will be considered for funding.

### Elections

Following the election there is a change of leadership at Basildon Council. Labour now holds 18 seats, Conservative 13, Independent 6 and Wickford Independent 5. Basildon Borough Council will

now be headed by Gavin Callaghan. An AGM is due to be held where they may be a reshuffling of posts.

#### Recycling

There has been change in recycling policy from the Government stating a household should not have more than one recycling bin. What changes will be put in place are currently unknown and the current refuse and recycling scheme will continue until a new policy is decided.

#### Morrisons – Wickford

Since Morrisons pulled out of development of the old Somerfield site in Wickford Mark Francois contacted every supermarket chain to see if they had any interest in opening a store in the town. There is currently one firm interest from a retailer for the building.

#### Transport

Mark Francois also contacted the Transport Minister about the temporary ticket office at Wickford Station. He has confirmed that there is funding in place to rebuild the station office.

#### **58/2024 Members of the Public**

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

A resident has passed information to the Parish Council that he has cleared the pathway from the end of Oak Avenue leading to Oak Road.

#### **59/2024 Planning**

##### **To consider:**

##### **Application No. 24/00393/FULL**

Proposed demolition of existing garage/annexe/stable building, redevelopment incorporating extension of the existing bungalow into a two-storey detached chalet style dwelling house and construction of a new storey detached chalet style dwelling house alongside, together with single garages to serve both dwellings – **The Ranch, Church Lane, Ramsden Crays, Billericay**

The Parish Council agreed to **Object** to this Application on the grounds of over development of the site.

##### **Application No. 24/00387/VAR**

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission reference 23/01099/FULL incorporating alterations to the previously approved plans – **Denby Lodge, Crays Hill Road, Billericay, Essex**

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

##### **Planning Enforcement Action**

Follow up information regarding enforcement action being taken and time scales for the following Applications:

**Willow End Farm  
The Oaks Farm  
Land at North Road**

Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Kirby to draft a letter to Christine Lyons and Basildon Borough Councillors requesting an update on enforcement action being taken on the refused Applications.

**60/2024 Purchase of Replacement Bench on Crays Hill**

Clerk to request pricing on replacement benches offered by the Council.

**61/2024 Personnel Committee - Reform**

It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis that all Councillors are members of the personnel committee, seconded by Cllr. Bailey. Cllr. Jenkins is chairman of the Personnel Committee.

**RESOLVED**

ABLC Representative

Cllr. McPherson-Davis will continue as ABLC representative but be joined by other Councillors by way of a handover. Cllr. Bailey to attend the next ABLC meeting with Cllr. McPherson-Davis.

**62/2024 Finance**

**(a) Expenditure to Consider**

Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall	Fee for May 2024 Council Meeting	Chq. No. 195	£12
Parish Clerk	Salary for April 2024	Chq. No. 196	£390 Purchase of Calculator: £8.99 Purchase of toner cartridge: £50.28 Purchase of plastic wallets: £12.74 Purchase of postage stamps: £10.80 Total: £472.81
M.R. Brown	Cleaning of bus shelters and notice boards April & May 2024	Chq. No. 197	£180
Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd	Insurance Premium 2024/2025	Chq No. 198	£849.19
Woody Bowman	Gardening Services	Chq. No. 199	£376.00
EALC	Affiliation Fees 2024/2025	Chq. No. 200	£414.16
Newton Flags	D-Day Banner	Chq. No. 201	£28.80

**(a) Insurance Renewal – Part of 3 Year Term with Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd.**

**(b) Internal Audit – Accounts for Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**(c) Fixed Asset Register**

**(d) Review Governance Documents, AGAR Annual Governance and Accountability Returns of  
Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Return of Election Expenses**

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

All agreed. **RESOLVED**

**63/2024 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024

(Alteration from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 as previously published)

**The meeting closed at 8.20pm**

**A Personnel Meeting followed.**

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