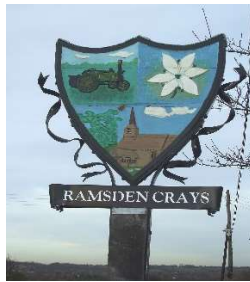


# Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

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

Cllr. Buckley

Emma Beadle - Clerk

## **100/2024 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. Ball

## **101/2024 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

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

## **102/2024 Declaration of Members Interests**

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

None

## **103/2024 Reports from County and Borough Councillors**

### **Essex County Council**

Cllr. Buckley had been contacted by a member of the public about access and fencing issues on Footpath 71, Ramsden View Road to Crays Hill. These issues have now been resolved.

### Budget

The Council are in a strong position but the coming year will be difficult and cuts will have to be made. Two thirds of the budget are spent on social services for support of children and the elderly.

There is currently £37million in the Highways budget but this has to stretch over a huge area that requires repair and improvements.

There is an upcoming full council meeting. The Council does not support uncontrolled expansion but more housing is required.

Winter fuel allowance has been withdrawn.

Installation of pylons between Norwich and Tilbury has been approved.

#### **104/2024 Members of the Public**

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

None

#### **105/2024 Planning**

**To consider:**

##### **Application No. 24/01027/FULL**

Extension of existing dropped kerb – **2 Pipp's Hill Cottage, Pipp's Hill Road North, Billericay, Essex**

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

##### **Application No. 24/01039/REM**

Application for the approval of reserved matters relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of consent reference **20/00198/OUT** for a new agricultural workers dwelling – **Crays Hall Farm, Church Lane, Ramsden Crays, Billericay**

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

##### **Notice of Appeal – Application No. 23/00805/FULL**

Development of two detached dwellings, hard and soft landscaping and associated parking and infrastructure – **Land Corner of Corner Road, Ramsden Crays, Wickford**

##### **Appeal Decision – Granted**

**Appeal Ref: APP/V1505/W/23/3332888**

**Whites Farm, Barleylands Road, Basildon, Essex, SS15 4BC**

Fully planning application for proposed Battery Energy Storage Site, substation compound, with associated infrastructure, fencing, existing access off Barleylands Road, drainage and landscaping.

##### **Appeal Decision – Granted**

**Appeal Ref: APP/V1505/W/23/3318171**

**Land at Crays Hall Farm, Church Lane, Crays Hill, Essex, CM11 2UN**

Installation of renewable energy generating station comprising ground mounted photovoltaic solar arrays together with substation, transformer stations, site accesses, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements.

##### **Planning Committee Decision – Granted**

**Application No. 23/01468/FULL**

Installation of a solar farm and battery storage facility with associated infrastructure on land at Barleylands, south of Great Burstead on land south east of Coxes Farm Road, Billericay; and installation of underground cabling from proposed solar farm along A129 (London Road/Southend

Road, Wickford) to eastern borough boundary link to Rayleigh Main Substation, Rawreth (Amended Proposal)

These Applications were placed on the Agenda for information purposes. The Parish Council will monitor further developments.

#### **Response from Planning Regarding Planning Breaches in the Village**

Unsatisfactory response received from Planning regarding planning breaches in the village. Clerk to contact Richard Holden MP to arrange an appointment at his surgery.

#### **106/2024 Licence Applications for War Memorial, Gardens and Bench**

Clerk to complete retrospective Application Forms for Licences. **RESOLVED**

#### **107/2024 Remembrance Sunday Service – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

The Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at the War Memorial, London Road. Villagers can meet at the Shepherd & Dog at 10.45am to walk to the War Memorial for the service. Refreshments will be provided afterwards at the Shepherd & Dog Marquee with the kind permission of Cllr. Bailey. The marquee needs to be vacated by 1pm. The budget for refreshments is £150. Cllr. Kirby has arranged for Lay Minister Tricker to deliver the service. Cllr. McPherson-Davis will purchase wreaths. Clerk to complete risk assessment and arrange for Mr Bowman to tidy up the garden areas. **RESOLVED**

#### **108/2024 Autumn Newsletter**

Cllr. Jenkins to prepare the autumn newsletter containing information about the Remembrance Sunday Service. Any items or photographs that need to be added please forward to Cllr. Jenkins. **RESOLVED**

#### **109/2024 Councillor and Clerk Planning Training**

Clerk to forward completed Application and Bursary forms to EALC for Cllr. Bailey, Cllr. Pusey and Emma Beadle for Planning Training on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024. **RESOLVED**

#### **110/2024 Donation to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance**

All agreed to make the yearly £100 donation to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance. Proposed Cllr. McPherson-Davis, seconded Cllr. Kirby. **RESOLVED**

#### **111/2024 Personnel – Yearly Salary Review**

Appraisal and annual salary review to be discussed at a personnel meeting following the Parish Council Meeting.

#### **112/2024 Finance**

##### **(a) Expenditure to Consider**

Parish Clerk	Salary for September 2024 £390.00	Chq. No. 219	£390
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Prime Klenz	Cleaning of bus shelters and notice boards September 2024	Chq. No.220	£90
Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	Annual donation	Chq No. 221	£100

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

All agreed. **RESOLVED**

### **113/2024 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

**The meeting closed at 8.35pm**

**Personnel Meeting Followed**

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