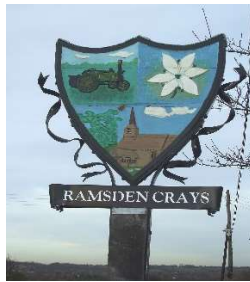


Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 13th January 2025

Cllrs. Kirby, Jenkins, Pusey & Bailey

Cllr. Buckley

Emma Beadle – Clerk

2 members of the public

1/2025 Election of Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

Nomination of Cllr. Kirby as Chairman by Cllr. Jenkins, seconded by Cllr. Bailey

Nomination of Cllr. Jenkins as Vice Chairman by Cllr. Bailey, seconded by Cllr. Pusey **RESOLVED**

Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Ball & Sergeant

2/2025 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th December 2024

All agreed. Proposed by Cllr. Jenkins, seconded by Cllr. Pusey **RESOLVED** Signed by Cllr. Kirby.

3/2025 Declaration of Members Interests

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

None

4/2025 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

Essex County Council

Devolution & Reorganisation

There is a proposal from the Government to give powers to local areas through an elected Mayor. These powers would include transport, education and strategic planning. The budget would be handed down from the Government and the Mayor would decide the spending. This could also affect the Police and Fire Commission. The Mayor would be key to reforming local government.

Twelve Counties are currently in favour of devolution.

The reorganisation of this would mean Borough Councils would be merged. Each new Unitary Authority would cover approximately half a million residents so Boroughs would have to be merged.

Potentially there would be a South Essex Authority. This would take on the services of Borough Councils.

There will be a reorganisation of polling districts.

Essex elections will be suspended in view of the potential forthcoming changes.

5/2025 Members of the Public

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

6/2025 Planning

To consider:

Application No. 24/01486/FULL

Proposed single storey side extension and proposed new outbuilding - **Overmead London Road Crays Hill Billericay Essex CM11 2UY**

The Parish Council **AGREED** they had no objection to this Application.

7/2025 Local Plan

The Parish Council submitted comments regarding the Emerging Local Plan. The Parish Council objected to proposed development of Allocation H27 Land South of Crays Hill on the grounds that there is no infrastructure to cope with the planned amount of properties.

8/2025 Repair to Bus Shelter Roof

The bus shelter opposite the Shepherd & Dog has sustained damage to its roof. Clerk to source replacement shingles. **RESOLVED**

9/2025 Follow up on Meeting with Richard Holden MP

Clerk has received no response to email requesting an update on the meeting with Mr Holden regarding planning breaches. Clerk to follow up. **RESOLVED**

10/2025 Application for Memorial Bench & Associated Access Path

The proposed Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Bench is to be installed next to the War Memorial on public land. Clerk to apply for a Licence for installation of the bench. The Licence needs to be approved by March 31st, 2025 to qualify for funding from the Locality Fund. **RESOLVED**

11/2025 Parish Councillor Vacancy

Due to the retirement of Councillor McPherson-Davis a vacancy has now arisen. Clerk to advertise the vacancy on the website, noticeboards and local Facebook page to co-opt a new Parish Councillor. **RESOLVED**

12/2025 Finance

(a) Expenditure to Consider

Parish Clerk	Salary for December 2024 - £390 Purchase of Retirement Gift - £57.98 Purchase of Flowers & Card - £23.25	Chq. No. 232	£471.23
Prime Klenz	Cleaning of bus shelters and notice boards December 2024	Chq. No.233	£90

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

All agreed. **RESOLVED**

13/2025 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10th February, 2025

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Personnel Meeting Followed

Chairman **Date**