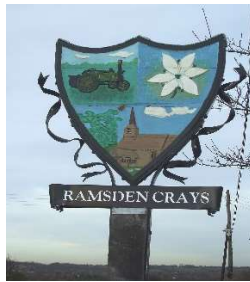


Ramsden Crays Parish Council



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

Cllrs. Kirby, Jenkins, Pusey & Bailey

Cllrs. Buckley & Ball

Emma Beadle – Clerk

5 members of the public

14/2025 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Sergeant

15/2025 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th January 2025

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

16/2025 Declaration of Members Interests

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

None

17/2025 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

Essex County Council

Budget

The budget meeting is taking place on Thursday 13th February. The adult social care precept will be raised by 2% and the Council precept will increase by 1.75%. 1% of the budget is ring fenced for Highways repairs.

There will be an increase of 5.75% for Essex Police & Fire Commission precept. High profile policing is necessary but the £23million from the Government is not enough to cover wage increases. The shortfall could mean the possible sacking of PCSOs but if cuts can be made through civilian areas these could be retained. Surveys have shown there is public support for Policing.

Cllr. Buckley to contact Essex Police about a stronger Police presence within Crays Hill and the Councillors feel there is very little Police presence within the village.

Devolution

An elected Mayor will take over as Police Commissioner and may have a stronger influence on the budget.

The Mayor's responsibilities will include strategic planning, public transport and adult skills and apprenticeships and how these are provided through Colleges.

18/2025 Members of the Public

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

Residents of Southlands Road attended the meeting and brought a letter from another resident regarding the Planning Application 25/00045/FULL. The residents supported this Application as the land in question is a wasteland and has attracted fly tipping and anti social behaviour. They feel it would be of benefit to the road to allow the development to go ahead. No other residents of Southlands Road have objected to the Application and feel that no Applications in Southlands Road ever get approved despite huge development being allowed in Ramsden Bellhouse. They understand that the land is greenbelt but due to the location and condition of the land the Application should be decided on its individual merits.

19/2025 Planning

To consider:

Application No. 25/00045/FULL

Erection of 4 No. residential dwelling houses with associated parking, hardsurfacing, accesses and amenity space (re-submission) – **Land Opposite Heyburns, Southlands Road, Crays Hill, Billericay**

The Parish Council **AGREED** they had no objection to this Application for the following reasons.

The Parish Council have considered that although the Application for proposed development is on greenbelt land, due to the location and current condition of the land development would be of benefit to the local area. The development is supported by residents as it is currently an overgrown wasteland that is attracting fly tippers and antisocial behaviour. The development is in keeping with the character of the road and would not be classed as infill in a green space.

The previous Application was refused on the grounds of greenbelt land, greenbelt openness, character and appearance of the area and habitat. The Parish Council believe that it does not affect greenbelt openness or character of the area and the Applicant has made a direct payment to Natural England in mitigation of any likely significant effects (LSEs) and has agreed to make further payments. It would appear that the applicant has satisfied the objections raised by the inspectorate for this grey field site, subject to the LPA agreeing the RAMS payment

Application No. 25/00049/FULL

Erection of a detached chalet bungalow (self build) – **Land at Southlands Road, Crays Hill, Billericay**

The Parish Council **AGREED** to object to this Application for the reasons that it is overdevelopment of a garden plot in greenbelt land and is not in keeping with the surrounding properties.

20/2025 Repair to Bus Shelter Roof

Replacement shingles have now been received. Cllr. Kirby to repair to the broken area of roof.

RESOLVED

21/2025 Applications for Parish Councillor Vacancy

An Application has been received from Crays Hill resident Chris Cook. The Parish Council agreed to Co Opt Mr Cook to the Parish Council. The Councillors welcomed Cllr. Cook to the Parish Council. Clerk to inform the Electoral and Monitoring Officers. Proposed by Cllr. Kirby, seconded by Cllr.

Bailey **RESOLVED**

22/2025 Finance

(a) Expenditure to Consider

Parish Clerk	Salary for January 2025	Chq. No. 234	£430.95
Prime Klenz	Cleaning of bus shelters January 2025	Chq. No.235	£90
VCS Websites Ltd	Webhosting for Parish Council website and email	Chq. No. 236	£205

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

All agreed. **RESOLVED**

23/2025 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10th March, 2025

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Chairman **Date**