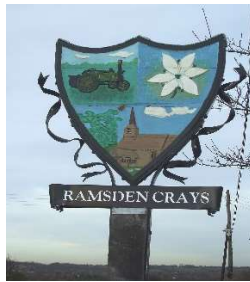


Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 11th November 2024

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

Cllrs. Buckley & Ball

Emma Beadle – Clerk

Four members of the public

114/2024 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Sargent

115/2024 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th October 2024

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

116/2024 Declaration of Members Interests

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

None

117/2024 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

Essex County Council

Budget

The County Council are currently unsure of what the settlement will be from the Government. There are planned NI and minimum wage increases which will affect the County and Borough Councils. There will be an update in January.

There are still some funds left in the Pothole and Locality Funds. Much of the Locality Fund has been spent on youth issues. If there are any potholes that require attention please forward the location and photographs if possible to Cllr. Buckley. What Three Words can be used to accurately locate the pothole.

Overgrown Vegetation

Cllr. Buckley asked it to be noted if a member of the public cuts back vegetation to be mindful to also clear up the mess. Grass cutting is the responsibility of the Basildon Council who use IDVerde as a

contractor. Essex County Council are responsible for maintenance of footpaths but if the vegetation originates within the boundary of a private property the owner is responsible for maintenance. Highways do have enforcement powers if the landowner fails to act.

Local Plan

The Local Plan will go live for public consultation in January 2025. Currently 27,000 new homes are proposed some of which are in Noak Bridge and Dunton areas. There are concerns that no infrastructure such as schools and doctors surgeries has been put in place.

118/2024 Members of the Public

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

Concerns have been raised by residents about the closure of South Green Surgery which is to be merged with Stock Road Surgery in Billericay. This affects many residents of Crays Hill as this is their registered surgery. Cllr. Pusey has provided the information letter enclosing details of the closure and how to submit feedback. Clerk to place on the website.

A resident attended the meeting to inform the Parish Council about the overgrown path in Oak Avenue leading to Oak Road. It has been investigated and explained before that the path is not a registered footpath and therefore not the responsibility of Essex County Council or the Parish Council so they do not have authority to maintain it as it is on private land. The resident was advised to contact the owner of the property to which the land belongs.

119/2024 Planning

To consider:

Application No. 24/01186/FULL

Retrospective outbuilding in rear garden – **The Fens, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex**

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

Application No. 24/01215/VAR

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning permission reference 23/01498/FULL to amend and add drawings reflecting changes in roof style including reduction in height, changes to external windows and doors and replacement of garden storage building – **Facemed Cosmetic Medical and Dental Centre, Crays Hill, Billericay Essex**

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

120/2024 Licence Applications for War Memorial, Gardens and Bench

Clerk has submitted Applications and supporting documentation. Cllr. Ball to assist in supporting the Applications. **RESOLVED**

121/2024 Speed Limit Signage

Cllr. Kirby would like to install extra speed limit signage. Cllr. Kirby and Clerk to investigate options and prices to be included in next year's budget. **RESOLVED**

122/2024 Increased Budget for 2025 Memorial Service

Cllr. Kirby would like to increase the budget for 2025 Remembrance Sunday Memorial Service. Clerk to look into pricing of new Remembrance Sunday Street Decorations. This increase to be placed in next year's budget. **RESOLVED**

123/2024 Finance

(a) Expenditure to Consider

Parish Clerk	Salary for October 2024	Chq. No. 222	£390
Prime Klenz	Cleaning of bus shelters and notice boards October 2024	Chq. No.223	£90
Mr D R Acton	Printing of Newsletter and Remembrance Sunday Order of Service	Chq No. 224	£163.75
David McPherson-Davis	Reimbursement for purchase of Wreaths	Chq No. 225	£40
Shepherd & Dog	Providing Refreshments for Remembrance Sunday Service	Chq No. 226	£150
Woody Bowman	Gardening Services	Chq No. 227	£349.69
EALC	Councillor/Clerk Planning Training	Chq No. 228	£468

Cheque for EALC to be held until invoice is received.

Cheque for Shepherd & Dog pub to be held until next month's meeting when invoice is received.

(b) Bank Reconciliation - 27th September 2024

Agreed that funds held at 27th September are £21,686.23.

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

All agreed. **RESOLVED**

124/2024 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9th December, 2024

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Personnel Meeting Followed

Chairman **Date**