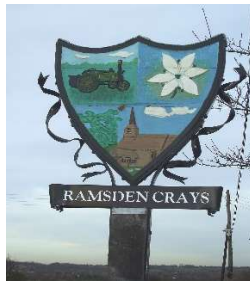


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Monday 13th October 2025

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4 members of the public

99/2025 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Kirby, Bailey & Sargent

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

101/2025 Declaration of Members Interests

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

None

102/2025 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

Essex County Council

Devolution

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Budget

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103/2025 Members of the Public

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

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This was considered when reviewing the Planning Applications.

104/2025 Planning

25/01127/PIP

Residential development comprising between 5 and 9 residential units – **Land Between Crayside Kennels and Westleigh, Oak Road, Billericay, Essex**

The Parish Council **AGREED** to object to this Application on the grounds that it is overdevelopment of greenbelt land. There is no public transport provision to the site and poor access to both vehicles and pedestrians due to Oak Road mainly being a single track lane with no pavements.

25/01163/FULL

Replacement dwellinghouse incorporating front porch. Increase in height of the garage roof, a single storey outbuilding and landscaping – **The Firs, Oak Avenue, Crays Hill, Billericay**

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Proposed self build replacement dwelling – **Treday Manor, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex**

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25/01188/OUT

Outline application with all matters reserved except for access and layout for the construction of up to 71 residential dwellings (50% affordable), surface water drainage basin, new vehicular and pedestrian accesses from London Road and all associated infrastructure works – **Land South of Woolshots Farm, London Road, Crays Hill, Billericay**

The Parish Council **AGREED** to Object to this Application on the grounds that the proposed site lies within designated greenbelt land and the application fails to demonstrate special

circumstances. The development is also proposed on land that is prone to flooding. The development extends beyond the boundary of Crays Hill therefore contributing to urban sprawl between Crays Hill, Ramsden Bellhouse and Wickford. There is insufficient road and transport capacity. Access is on to a busy 40mph A road which operates near or at capacity during peak periods. The loss of open space would reduce biodiversity and harm the rural character of the area and such a large development would place additional pressure on local services especially when considering the large amount of development already proposed along the London Road.

25/01190/OUT

Outline application with all matters reserved except for access and layout for up to 51 residential dwellings (50% affordable), surface water drainage basin, new vehicular and pedestrian accesses from London Road, and all associated infrastructure works – **Land to the South of London Road, Crays Hill, Billericay**

Decision postponed until next Parish Council Meeting.

25/01278/FULL

Single storey side infill extension – **7 Hope Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex**

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Retrospective change of use of land to residential use including the regularisation of existing dwelling and siting of an existing mobile home – **Five Oaks, Gardiners Lane North, Billericay, Essex**

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(b) Bank Reconciliation – Balance of Cash Book as at 30/9/25 - £24,725.83

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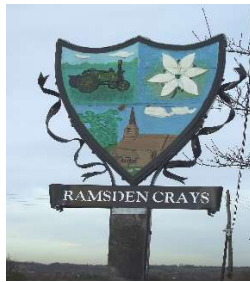
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