

Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 9th February 2026**

Cllrs. Kirby, Jenkins & Cook

Cllr. Buckley (Essex County Council)

Emma Beadle – Clerk

6 members of the public

9/2026 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Sargent, Bailey & Pusey

10/2026 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th January 2026

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

11/2026 Declaration of Members Interests

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

None

12/2026 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

Essex County Council

The Council Tax increase from 1st April is 3.95%. 2% is for social care including childrens' services.

The budget increase for Police is just under 6% which is the maximum permitted. There should be no redundancies made in front line and there is a focus on neighbourhood Policing. Cllr. Buckley advised that all antisocial behaviour should be reported as it is important for it to be logged and acted upon.

Potholes

The current weather conditions means it is impossible to keep on top of the potholes. Highways and community funds for repairs have yet to be decided.

13/2026 Members of the Public

Residents attended the meeting with ongoing concerns about the proposed development of land at Barnsfield. Comments can be submitted until 17th February and the Parish Council advised that as many residents as possible respond to Planning. A list of valid objections has been posted on the Parish Council website. The Application will go before the Planning Committee, Clerk to notify residents as widely as possible when the time and date is known so that residents have an opportunity to attend. Residents have offered to print and distribute leaflets so as many members of the village as possible are aware. Cllr. Kirby has requested that the application for the land at Approach Road also been put before the Planning Committee.

Residents raised concerns about the overgrown and littered footpath leading to the recreation ground from Crays Hill which is almost impassable. Clerk to report to Basildon Council.

14/2026 Planning

26/00021/VAR

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning reference 23/00079/FULL to replace and upgrade the existing operational BESS and its associated infrastructure in line with this approved plan, also replace further infrastructure and equipment on site – **Land at Stevenson Farm, Southend Arterial Road, Nevendon, Wickford**

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

25/01599/FULL

Extension of existing bungalow to form 2 storey dwellinghouse – **Meadowlands, Southlands Road, Crays Hill, Billericay**

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

26/00052/FULL

Demolish existing bungalow/garage and construct a replacement two storey detached dwellinghouse (self build) with off street parking – **Toureen, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex**

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

15/2026 Finance

(a) Expenditure to Consider

Parish Clerk	Salary for January 2026 - £442.00	Online payment	£442.00
Prime Klenz	Bus shelter cleaning – February	Online payment	£90

VCS Websites	Website and email hosting	Online payment	£205
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Proposed by Cllr. Cook, seconded by Cllr. Kirby to pay all items.
 All agreed. **RESOLVED**

16/2026 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9th March 2026

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman **Date**