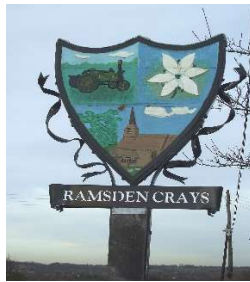


Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 8th December 2025

Cllrs. Kirby, Jenkins, Pusey, Bailey & Cook
Cllrs. Buckley & Ball (Essex County Council)
Emma Beadle – Clerk

1 member of the public

120/2025 Apologies for Absence

None received.

121/2025 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th November 2025

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

122/2025 Declaration of Members Interests

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

None

123/2025 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

Essex County Council

An Application has been made to reduce the 40mph zone on the London Road by Woolshots Farm to 30mph.

Cllrs. Buckley and Ball recently visited Wickford Primary School following recent political controversy involving the school.

Mayoral Elections for next year have been postponed to February/March 2028. Combined County Authorities will still be formed but there is no decision on responsibilities or budget. It is likely there will still be District and County Elections. Combined Unitary Authorities will be in place by 2028. Comments can still be made on the proposals for Local Government Reorganisation.

Ramsden Crays will still be affected by the Local Plan even if boundaries for the new authority change.

124/2025 Members of the Public

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

Update on damaged pavement in Hope Road – Essex Highways have visited and marked the damaged area, the repair will hopefully take place in the near future.

A resident has raised further concerns about speeding in the village. We have now had confirmation from Essex Highways and County Council that the Parish Council are able to take over ownership and responsibility for the existing cameras which can hopefully be restored to working order and moved to a more visible place. Clerk to apply for licences.

125/2025 Planning

25/01490/FULL

Construction of 2 No. self build detached chalet bungalows alongside associated development – **Fairmeadow, Crays Hill Road, Billericay, Essex**

The Parish Council **AGREED** to **OBJECT** to this Application on the grounds that it is development of greenbelt land.

25/01534/LDCE

To establish the lawfulness of the existing use of a former equestrian building as a permanent residential dwelling for a period in excess of four years – **Parsonage Stud Farm, Church Lane, Ramsden Crays, Billericay**

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

126/2025 Budget & Precept

All Councillors **AGREED** to the budget prepared by the Clerk/RFO for the financial year 2026/27. All Councillors **AGREED** that the Precept should not be increased and remain at £27 per household. There has been no increase to the Precept for five years. **RESOLVED**

127/2025 Personnel – Clerk's Salary Review

The Clerk's salary increase was decided at a Personnel meeting on November 10th, 2025. This will be effective from 1st April 2026. **RESOLVED**

128/2025 Finance

(a) Expenditure to Consider

Parish Clerk	Salary for November 2025 - £442.00	Chq. No. 267	£442.00
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Woody Bowman	Gardening Services	Chq. No 268	£110
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Additional payment was authorised for the Shepherd & Dog Public House of £150 for refreshments provided on Remembrance Sunday.

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

All agreed. **RESOLVED**

Cllrs. Kirby and Jenkins visited Crays Hill School on 8th December and were very impressed at how well the school is run and how teaching is implemented across the different age ranges and needs of the students. They would like to thank headteacher Hayley Dyer for inviting them to visit and look forward to more involvement with the school in the future.

129/2025 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12th January 2026

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Chairman **Date**