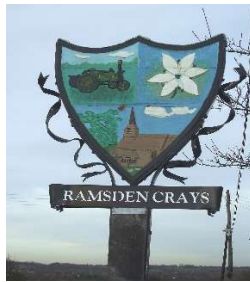


Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 12th May 2025

Cllrs. Kirby, Jenkins & Cook
Cllrs. Buckley & Ball
Emma Beadle – Clerk
2 members of the public

50/2025 Election of Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

Nomination of Cllr. Kirby as Chairman by Cllr. Jenkins, seconded by Cllr. Cook
Nomination of Cllr. Jenkins as Vice Chairman by Cllr. Kirby, seconded by Cllr. Cook. **RESOLVED**

51/2025 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Sargent, Bailey & Pusey

52/2025 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7th April 2025

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

53/2025 Declaration of Members Interests

To receive pecuniary or non pecuniary declarations of interest on items on the Agenda.
None

54/2025 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

There is a Locality Fund for this year of £5000 per County Councillor to be donated to community projects that could include environment, youth or community safety. Nine Councillors have a £5000 pot which can be pooled with other members for a larger project that would benefit the wider community. The cut off for applications for the funding is January 9th, 2026.

55/2025 Members of the Public

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

A resident has contacted the Clerk with concerns that land in Corner Road, opposite the entrance to Approach Road is being fenced off with signs claiming it is private land. The Parish Council will monitor this and investigate ownership of the land.

56/2025 Planning

25/00211/FULL

Construction of a manure store (agricultural barn) – **Crays Hall Farm, Church Lane, Ramsden Crays Billericay**

The Parish Council **AGREED** they had no objection to this Application but noted concerns about potential seepage of nitrates and other agricultural waste into the water source due to its close proximity to the river.

25/00505/FULL

Proposed change of use from redundant agricultural grain storage buildings to offices (Class E(C)ii) – **Crays Hall Farm, Church Lane, Ramsden Crays, Billericay**

The Parish Council **AGREED** they had no objection to this Application but noted concerns of increased traffic on a single track road.

25/00478/LDCE

To establish the lawfulness of the continued existing use of the land for commercial purposes – **Land at Holt Place and Kingstown Kennels, Gardiners Lane North, Billericay, Essex**

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

25/00528/FULL

Alteration and extension to the roof of the main building to create a gable roof to the side (western elevation) – **Facemed Ltd, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex**

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

25/00468/FULL

Removal of existing dropped kerb and formation of new dropped kerb (continued field access) off London Road, Wickford – **Land at Ramsden View Road, Wickford, Essex**

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

25/00111/FULL

Construction chalet bungalow on the site of the now demolished swimming pool building and layout parking, together with the subdivision of the residential curtilage of Whitesbridge Cottage (self/custom build) – **Whitesbridge, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex**

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

57/2025 Planning Breaches – The Oaks Farm

Residents have raised concerns about potential planning breaches on this site. Clerk to contact Planning Enforcement with regard to these issues and follow up issues raised about land at North Road. **RESOLVED**

58/2025 Memorial Bench and New Pathway

Licence has finally been granted for installation of the bench and pathway, awaiting confirmation from the legal team at Essex County Council. Two grants are confirmed from Essex County Council Locality Fund and Wickford Town Council. Cllr. Kirby to arrange purchase of the bench. Two quotes were received for the groundworks. The Parish Council agreed to appoint RJB Construction to install the new pathway and bench base. **RESOLVED**

59/2025 Councillor Training

Councillor Cook is to attend two New Councillor Training Days at EALC in Great Dunmow on the 5th and 12th June. Application form and bursary form were completed. **RESOLVED**

60/2025 Personnel Committee - Reform

Cllr. Jenkins is to remain as head of the Personnel Committee. Proposed by Cllr. Kirby, seconded by Cllr. Cook. **RESOLVED**

61/2025 Finance**(a) Expenditure to Consider**

Parish Clerk	Salary for April 2025	Chq. No. 242	£442
Prime Klenz	Cleaning of bus shelters and notice boards April 2025	Chq. No. 243	£90
Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd	Insurance Premium 2025/2026	Chq No. 244	£866.93
Woody Bowman	Gardening Services	Chq. No. 245	£310
EALC	Affiliation Fees 2025/2026	Chq. No. 241	£432.75
EALC	Training Course Fees – Cllr. Cook	Chq. No. 246	£300

(b) Insurance Renewal – Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd.**(c) Internal Audit – Accounts for Year End 31st March 2025****(d) Fixed Asset Register****(e) Review Governance Documents, AGAR Annual Governance and Accountability Returns of Year End 31st March 2025**

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

All agreed. **RESOLVED**

62/2025 Date of Next Meeting & Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 9th June, 2025

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Chairman **Date**