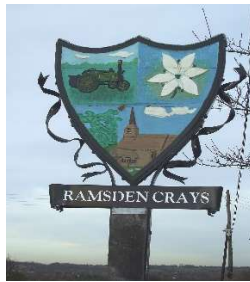


Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 8th June 2026

Cllrs. Kirby, Jenkins, Cook & Hockton
Emma Beadle – Clerk

6 members of the public

52/2026 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Sargent & Pusey

53/2026 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th May 2026

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

54/2026 Declaration of Members Interests

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

55/2026 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

Essex County Council

Each County Councillor can choose three roads for urgent repair. The roads chosen by Cllr. Hockton are Barleylands, Wash Road and Elder Avenue. There is currently a huge backlog at Highways but a large investment will be made to clear this. This will include crews dedicated to specific areas.

SEND – There is a large backlog for SEND services. An additional five educational psychologists have been employed to assess EHCPs. There are plans for SEND schools to be attached to mainstream schools.

LGR – The new administration at Essex are opposing the reorganisation entirely. The workload would be huge to merge Councils, there are not enough specialist employees/officers with the councils and IT systems differ.

In May 2028 shadow unitary elections will take place. Councillors will then shadow the existing Council. The cost implications of this are huge and it will take control away from local areas. Essex have applied to reject this.

Libraries – Libraries will now be focussed on education and learning. No separate groups, that are not part of Essex County Council services will be able to use the space.

56/2026 Members of the Public

A resident raised concerns that Highways are not painting white lines during repair works which can make identifying the layout of the roads and junctions difficult. Also, many hedges are overgrown, particularly in Gardiners Lane and Harding Elms Road which makes these roads dangerous to use due to oncoming traffic not being on the correct side of the road. Cllr. Hockton to raise this with Highways.

A resident enquired what is the planned use for the toilet block in Crays Hill Park. The building has been refurbished but is now fenced and locked so cannot be used. Cllr. Hockton to enquire at Basildon Council.

57/2026 Planning

Application No. 26/00537/FULL

Proposed removal of existing properties and erection of two replacement self build chalet style properties – **Tredray Manor, Crays Hill Road, Crays Hill**

The Parish Council AGREED they had **NO OBJECTION** to this application providing the size of the plot is accurate to the submission statement.

Application No. 25/01678/OUT

Amendments to previous application including reduction of number of dwellings from 26 to 24, reduction in plot sizes to retain vegetation and revision of parking layout and distribution of spaces – **Barnsfield, Crays Hill, Billericay**

The Parish Council AGREED to **OBJECT** to this amended application on the grounds that the amendments do not make a material difference to the objections previously submitted.

58/2025 Finance

(a) Expenditure to Consider

Parish Clerk	Salary for May 2026 - £459.22 VAT element for Purchase of Toner Cartridge - £9.05	Online Payment	£468.27
ICO	Data Protection Registration	Online Payment	£52

(b) Bank Reconciliation – Balance of Cash Book as at 31/05/2026 - £31,026.73

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

59/2026 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13th July 2026

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman Date