

Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 16th March 2026

Cllrs. Kirby, Jenkins, Pusey & Cook
Cllr. Buckley (Essex County Council)
Emma Beadle – Clerk

10 members of the public

17/2026 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Sargent & Ball

18/2026 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th February 2026

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

19/2026 Declaration of Members Interests

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

None

20/2026 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 remaining 1.95% covers other inflationary costs. The total budget for Essex County Council is approximately £2billion, £800million of which is for social care and a further £145million on highways which includes pothole repairs.

The Members Pothole Scheme ends on Friday. Potholes can be reported to Cllrs. Buckley and Ball, preferably with a photo and specific location. Residents present raised concerns about the poor state of Gardiners Lane and Harding Elms Road.

Potholes can also be reported through the Essex County Council Highways portal.

All County & Borough Councillors will be in purdah at the next Parish Council meeting.

21/2026 Members of the Public

Residents attended the meeting following the community meeting with the planners of the proposed development of Barnsfield. Further concerns were raised regarding evidence of flooding and water run off in the area. The sewers in the area currently block and require clearing every few months but Anglian Water seem unaware of the layout and location of sewers. A resident has video evidence of the seriousness of flooding in the area after relatively light rainfall.

At the most recent Planning Committee Meeting at Basildon Borough Council a local development at Bell Farm, London Road, Wickford was passed. It's green belt status was changed to grey belt. Cllr. Buckley explained that the controlling party of the Council has majority on all committees. It is unlikely that the application for Barnsfield will go before the Planning Committee before the May local elections.

Clerk to organise a WhatsApp group for local residents to discuss objection points for the Planning Committee meeting.

22/2026 Planning

25/01188/OUT

Outline application with all matters reserved except for access and layout for the construction of up to 71 residential dwellings (50% affordable), surface water drainage basin, new vehicular and pedestrian accesses from London Road and all associated infrastructure works – **Land South of Woolshots Farm, London Road, Crays Hill**

25/01190/OUT

Outline application with all matters reserved except for access and layout for the construction of up to 51 residential dwellings (50% affordable), surface water drainage basin, new vehicular and pedestrian accesses from London Road and all associated infrastructure works – **Land to the South of London Road, Crays Hill**

26/00097/ABAS

One non-illuminated Site Entrance Occupier Board to be located on the south-west of the ancillary car park – **Summerhill Nurseries, Pipp's Hill Road North, Billericay, Essex**

25/01629/VAR

Removal of condition 23 of 23/01468/FULL, which states "No development shall take place with Parcel A which shall remain undeveloped" – **Barleylands, Barleylands Road, Billericay, Essex**

26/00226/FULL

Proposed single storey rear infill extension with flat roof – **Longmead, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex**

All Planning Applications were carried over to next month's meeting due to technical issues on the Basildon Planning Portal.

23/2026 Appointment of Heelis & Lodge as Internal Auditors

Clerk to appoint Heelis & Lodge to undertake internal audit. Proposed by Cllr. Kirby, seconded by Cllr. Cook **RESOLVED**

24/2026 Governance Document Updates, including Internal Controls, Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

All Councillors **Agreed** to updates made to the documents. Proposed by Cllr. Cook, seconded by Cllr. Pusey. **RESOLVED**

25/2026 Review of Risk Assessment

All Councillors **Agreed** to updates made to the Risk Assessment. Proposed by Cllr. Kirby, seconded by Cllr. Jenkins. **RESOLVED**

26/2026 Insurance Renewal

Clerk to complete insurance renewal questionnaire and submit to Gallaghers. Proposed by Cllr. Kirby, seconded by Cllr. Pusey **RESOLVED**

27/2026 Resignation of Councillor Bailey

The Parish Council has received a notice of resignation from Cllr. Bailey. Cllr. Kirby expressed thanks to Cllr. Bailey for her service and for continuing to allow the Parish Council to have use of the marquee at the Shepherd & Dog. Clerk to arrange a floral gift for Cllr. Bailey and inform Monitoring Officer of her resignation. **RESOLVED**

28/2026 Applications for Parish Councillor Vacancy

Two applications have been received. The two applicants have been asked to attend next month's meeting for an interview to follow the meeting. **RESOLVED**

29/2026 Finance

(a) Expenditure to Consider

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

Proposed by Cllr. Cook, seconded by Cllr. Kirby to pay all items. All agreed. **RESOLVED**

30/2026 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 20th April 2026

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Chairman **Date**