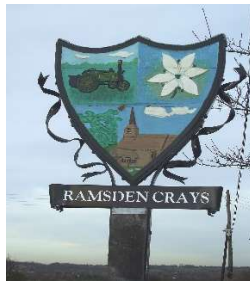


Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 10th November 2025

Cllrs. Kirby, Jenkins, Pusey & Cook

Cllrs. Buckley & Ball (Essex County Council)

Emma Beadle – Clerk

9 members of the public

110/2025 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Bailey & Sargent

111/2025 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th October 2025

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

112/2025 Declaration of Members Interests

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

Cllr. Kirby – Purchase and installation of memorial bench and flagpole **118/2025**

113/2025 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

Essex County Council

Section 19 Notice of the Local Plan has been published. Any responses need to be submitted by January. There are currently 440 new homes proposed from 200 London Road, Wickford up to and including Crays Hill.

Budget process has started.

A White Paper on SEN reforms has been postponed until next year despite the demand on social care and children's services continue to increase every year.

114/2025 Members of the Public

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

Speed Calming Measures

An incident has been reported to the Parish Council of an elderly gentleman falling while trying to cross the road. He sustained a head injury that did require an ambulance attending and having to be taken to hospital. This highlights the issue of the amount and speed of traffic going through Crays Hill with only one pedestrian crossing in place at the other end of the village.

Clerk to follow up with Essex Highways about the possibility of taking ownership of existing VAS signs which no longer work effectively to repair and move to a more suitable location.

Damaged Pavement – Hope Road

Clerk has been contacted by a resident who has fallen on damaged pavement outside her property resulting in a broken foot. The damage had already been reported to Essex Highways. Clerk has now also reported the issue but received a response that it is classed as non urgent. Clerk to follow up with Highways whether a site inspection has actually taken place.

Residents attended the Parish Council Meeting with concerns about the building work taking place at Facemed and the purchase and development of the properties The Firs, Glenhaven, Willowmead and Oakhurst. The amount of building work is causing congestion issues in the road due to the large amount of builder and trade vehicles parking along Oak Avenue. Further concerns were raised about the properties being used for commercial purposes linked to Facemed rather than residential. The rear garden of Glenhaven is now completely tarmacked and used as an access point to the clinic.

The residents have contacted Basildon Council but have received conflicting reports about whether the properties are being used for residential or commercial purposes. Clerk to contact planning enforcement.

Residents attended the meeting to see if the Parish Council were aware of an updated of the appeal status of the proposed development next to Beam End Cottages. The Parish Council have not received any decision.

Concerns were also raised regarding the proposed development of the land next to Crays Hill School. This was further discussed under planning.

115/2025 Planning

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**

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. 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.

25/01276/FULL

Redevelopment incorporating extension of the existing bungalow into a detached chalet style dwellinghouse, with detached single garage – **The Ranch, Church Lane, Ramsden Crays, Billericay**

The Parish Council **AGREED** they had **NO OBJECTION** to this Application.

25/01231/FULL

Proposed erection of a 2 bedroom bungalow (self-build) – **Rose Villa, Crays Hill Road, Billericay, Essex**

The Parish Council **AGREED** they had **NO OBJECTION** to this Application.

25/01331/FULL

Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of two storey self-build dwellinghouse, with a single storey outbuilding to rear, a brick boundary wall with rails and a sliding gate to front, new crossover landscaping – **Oakhurst, Oak Avenue, Crays Hill, Billericay**

The Parish Council **AGREED** to **OBJECT** to this Application on the grounds that it is overdevelopment of the site and is not in keeping with the surrounding properties.

116/2025 Adoption of Statement of Internal Controls

All Councillors **AGREED** to the adoption of Statement of Internal Controls to be added to the Parish Council's Governance Documents and be displayed on the website. **RESOLVED**

117/2025 Personnel – Yearly Salary Review

To be discussed at Personnel Meeting following the Parish Council Meeting. **RESOLVED**

118/2025 Finance

(a) Expenditure to Consider

Parish Clerk	Salary for September 2025 - £442.00 Purchase of paper - £21.49	Chq. No. 262	£463.49
Prime Klensz	Cleaning of bus shelters for October & November 2025	Chq. No. 263	£180
Woody Bowman	Gardening Services	Chq. No. 264	£436
Michael Kirby	Reimbursement for flagpole and installation of memorial bench	Chq. No. 265	£915

Black Square Print Media Ltd	Printing of newsletters and order of service	Chq. No. 266	£208
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Proposed by Cllr. Jenkins, seconded by Cllr. Kirby to pay all items.

All agreed. **RESOLVED**

Cllr. Jenkins asked that special thanks be given to Cllr. Bailey for providing use of the marquee and refreshments following the Remembrance Sunday Service. The service was well attended and residents enjoyed the opportunity to meet and enjoy the delicious buffet at the Shepherd & Dog afterwards. Thanks also to Cllr. Kirby for installing the flagpole and decorating the war memorial and Woody Bowman for his hard work maintaining and planting the garden areas.

119/2025 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8th December 2025

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Personnel Meeting followed.

Chairman **Date**