

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL 2014 AT
7.30 P.M. AT RAMSDEN CRAYS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Present: Cllr. A. Peake, Cllr. T. Borer, Cllr. N. Flint and Cllr. S. Aungier
Apologies: Cllr. D. McPherson-Davis
In the Chair: Cllr. A. Peake
Minute Secretary: Georgina Bassett
Also present: Cllr. T. Sargent and PC Wyn Sharp – no other members of the public

01. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Peake welcomed all to the Annual Parish Meeting.

02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr. McPherson-Davis.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of 17th April, 2013 were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

04. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Appendix A attached.

05. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS:

None received.

06. PRESENTATION BY THE LOCAL POLICE:

Police Constable Wyn Sharp provided statistics for the area.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.55. P.M.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**

APPENDIX A



RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2013/14

Dear Resident,

This Annual Report includes information about the activities of the Parish Council over the last year (April 2013 to March 2014), as well as financial information and Parish Council contact points.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Peake
Chairman, Ramsden Crays Parish Council

April 2014

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 2014 are:

18th June, 9th July, 17th September, 15th October, 19th November, 10th December

The Public are very welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings held at Ramsden Crays Primary School in one of the classrooms, 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), 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

Please note that any criminal incidents should be reported to the Police on 0300 333 4444. We have had some recent burglaries in the village and we ask residents to be vigilant and look out and report anything that is suspicious, 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 was successful for part funding towards the purchase of outside gym equipment for the Park and further funding is being sought to enable the project to proceed

War Memorial

Funding for a marble surround to finish and complete the Village War Memorial between Approach Road and Corner Road is being sought.

Church Hall:

The Parish Council have contested the sale of the Village Hall and the funds from the sale being taken by the Church and spent outside of our Parish. A solicitor who is also a resident is helping the Parish Council to get some justice for the village.

Dale Farm:

The travellers that are parked illegally in the road in Oak Lane have again managed to stave off their removal albeit temporarily and the Parish Council are continuing to apply pressure wherever we can to ensure that the travellers are removed. The rubbish that is accumulating in the field next to the legal site has been photographed and will be brought to the attention of Basildon Borough Council.

Highways Issues:

The Parish Council are continually monitoring and advising Highways and Basildon

Council of any issues relating to potholes, blocked drains, overgrown hedges, footpaths, or overgrown trees obstructing street lighting etc.

If you have any complaints regarding highways please notify the Clerk or any councillor.

The Parish Council have been successful in reducing the speed limit in Harding's Elms Road to 30 MPH and the approach to the junction of London Road and Harding's Elms road reduced to 40 MPH. This was done with the help of our MP John Baron and Ward Councillor Terri Sargent.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This is a summary of the expenditure of the Parish Council for 2013/14. Further information is published later in the year when the accounts have been audited.

RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2014

Year ending 31.03.13		Year ending 31.03.14
<u>£'s</u>		<u>£'s</u>
	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
10033.92	Precept	9263.00
16.84	Bank Interest	20.36
0.00	Capital Grants	0.00
5600.00	Other Funding/Grants - Zip Wire	7000.00
0.00	Awards - Online overpayment	0.00
0.00	Half courses, subscriptions - Shotgate	72.50
0.00	Half publications - Shotgate	30.00
0.00	Insurance Claims	0.00
15.00	Refunds - transfer other 3 accounts closed	0.00
0.00	Shotgate - cheque - general	557.93
0.00	Diocese Church repaid	18.20
0.00	Diocese Church VAT repaid	3.64
636.29	VAT	2816.24
<u>16302.05</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>19781.87</u>
	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
3511.39	Clerk-Salary	3565.11
877.79	Clerk-HMRC	887.79
222.85	Clerk-Travel Expenses	231.75
0.00	Clerk-Training	0.00
156.00	Clerk-Tel Calls/Room Hire/Use of Equip.	156.00
89.80	Stationery	110.14
130.34	Election Costs	0.00
120.00	External Audit	100.00

115.00	Internal Audit	115.00
738.81	Insurance	753.44
30.07	Postage	21.85
179.74	Publications/Minutes Book	80.00
607.33	Subscriptions	455.37
100.00	Newsletters	42.40
22.50	Cllr's Travel	0.00
0.00	Cllr's Training	0.00
87.50	Courses Split Costs - Shotgate	0.00
0.00	Grant	0.00
671.98	VAT (Recoverable)	2785.99
<u>7661.10</u>	General Admin incl VAT	<u>9304.84</u>
260.00	Hall Hire	675.00
0.00	Verge Planting	0.00
45.90	Maintenance	0.00
0.00	Other Misc. - Notice Board/Parish Sign	0.00
200.00	Sec. 137 Donations/Upkeep of Cemetery	100.00
3069.00	Project - War Memorial	2220.00
	War Memorial Planters	1080.00
	Project - Cableway	10338.00
	Diocese Church	36.40
	Cheque in error	557.93
0.00	Capital Payments	0.00
<u>11236.00</u>	Total	<u>24312.17</u>