

Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 19th January 2026

Cllrs. Kirby, Jenkins & Cook

Cllr. Buckley (Essex County Council)

Emma Beadle – Clerk

71 members of the public

1/2026 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Ball, Sargent, Bailey & Pusey

2/2026 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th December 2025

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

3/2026 Declaration of Members Interests

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

None

4/2026 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

Essex County Council

Council Tax will increase on 1st April but less than the 5% maximum. The final amount of increase is yet to be decided. A large percentage of Council Tax is used for the increasing demand for social care.

Basildon Borough Council chosen to cancel upcoming elections. Essex County Council have written to the Secretary of State requesting that the elections do go ahead. The consultation period for comments on this has closed. Kevin Bentley, the Chairman of Essex County Council can be contacted regarding the cancellation of the elections.

5/2026 Members of the Public

A large number of members of the public attended the meeting with concerns about planning applications 25/01663/OUT, land at Approach Road and 25/01678/OUT, land at Barnsfield. Main concerns include building on greenbelt land, site traffic on unmade/unregistered roads, drainage and sewerage from site and negative impact on wildlife, the plan affects an area that is home to badgers, woodpeckers, tawny owls and muntjac deer. There are huge concerns about the increase of traffic on already busy roads and the point of entry being situated on an area of road with poor visibility. The applicant is advertising the properties with an alternative entry point that is not included in the planning application, which is through a narrow unadopted road. The accident data provided is incorrect. The application also contains incorrect information about green belt status of the site and references to the Local Plan.

Residents are keen to prepare a petition of objection to be submitted to Basildon Council.

Clerk to prepare a bullet point list of valid planning objections that can be used. Clerk to obtain recent accident statistics for the village and an up to date traffic count to support objections. Clerk to investigate if Highways can make a site visit to check the sight lines from the proposed entry of the site.

Clerk to share details of planning applications received as many residents do not receive notifications from Planning even when they affect properties in close proximity.

Residents also raised concerns about building work and use of properties on Oak Avenue that are being used for commercial use, not residential. Clerk to contact Planning Enforcement.

6/2026 Planning

25/01615/FULL

Demolition of existing outbuildings, storage structures and associated hardstanding, removal of static homes and redevelopment of the site to provide 2 no. detached two storey family dwellings (Use Class 3) with associated access, parking and private amenity space – **Syndal, Pips Hill Road North, Billericay, Essex**

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

25/01392/TPOBAS

T1 (Oak) and T2 (Oak) of TPO/04/96 crown reduction of up to 2.5m vertical, lateral reduction of up to 2.5m (south side) and lateral reduction of up to 1.5m (north side). Crown lift by 3m to remove fresh growth below the main crown – **Ramsden Bellhouse Baptist Church, Church Road, Ramsden Bellhouse, Billericay**

The Parish Council **Agreed** they have **NO OBJECTION** to this Application.

25/01496/FULL

Demolition of carport, proposed single storey rear extension, alterations to rear and side dormer including provision of Juliet balcony to rear dormer – **Redlands, Gardiners Lane North, Billericay**

The Parish Council **Agreed** they have **NO OBJECTION** to this Application.

25/01663/OUT

Outline application with all matters reserved for the construction of up to 9 dwellings – **Land Adjacent Approach Road, Crays Hill, Billericay**

The Parish Council have **Agreed** to **OBJECT** to this Application as the site is on greenbelt land and does not qualify under current guidelines to recategorize as grey belt, therefore is in direct conflict with the NPPF guidelines relating to greenbelt development. The application implies that planning data is from the adopted Local Plan, this is incorrect and misleading. We currently only have an Emerging Plan, no Local Plan has been confirmed at this time.

The site has major road safety issues, regarding access to and from the London Road. Traffic entering and exiting the site would present an obvious danger of collision and contribute to the already high number of RTCs occurring in the village. Data has been requested from Essex Highways. The number of RTCs will obviously rise to the extensive developments taking place in both Wickford and Billericay. These will add to the already high volume of traffic through the village. Government safety guidelines for this volume of traffic from the proposed site entering a main road cannot be conformed with.

The site contributes greatly to local wildlife.

25/01678/OUT

Outline application with all matters reserved (except access), for the demolition of the existing dwelling and construction of up to 26 dwellings (50% affordable), with associated landscaping, open space, drainage, parking and infrastructure – **Barnsfield, Crays Hill, Billericay**

The Parish Council has **Agreed** to **OBJECT** to this Application for the same reasons as stated above.

7/2026 Finance**(a) Expenditure to Consider**

Parish Clerk	Salary for December 2025 - £442.00	Chq. No. 269	£442.00
Prime Klenz	Bus shelter cleaning – January	Chq. No 270	£90

(b) Bank Reconciliation – Balance of Cash Book as at 30/12/25 - £29,451.00

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

All agreed. **RESOLVED**

8/2026 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9th February 2026

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman **Date**