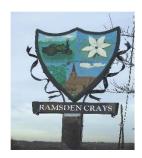
# **Ramsden Crays Parish Council**



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 8th 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	Fee for May 2024 Council Meeting	Chq. No.	£12
Village Hall		195	
Parish Clerk	Salary for April 2024	Chq. No.	£390
		196	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	Chq. No.	
	boards April & May 2024	197	£180
Arthur J. Gallagher	Insurance Premium 2024/2025	Chq No.	£849.19
Insurance Brokers Ltd		198	
Woody Bowman	Gardening Services	Chq. No.	£376.00
		199	
EALC	Affiliation Fees 2024/2025	Chq. No.	£414.16
		200	
Newton Flags	D-Day Banner	Chq. No.	£28.80
		201	

- (a) Insurance Renewal Part of 3 Year Term with Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd.
- (b) Internal Audit Accounts for Year End 31st March 2024

- (c) Fixed Asset Register
- (d) Review Governance Documents, AGAR Annual Governance and Accountability Returns of Year End 31st 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
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