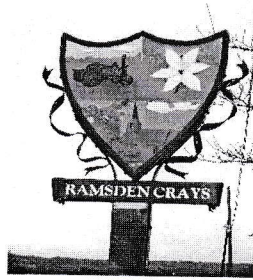


Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on
Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.00pm at Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall

Attendance:

Cllrs. Jenkins, McPherson-Davis, Kirby & Bailey

Cllr. Ball – Essex County Council

Parish Clerk/RFO: E Beadle

1 Introduction and welcome from the Chairman

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Pusey & Buckley

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th May 2023

All agreed. Proposed by Cllr. Jenkins, seconded by Cllr. Kirby **RESOLVED** Signed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis.

4. Chairman's Report - Attached

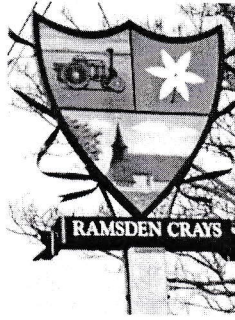
5. Comments and suggestions from residents of Ramsden Crays

None

No response from Essex County and Basildon Borough Councillors

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Chairman Date



RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2023/2024

Dear Residents,

This Annual Report includes information about the activities of the Parish Council over the last year (April 2023 to March 2024) and future activities as well as financial information.

Yours sincerely,

David McPherson-Davis
Chairman, Ramsden Crays Parish Council

MAY 2024

Parish Council Meetings:

The Parish Council Meetings are held on a regular monthly basis.

Details are displayed on our Web Site and Notice Boards at the entrances to Gardiners Lane North and Church Lane

The Parish Council has is now successfully operating with five Councillors following recent co-options. Please feel free to approach any member of the Council or the Clerk (Contact details are shown on the Notice Boards) if you have any issues that you wish to raise with the Parish Council.

Residents are very welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings where you have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the Open Session near the commencement of the meeting and then again at the end during Open Session on general items.

Projects:

During the last few years the Parish Council has purchased new Waste Bins and Dog Poo Bins and is currently in the process of buying a memorial bench dedicated to Elizabeth 2nd which hopefully will be part funded by a grant from Essex County Council. In addition we hope to replace the broken bench in London Road .

Memorial Sunday

The Annual Remembrance Service in November was a memorable morning and very well attended by a number of residents and visitors, including Borough and County Councillors and the Police.

The Service was given by the preacher from Great Burstead and South Green and was followed by light refreshments at the Shepherd and Dog Public House.

Planning:

The Parish Council is consulted on all relevant applications. We agree some and others we recommended for refusal. The final decision resting with Basildon Council. Residents are welcome to attend and comment on all applications. Your input may well influence our decision.

Local Council Tax:

I am pleased to announce that for the second year running we managed to avoid any increase in the Parish Precept and now have a reasonable Reserve to carry forward.. As a result there will be no increase again for the year commencing 1st April 2024

Finally I would like to thank our Clerk and my fellow Parish, Borough and County Councillors for all their efforts and support during the last year.

D.R.McPherson-Davis

13.05.2024