

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL 2009 AT
7.30 P.M. AT THE CHURCH HALL, CRAYS HILL**

Present: Cllr. McPherson-Davis, Cllr. Peake, Cllr. Borer, Cllr. Lucas
and Cllr. Reeve

Apologies: None.

In the Chair: Cllr. McPherson-Davis

Minute Secretary: Georgina Bassett

Also present: 9 members of the public, one member of the press

01. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman Cllr. McPherson-Davis welcomed residents and the Police to the Annual Parish Meeting.

02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies received.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of 28th May, 2008 April, 2007 were agreed to be an accurate record.

04. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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05. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

There were no reports from District Councillors.

06. PRESENTATION: BILLERICAY POLICE STATION

A presentation given by Nigel Scott P.C. on various issues:

He updated residents on the Neighbourhood Action Panel (NAP's) and welcomed more attendance to discuss and try to resolve problems in the area.

Updated information on crimes reported in the area – seven criminal damage, five house burglaries and five sheds in Ramsden Crays, confirming that there is a total of 66 reported crimes in the Crouch area. P.C. Scott reminded everyone to lock doors properly and various leaflets were available including the Policing Pledge.

Questions:

Is time allocated for general patrol?

At least one morning and one afternoon on a six day shift for each of the two PCSO's.

Is the Police Force for Essex Police up to full compliment?

Yes, the Chief Constable has increased the area by 600 Police Officers.

NAP's Meetings – is it possible to provide the public with dates and times of meetings?

We try to inform residents through leaflets, generally these are to residents in the specific areas that these are held as it is more likely residents will attend if the meeting is in close proximity.

Is the Police Force prepared to pursue convictions if so what must a resident do for this to happen?

Members of the public need to stand up and be counted for this to happen.

07. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

Footpath 157 opposite Hope Road has been blocked by wooden blocks and the style has been removed and the footpath has wire mesh along it, is there any reason for this?

An attempt was made for the travellers horses to use this footpath and leave the horses in the field. It is the owner of the properties responsibility to prevent animals from escaping out of the field and styles have been taken away and if there are animals then suitable measures are put in place – i.e. kissing gates to assist the public. In this instance it is to prevent animals into the field.

What organisation should we contact to pursue this situation?

The Clerk will write to ECC on this matter.

Concerns were raised about a proposed CHP station and non-household waste treatment in the area north of the A127 in the Basildon area.

The Clerk will write to BDC and ECC to confirm if they are aware of this situation.

MEETING CLOSED AT 20.20

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**

Appendix A



Ramsden Crays Parish Council Annual Report

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2008/09

This Annual Report provides information about the activities of the Parish Council over the last year (May 2008 to March 2009), as well as financial information and Parish Council contact points.

The Annual Meeting of Ramsden Crays Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 20th May 2009 at the Church Hall, Crays Hill.**

Meetings:

During this period the Council has held eleven Council meetings, one Extraordinary Meeting, one Annual Meeting of Ramsden Crays Parish Council and produced and circulated 3 Newsletters.

Planning:

During this period the Parish Council has considered 26 planning applications.

Networking:

Members of the Council regularly attend liaison meetings with Basildon District Council, the Basildon Association of Town and Parish Councils and other agencies and representatives from parish councils to share knowledge and experience.

Representation:

On occasions we are asked to comment on documents received from the District and County Councils and other agencies. We always take the opportunity to respond on issues relevant to Ramsden Crays.

Projects:

In total four bus shelters have been installed since the project began.

Daffodils have been planted within the Parish, predominantly along the main A129 road.

Traffic calming: Two gateways have been placed on entry to Ramsden Crays, a pinch point is now in place in Gardiners Lane North and two VAS signs are scheduled to be installed in the Parish shortly.

The new Parish Council notice board is scheduled to be positioned in Church Lane within a month.

Dates for forthcoming Meetings:

Parish Council Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month (except August)

20th May – Annual Meeting of Ramsden Crays Parish Council

17th June, 15th July, 16th September, 21st October, 18th November and 16th December.

The Public are welcome to attend the meetings and have an opportunity to speak at the Open Session.

Please approach any member of the Council (contact details below) if you have any issues that you wish to raise at any time during the coming year.

The Police Surgeries have been held in the Hall every morning of the second Saturday of each month.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This is a summary of the expenditure of the Parish Council. Full information is published later in the year when the accounts have been audited.

Expenditure Heading 2009/10	Budget 2008/09	Actual Spend	Budget
Salaries	£2,408.00	£ 2,456.55	£ 2,550.00
Stationery	£ 200.00	£ 87.50	£ 150.00
External Audit	£ 250.00	£ 285.00	£ 250.00
Insurance	£ 650.00	£ 627.45	£ 900.00
Room Hire/Clerk	£ 320.00	£ 309.96	£ 336.00
Postage	£ 80.00	£ 41.93	£ 53.00
Publications	£ 100.00	£ 120.00	£ 150.00
Subscriptions	£ 400.00	£ 390.53	£ 400.00
Internal Audit	£ 100.00	£ 95.00	£ 120.00
Tel. Calls/Rental	£ 260.00	£ 200.17	£ 210.00
Travel Clerk	£ 300.00	£ 384.89	£ 400.00
Use of Equipment	£ 130.00	£ 125.04	£ 135.00
Clerk Training	£ 50.00	£ 32.00	£ 52.00
Cllrs. Travel Expenses	£ 0.00	£ 60.77	0.00
Cllrs. Training	£ 50.00	£ 52.00	£ 208.00
H.M. Revenue and Customs	£ 682.00	£ 614.13	£ 639.00
Other Expenditure/Misc.	£ 100.00	£ 15.66	£ 100.00
Verge Planting	£ 150.00	0.00	£ 150.00
Hall Hire	£ 180.00	£ 144.00	£ 200.00
Purchase Christmas Tree Lights	£ 35.00	0.00	£ 50.00
Hire of Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Elections	£1,200.00	£ 727.15	£ 1,200.00
Bench Seat in Park	0.00	£ 355.97	0.00

Sec. 137 Donations	£ 100.00	£ 50.00	£ 100.00
Sec. 137 Upkeep Churchyard	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
Lighting/Heating	0.00	£ 9.00	0.00
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Notice Boards	0.00	£ 290.00	0.00
Bus Shelters	0.00	£16,330.00	0.00
General Maintenance	0.00	0.00	£ 350.00
Total Allocations	£7,845.00	£23,904.70	£ 8,803.00

POTENTIAL PROJECTS IDENTIFIED

Playground equipment	£1,000.00
Hanging baskets	£ 300.00

Total Expenditure: **£10,103.00**

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2009/2010:

David McPherson-Davis	Tel: 01268 525 762
Andrew Peake	Tel: 01268 525 771
John Lucas	Tel: 01268 520 965
Tina Borer	Tel: 01268 285 795
Roy Reeve	Tel: 01268 289 740

Clerk to the Council - Mrs Georgina Bassett Tel: 01702 584 158

David McPherson-Davis, Chairman, Ramsden Crays Parish Council

Chairman, Ramsden Crays Parish Council

30th March, 2009