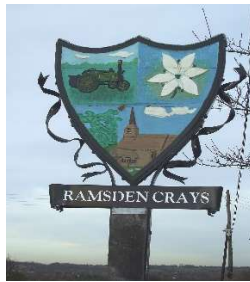


Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 20th April 2026

Cllrs. Kirby, Jenkins, Pusey & Cook
Cllr. Buckley (Essex County Council)
Cllr. Sargent (Basildon Borough Council)
Cllr. Journet (Reform UK)
Emma Beadle – Clerk

Approx. 60 members of the public

31/2026 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Ball, Allen & Myers

32/2026 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th March 2026

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

33/2026 Declaration of Members Interests

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

34/2026 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

Basildon Borough Council

Cllr. Sargent has been made aware of a proposed vigil to take place for Save a Paw by the group Justice for Save a Paw. She has informed Basildon Council and also Essex Police and is requesting a change of location for the vigil.

Planning applications for a large number of houses have been granted all over the Borough. There is currently a consultation taking place for the amount of new homes to be capped. The Conservative party do not agree to the amount of applications being passed but do not have power of committee.

Developers use the rule of 50:50 affordable housing to change the status of land from greenbelt to greybelt but there is no infrastructure or road improvements to support the extra housing and threatens the future of farmland.

Essex County Council

Local Government Reform – There have been chaotic meetings at Basildon Council regarding the proposed reforms. Currently 5 Unitary Authorities are proposed. Wickford would be included in Southwest Essex which would also include Thurrock and Basildon who have combined debts of over £1billion. It does not make financial sense. The boundaries are being reviewed but it is suggested that the dividing line is the A127 moving Wickford to Mid Essex which Chelmsford. These changes will not happen until next year.

Pothole repairs are still ongoing.

35/2026 Members of the Public

Residents have contacted the Parish Council regarding a planned vigil for Save a Paw in Hope Road. They are concerned about antisocial and aggressive behaviour that has been experienced by residents in the neighbouring properties from campaigners over the last year. Cllr. Sargent has informed Basildon Council and Essex Police and would like to move it to a different location. Cllr. Journet will also report to Essex Police for their support.

A resident asked if it would be possible to have a pedestrian crossing installed in the middle of the village, there is currently only one at the bottom of the hill as it is becoming increasingly difficult to safely cross the road due to the volume and speed of traffic and he suffered an accident resulting in hospitalisation crossing the road. Cllr. Buckley explained there is a PV2 formula applied when looking at installation of a new crossing and there are not a high enough amount of pedestrians to allow a new crossing to be built.

Licences for the VAS Signs have been applied for. When these are granted the existing signs will be repaired and moved.

Residents raised concerns about ongoing commercial use of residential properties by Facemed in Oak Avenue. Residents have photographic evidence of a storage shed containing medical gas in close proximity to their boundary fence. Councillors to investigate whether appropriate licences and permissions are in place for this commercial use.

36/2026 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**

The Parish Council AGREED to **OBJECT** to this Application on all grounds previously submitted as they do not feel the amendments provide any material change that would prompt the Council to withdraw its previous objection points. If the Planning Committee decides that the Application is approved the Parish Council would also request that Section 106 monies be negotiated with the

developer to be invested in improvements to the local area to mitigate the negative impact the development will cause to 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**

The Parish Council AGREED they have **NO OBJECTION** to this Application and request Section 106 monies be negotiated with the developer should the Application be approved, to be invested in improvements to the local area.

26/00097/ABAS

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

Permission granted prior to meeting.

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**

The Parish Council AGREED they had **NO OBJECTION** to this Application.

26/00226/FULL

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

The Parish Council AGREED they had **NO OBJECTION** to this Application.

26/01678/OUT

Amendments to proposed scheme - **Barnsfield, Crays Hill Billericay**

The Parish Council AGREED to **OBJECT** to this Application on all grounds previously submitted as they do not feel the amendments provide any material change that would prompt the Council to withdraw its previous objection points. If the Planning Committee decides that the Application is approved the Parish Council would also request that Section 106 monies be negotiated with the developer to be invested in improvements to the local area to mitigate the negative impact the development will cause to Crays Hill.

37/2026 Adoption of Information Technology Policy

Adoption of Policy agreed. Proposed by Cllr. Kirby, seconded by Cllr. Cook **RESOLVED**

38/2026 Applications for Parish Councillor Vacancy

The vacancy can now be filled by co option. Two applications have been received. One applicant to be interviewed following the meeting. An interview will be arranged with the second applicant.

RESOLVED

39/2026 Finance

(a) Expenditure to Consider

Parish Clerk	Salary for March 2026 - £442.00 Purchase of Flowers - £32.30	Online payment	£474.30
Prime Klenz	Bus Shelter Cleaning – March & April 2026	Online payment	£180.00
Woody Bowman	Gardening services	Online payment	£180
Shepherd & Dog	Hire of Marquee in March & April	Online Payment	£30
EALC	2026/2027 Affiliation Fees	Online Payment	440.18

(b) Bank Reconciliation – Balance of Cash Book as at 31/3/2026 - £26,585.00

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

40/2026 Date of Next Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 11TH May 2026

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman **Date**