

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 18TH APRIL 2012 AT
7.30 P.M. AT RAMSDEN CRAYS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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

Apologies:

In the Chair: Cllr. Peake

Minute Secretary: Georgina Bassett

Also present: 1 member of the public
PCSO Wyn Sharp

01. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman Cllr. Peake welcomed all to the Annual Parish Meeting.

02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr. Sargent.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of 20th April, 2011 were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Lucas and seconded by Cllr. Reeve – **agreed.**

04. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Appendix A attached.

05. PRESENTATION BY THE LOCAL POLICE:

Police Constable Wyn Sharp attended to provide latest updates within the Parish.

Elderly residents are being included in the patrol plans for safety.

Statistics – comparison from previous month. Aim is to reduce crime in the area to zero. An update on statistics on accidents in the village will be available for future meetings.

06. PRESENTATION BY ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR DON MORRIS:

Unfortunately Cllr. Morris was unavailable to provide a presentation on Hardings Elms Road/Pipps Hill Road North.

07. BASILDON BOROUGH/ COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

No reports from District Councillors.

08. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

Request for a Bollard outside Hemmings Stores and one opposite Hemmings Stores next door to the church hall to be replaced.
Replacement of 30mph speed limit signs in Oak Road.

MEETING CLOSED AT 08:03 p.m.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**

APPENDIX A



RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2011/12

Dear Resident,

This Annual Report includes information about the activities of the Parish Council over the last year (April 2011 to March 2012), as well as financial information and Parish Council contact points.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Peake
Chairman, Ramsden Crays Parish Council

April 2012

Updates:

The Parish Council would like to thank Elms Nursery for its lovely floral display by Oak Road.

The Mobile Library Service has continued its service. Arriving at Crays Hill High View Rise at 12.00 and leaving at 12.15 and Crays Hill Primary at 13.30 and departing at 14.25.

With thanks to Mr. Kadesh for his continued support for the offer of the site relocation for the war memorial.

The Parish Council during this financial year has commented on 25 planning applications within the Parish of Ramsden Crays.

Dale Farm:

The Parish Council is determined to carry on its fight to clear all illegal developments within our Parish and continues its discussions with Basildon Council and our MP, to bring the current unacceptable situation at Dale Farm to a conclusion, with all illegal plots cleared and sub division on the legal site stopped.

Dates for forthcoming Meetings:

Parish Council Meetings are generally held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. (except August)

Dates scheduled for 2012 are:

16th May – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

20th June, 18th July, 19th September, 17th October, 21st November, 12th December

The Public are very welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings held at Ramsden Crays Primary School, where you have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the

Open Session at the commencement of the meeting and then again at the end during Open Session on general items.

Please feel free to approach any member of the Council (contact details below – subject to an election in May), or the Clerk, if you have any issues that you wish to raise with the Parish Council.

Networking/Representation:

Members of the Council regularly attend liaison meetings with Basildon Borough Council, the Association of Basildon Local Councils and other agencies and representatives from parish councils to share knowledge and experience. Occasionally the Council is asked to comment on documents received from the District and County Councils and other agencies and to take the opportunity to respond on issues relevant to Ramsden Crays.

Useful Information

The Parish is fortunate that it has its own dedicated PC within Ramsden Crays in addition to the usual Police support. Please note that any criminal incidents should be reported to the Police on 0300 333 4444.

Buy With Confidence

Essex County Council's Trading Standards service "Buy With Confidence" only recommends businesses which have been vetted and approved by Essex Trading Standards. For further information either go online at buywithconfidence.gov.uk or telephone 0845 404 0506.

Ward Councillors, Terri Sargent and Stuart Allen hold regular surgeries at Noak Bridge Village Hall at "Coppice Lane" on the first Saturday of the month between 9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. and Steepleview Community Centre at "Osier Drive" on the third Saturday of the month between 9.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. any resident from the Crouch Ward is invited to attend. A PCSO is nearly always present.

Parish Councillors

Chairman - Councillor Andrew Peake	01268 525771
Vice-Chairman – Councillor Tina Borer	01268 285795
Councillor David McPherson-Davis	01268 525762
Councillor John Lucas	01268 520965
Councillor Roy Reeve	01268 289740

Non-Elected Appointments 2011 - 2012

Clerk to Ramsden Crays Parish Council - Georgina Bassett – 01702 584158 – bassett19@btinternet.com

Independent Internal Auditor - Heelis and Lodge.

External Auditor - Alun Williams

Other Useful Contacts:

Cllr. Terri Sargent can be contacted on terriken@aol.com or 01268 288766

Cllr. Allen can be contacted on stuart.allen@members.basildon.gov.uk or 07816965999.

Member of Parliament: John Baron your local M.P. holds regular surgeries in the constituency. Telephone for an appointment on 01268 520765.

Keep up to date with our latest information including agendas, minutes, etc., visit:-
www.essexinfo.net/ramsdencrays

Your Input:

The Parish Council would like to hear from you for future projects within the Parish. Suggested issues for consideration are:

- A large vision in the park area, making this more interesting with trees, plants etc.
- Installation of additional benches within the Parish.
- Installation of kissing gates at footpaths.
- Web page, future development as a means of communication.

If you have any ideas on these or any more, please contact either the Clerk or Councillors.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This is a summary of the expenditure of the Parish Council for 2011/12. Further information is published later in the year when the accounts have been audited.

Expenditure Heading	Budget 2011/12	Actual Spend	Budget 2012/13
Salaries	2597.16	3,190.50	2,895.00
Clerk – HMRC (inc. tax room)	745.70	822.00	822.00
Clerk - Travel	250.00	189.90	280.00
Clerk Training (split Shotgate)	60.00	0.00	60.00
Clerk Room Hire/tel/room use	555.50	259.78	600.00
Sub Total			4657.00
Stationery	100.00	140.21	150.00
Election Costs	0.00	0.00	1,400.00
External Audit	140.00	162.00	250.00
Internal Audit	130.00	115.00	130.00
Insurance	700.00	710.47	800.00
Postage	60.00	24.23	60.00
Publications	35.00	0.00	35.00
Subscriptions	450.00	443.84	500.00
Newsletters	0.00	184.80	350.00
Hall Hire	220.00	341.00	300.00
Cllrs. Travel Expenses	0.00	16.00	50.00
Cllrs. Training	180.00	0.00	200.00
General Maintenance	350.00	225.00	350.00
Maintenance Sign	0.00	0.00	500.00
Other Expenditure/Misc.	100.00	0.00	100.00
Sec. 137 Donations	100.00	125.00	100.00
Sec. 137 Upkeep Church	100.00	100.00	0.00
Purchase Christmas Tree Lights	50.00	0.00	0.00
Verge Planting	150.00	0.00	200.00
EALC Course ½ split Shotgate	0.00	5.00	0.00
Courses attended ½ split Shotgate		135.00	
Grant		15.00	
VAT-Contra		76.59	
Sub Total	7,073.36	7281.32	10,132.00

Projects – Playground equip.	1,000.00	0.00	9,500.00
Memorial Project		0.00	5,000.00
Total Allocations	<u>8,073.36</u>	<u>7,281.32</u>	<u>24,632.00</u>