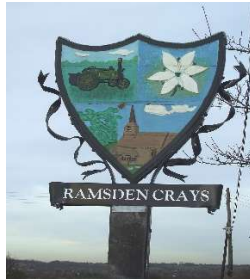


Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 13th July 2026

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

6 members of the public

60/2026 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Sargent & Hockton

61/2026 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th June 2026

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

62/2026 Declaration of Members Interests

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

63/2026 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

No County or Borough Councillors present.

64/2026 Members of the Public

Members of the public have ongoing concerns about the proposed development of Barnsfield. Clerk to contact residents as soon as the date is known for the Planning Committee Meeting so that objections can be prepared to be presented at the meeting.

Members of the public raised concerns about building work taking place at Longmead, Crays Hill, particularly large scale excavation of the garden. Clerk to check permissions and contact building control.

65/2026 Planning

Application No. 26/00608/FULL

Proposed residential development comprising three bungalows with associated private amenity space, parking and Biodiversity Net Gain area – **Land Rear of Pickwick, Gardiners Lane North, Billericay, Essex**

The Parish Council have **AGREED** to **Object** to this Application on the grounds that it is development of greenbelt land and three dwellings constitutes overdevelopment of the site.

Application No. 26/00647/OUT

The material change in use of a building to a tea room, the erection of storage buildings and the material change of use in the land to the open storage of building materials and vehicles (Retrospective) – **The Elms Nursery, Hardings Elms Road, Billericay, Essex**

The Parish Council **AGREED** they have **No Objection** to this Application. However, the Parish Council would request should Planning Services grant this Application they should consider a stipulation that the storage buildings are used solely by the applicant and not let to third parties as this could potentially increase the number of vehicles entering the site. Access from the car park has extremely poor visibility on to Hardings Elms Road, a road on which there have been two fatal accidents in recent years.

Application No. 26/00752/FULL

Proposed new self-build dwelling to west side of existing dwelling – **Sunnyside, Southlands Road, Crays Hill Billericay**

The Parish Council **AGREED** to **Object** to this Application on the grounds that it is development of green belt land and does not satisfy the criteria to be classified as grey belt.

This Application was added after the Agenda had been published due to there being no Parish Council Meeting in August.

66/2026 Licences for Adoption of VAS Units

Clerk has received correspondence from Highways confirming the licences are being processed but is still waiting to receive documentation from Legal. **RESOLVED**

67/2026 Community Speed Watch

Clerk has contacted Ramsden Heath Parish Council regarding forming a Community Speed Watch in Crays Hill, who have provided information and assistance. Clerk to create promotional leaflet to find volunteers. **RESOLVED**

68/2026 Internal Audit Report from Heelis & Lodge

Internal Audit Report has been received and reviewed by Parish Councillors. Required systems of control are in place. Notice of Public Rights and AGAR have been added to the website and displayed on both notice boards. **RESOLVED**

69/2026 Play Area Improvements Collaboration

Clerk to contact Grant Taylor and Cllr. Jeffrey for further information and discussion regarding the proposed collaboration. **RESOLVED**

70/2026 Finance**(a) Expenditure to Consider**

Parish Clerk	Salary for June/July 2026 - £459.22	Online Payment	£918.44
Prime Klensz	Cleaning of bus shelters in June & July	Online Payments	£180.00
Heelis & Lodge	Internal audit	Online Payment	£230.00
A Bowman	Gardening Services	Online Payments	£180.00
Shepherd & Dog	Venue Hire – May, June & July	Online Payment	£30

Proposed by Cllr. Kirby, seconded by Cllr. Cook **ALL AGREED**

71/2026 Date of next meeting

Monday 14th September 2026

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Chairman **Date**