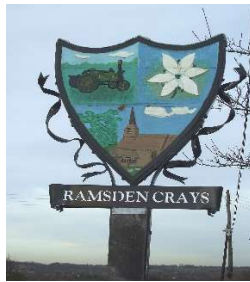


Ramsden Crays Parish Council



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

Cllrs. Kirby, Pusey, Bailey & Cook

Cllrs. Buckley & Ball (Essex County Council)

Emma Beadle – Clerk

85/2025 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Jenkins & Myers

86/2025 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th July 2025

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

87/2025 Declaration of Members Interests

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

None

88/2025 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

Essex County Council

Business cases for the reorganisation of local government are to be received by the end of September. Four bids will be entered for Essex, the government should make a decision in March 2026. It is unclear how this will affect local elections next year.

It is proposed that Wickford, Ramsden Crays, Heath and Bellhouse should join the same Mid Essex Authority which will also include Chelmsford rather than Basildon. It is a positive split both financially and in terms of the population.

89/2025 Members of the Public

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

None

90/2025 Planning

25/01053/VAR

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of approved planning reference 25/01327/FULL to replace drawings J219/301, J219/302 Rev A and J219/303 with submitted plans J219/302 incorporating a porch to previously approved plans – **The Firs, Oak Avenue, Crays Hill, Billericay**

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

25/01158/FULL

Demolition of side extension and rear extensions and construction of single storey side extension, part two and part single storey rear extension, new front porch, new and replacement windows and dormers – **Oakmead, Gardiners Lane North, Billericay**

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

25/01047/FULL

Retention of area of hardstanding and six additional caravans on an area of land within an existing residential gypsy caravan site to be used by the family of the household resident at the site. The site will continue to be used by a single household – **Land Lying South of Oak Road, Billericay**

The Parish Council **AGREED** they had no objection to this Application but have asked Planning to note they have concerns about overdevelopment of the site and the effect on openness of the greenbelt. The Parish Council requested that an Article 4 Direction and TPOs be placed on the adjoining field and trees to prevent further development of the surrounding land.

91/2025 Enforcement Action Taken at the Oaks Farm

A letter was sent to Gary Jones, Cllr. Gavin Callaghan and Essex Highways following reports of a large amount of articulated lorries reversing into the gateway at The Oaks Farm causing major disruption to the A129 London Road and concerns that the land was being used for a commercial business that breached planning permissions granted. Planning Enforcement attended and confirmed that breaches were taking place and ordered the business to cease, which was adhered to. **RESOLVED**

92/Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Bench & Pathway

The bench has now been installed next to the War Memorial. Thanks were given to Cllr. Kirby for ordering and installing the bench. **RESOLVED**

93/Remembrance Sunday Preparations

Clerk to order Wreath. Cllr. Bailey is happy to provide use of the Marquee at the Shepherd & Dog and light refreshments after the service. The cost of the refreshments to be confirmed at next meeting. **RESOLVED**

94/2025 Proposal for Erection of Flagpole at War Memorial

Cllr. Kirby proposed erection of a flagpole next to the War Memorial on private land behind the Memorial Bench. The cost of the flag and pole is approximately £350. The Parish Council agreed to the purchase and erection of the flagpole. **RESOLVED**

95/2025 Arrangement for Gardener to cut back hedges and brambles on route from the Shepherd & Dog to War Memorial and additional planting at War Memorial

Clerk to request Mr Bowman to cut back overgrown hedges and brambles on the route to the War Memorial from the Shepherd & Dog and from Meadowside, London Road. **RESOLVED**

96/2025 Truvelo Road Safety Cameras

Clerk to arrange a demonstration from Truvelo of VAS “Smiley face” speed signs. Clerk to contact Essex County Council to investigate taking responsibility for maintenance of existing VAS speed display signs. **RESOLVED**

97/2025 Finance**(a) Expenditure to Consider**

Parish Clerk	Salary for August 2025 - £442.00 Purchase of stamps - £13.60 Purchase of HP Black Toner Cartridge – 44.90 Land Registry Searches x 5 @ £7 = £35 Purchase of security chest - £68.99 Microsoft 365 Annual Fee - £84.99	Chq. No. 254	£689.48
Prime Klenz	Cleaning of bus shelters for July & August 2025	Chq. No. 255	£180
A Bowman	Gardening services	Chq. No. 256	£96
ABLC	Annual membership fee	Chq. No. 257	£20

(ABLC cheque was added after the Agenda was published)

(b) Bank Reconciliation – Balance of Cash Book as at 31/8/25 - £25,711.31

Clerk to contact Barclays Bank to arrange the use of online banking services.

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

All agreed. **RESOLVED**

98/2025 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13th October 2025

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman **Date**