

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 2013 AT
7.30 P.M. AT RAMSDEN CRAYS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Present: Cllr. T. Borer and Cllr. N. Flint
Apologies: Cllr. A. Peake, Cllr. D. McPherson-Davis and Cllr. S. Aungier
In the Chair: Cllr. T. Borer
Minute Secretary: Georgina Bassett
Also present: 4 members of the public

01. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Borer welcomed all to the Annual Parish Meeting.

02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr. A. Peake, Cllr. D. McPherson-Davis, Cllr. S. Aungier, Cllr. S. Allen of Basildon Borough Council, Cllr. D. Morris and PC Wyn Sharp.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of 18 April, 2012 were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

04. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Appendix A attached.

05. PRESENTATION BY THE LOCAL POLICE:

Apologies from Police Constable Wyn Sharp unable to attend.

06. UPDATE BY ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR:

Apologies received from Cllr. Don Morris.

07. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS:

1. A resident asked what a judicial review is and this was explained.
2. Concern at the constant stream of rubbish in Oak Lane. Request for CCTV and those breaking the law to be prosecuted.
3. General questions on the ultimate situation at Dale Farm, in particular the condition of the illegal site and planning in this area.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.00 P.M.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**

APPENDIX A



RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2012/13

Dear Resident,

This Annual Report includes information about the activities of the Parish Council over the last year (April 2012 to March 2013), as well as financial information and Parish Council contact points.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Peake
Chairman, Ramsden Crays Parish Council

April 2013

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 2013 are:

15th May – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

19th June, 17th July, 18th September, 16th October, 20th November, 11th 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.

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 Norman Flint	01268 523100
Councillor Sally Aungier	01268 289769

Non-Elected Appointments 2011 - 2012

Clerk to Ramsden Crays Parish Council - Georgina Bassett – 01702 584158 – ramsdencrayspc@live.co.uk
Independent Internal Auditor - Heelis and Lodge

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

New Projects:

The Parish Council have applied for funding to purchase and install a new Zip Wire for the Playground.

A War Memorial is being built and sited between Approach Road and Corner Road this has been funded by the Parish Council, Basildon Borough Council and Wickford Rotary Club. The old War Memorial Plaque from The Village Hall has been incorporated in the new memorial.

Church Hall:

The Parish Council are contesting the sale of the Village Hall and the funds from the sale being taken by the Church and spent outside of our Parish. As we are all aware the land was donated by a resident, the building erected by residents and over the years the residents of Crays Hill have paid for the upkeep. Consequently we consider the monies received from the sale of the Village Hall should be spent on facilities for the residents of Crays Hill.

Dale Farm:

We are hoping that within the next few weeks a decision will be made by the High Court as to whether to allow the travellers application for a judicial review. If the travellers are unsuccessful then we expect the travellers parked in the road to be moved off by Basildon Council.

Environment Agency Report:

The Parish council have and are continually pressing the Environmental Agency for the report to be published and consider the amount of time it has taken to be unreasonable.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This is a summary of the expenditure of the Parish Council for 2012/13. Further information is published later in the year when the accounts have been audited.

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
	<u>£'s</u>	<u>£'s</u>
Clerk-Salary	2895.00	3511.39
Clerk-HMRC	822.00	877.79
Clerk-Room Hire/Equipment	600.00	156.00
	<u>4317.00</u>	<u>4545.18</u>
Clerk-Travel Expenses	280.00	222.85
Clerk-Training	60.00	0.00
	<u>4657.00</u>	<u>4768.03</u>
Fees-Split with Shotgate P.C.	0.00	87.50
Stationery	150.00	90.99
Election Costs	1400.00	130.34
External Auditor	250.00	120.00
Internal Auditor	130.00	115.00
Insurance	800.00	738.81
Postage	60.00	30.07
Publications/Minute Book	35.00	215.69
Subscriptions	500.00	607.33
Newsletters	350.00	100.00
Councillors- Travel Expenses	50.00	22.50
Councillors- Training	200.00	0.00
Hall Hire	300.00	260.00
General Maintenance	350.00	45.90
Parish Sign Maintenance	500.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	0.00
Section 137.-Donations	100.00	100.00
Section 137.- Upkeep of Cemetery	0.00	100.00
Project -War Memorial	0.00	3181.00
Project- Verge Planting	200.00	0.00
VAT (Recoverable)	0.00	522.84
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u><u>10132.00</u></u>	<u><u>11236.00</u></u>

