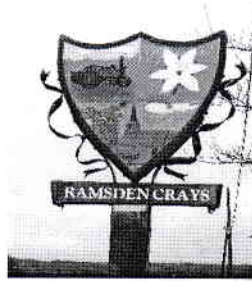


Ramsden Crays Parish Council



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on
Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7.00pm at Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall

Attendance:

Cllrs. Jenkins, McPherson-Davis and Finn
Cllr. Buckley – Essex County Council
Parish Clerk/RFO: E Beadle

1 Introduction and welcome from the Chairman

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Kirby, Sargent, Allen and Ball

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2022

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

4. Chairman's Report - Attached

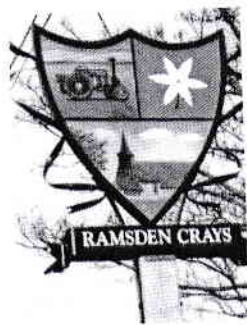
5. Comments and suggestions from residents of Ramsden Crays

None

No response from Essex County and Basildon Borough Councillors

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Chairman Date



RAMSDEN CRAYS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022/2023

Dear Residents,

This Annual Report includes information about the activities of the Parish Council over the last year (April 2022 to March 2023) and future activities.

Yours sincerely,

David McPherson-Davis
Chairman, Ramsden Crays Parish Council

May 2023

Parish Council Meetings:

Parish Council Meetings are held monthly on a Tuesday currently at Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

Please feel free to approach any member of the Council (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 and other matters

Parish Clerk/RFO

The Parish Council welcomes Mrs. Emma Beadle as the new Clerk/RFO

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council has had a vacancy for some time now .We need a new face to help with the workload. **Anyone interested please contact Emma.**

Maintaining Parish Assets:

The Monthly maintenance/cleaning of the four bus shelters has and will continue.

The flower beds have unfortunately become rather untidy and need urgent work on them. **Currently seeking a gardener.**

The War Memorial is kept clean and tidy

The Village Sign is also inspected and any defects will be rectified.

The rubbish bins and new dog waste bins at the bus shelters are emptied regularly

The defibrillator at the Shepherd and Dog is inspected regularly and pads have been renewed so that it is available for any emergency.

The childrens play equipment, outdoor gym and the zip wire in the park are all maintained by Basildon Council.

A new picnic table and bench seat were installed last summer.

Planning:

The Parish Council is consulted on all relevant applications. We agree some and others we recommended for refusal. The final decision however rests with Basildon Council.

Residents are welcome to attend and comment on all applications. Your input may well influence our decision.

Memorial Sunday

Many residents and friends attended and took part in the service last November which was conducted by a lay preacher from Wickford.

This was followed by a pleasant time in the Shepherd and Dog where refreshments were provided and residents were able to enjoy a general get together with friends and family. Unfortunately we only had limited space. Hopefully this year we can use the Marque.

Parish Newsletter

We try to publish three a year to update residents on local matters.

D.R.Mcpherson-Davis

Date...9th May 2023.....