

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 20TH APRIL 2015 AT
7.00 P.M. AT THE SHEPHERD AND DOG PUBLIC HOUSE**

Present: Cllr. A. Peake, Cllr. T. Borer, Cllr. D. McPherson-Davis,
Cllr. N. Flint and Cllr. S. Aungier
Apologies: None.
In the Chair: Cllr. A. Peake
Minute Secretary: Georgina Bassett
Also present: Cllr. T. Sargent, Cllr. M. Buckley - ECC and four 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:

No apologies for absence received.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes of 24th April, 2014 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:

Residents commented that new iron gates erected in Oak Road have been recently stolen. Caps are being removed from cars in driveways, generally in the dark within the Parish, these incidents have been reported to the Police by the residents concerned.

Cllr. Sargent provided an update on the December meeting regarding the lack of information from Basildon Borough Council from the Liaison Meeting. No decision has been made with regard to the travellers situation since the December meeting as nothing currently going forward to the Traffic Management Committee.

Response received from Cllr. Sargent regarding the comparison of Harlow situation and Dale Farm that they are two different issues.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.28. P.M.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): DATE:

APPENDIX A



RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2014/15

Dear Resident,

This Annual Report includes information about the activities of the Parish Council over the last year (April 2014 to March 2015), as well as financial information and Parish Council contact points.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Peake
Chairman, Ramsden Crays Parish Council

April 2015

Dates for forthcoming Meetings:

The Parish Council Meetings are now held either on the third Monday or Tuesday of each month at 7.00 p.m. at a new venue of The Shepherd and Dog Public House (with the exception of August when there is no meeting).

The Public are very welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings 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.

Projects:

During the past year the Parish Council has been successful with funding from Veolia North Thames Trust and Basildon Borough Council to purchase the wall and war memorial with planter holders on the land that was kindly donated by a resident.

There will be a dedication service at this location at Crays Hill, London Road on Friday 1st May at 11.00 a.m. and it is anticipated that members of the armed forces and dignitaries will be at the service held by the Vicar of Downham. All residents of Crays Hill are invited to attend.

An eight piece fitness equipment has recently been installed in the park area for use by residents and visitors to the area. Funding was provided for this by both Essex County Council and the Parish Council.

New Village sign. Basildon Borough Council has very recently paid for and installed a new sign at no cost to the Parish.

Many thanks to the above organisations for assisting us with the various new purchases to the Parish.

The Parish Council are continuing to request an update from Basildon Council with regards the travellers parked illegally in Oak Lane but at this moment in time the Leader of the Council chooses not to update us, we will still request updates and update meetings for the sake of our residents living near the site and still subject to abuse and unacceptable anti-social behaviour.

The standard of our roads within the Parish are in an unacceptable condition and we are, with the help of our local Councillors putting pressure on Essex County Council to have good quality repairs made.

Networking/Representation:

Members of the Council 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.

Please note that any criminal incidents should be reported to the Police on 07969365610 or 101 for non urgent incidents. 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.

YET TO BE APPROVED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This is a summary of the expenditure of the Parish Council for 2014/15. 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 2015

Year ending 31.03.14 £'s		Year ending 31.03.15 £'s
	RECEIPTS	
9263.00	Precept	8,786.16
20.36	Bank Interest	3.52
0.00	Capital Grants	569.47
7,000.00	Funding - Zip Wire/Memorial/Fitness Equip.	12,450.25
0.00	Awards - Online overpayment	98.50
72.50	Half courses, subscriptions - Shotgate	107.50
30.00	Half publications - Shotgate	0.00
557.93	Shotgate - cheque - general	0.00
18.20	Diocese Church repaid	0.00
3.64	Diocese Church VAT repaid	0.00
2816.24	VAT	0.00
19781.87	Total	22,015.40
	PAYMENTS	
3565.11	Clerk-Salary	5,375.57)
887.79	Clerk-HMRC)
156.00	Clerk-Tel Calls/Room Hire/Use of Equip.)
231.75	Clerk-Travel Expenses	390.13)
21.85	Postage)
0.00	Clerk-Training	378.75
110.14	Stationery	202.85
100.00	External Audit	120.00
115.00	Internal Audit	115.00
753.44	Insurance	800.98
80.00	Publications/Minutes Book	25.00
455.37	Affiliation Fees/Subscriptions	793.13
42.40	Newsletters	93.28
2785.99	VAT (Recoverable)	0.00
9304.84	General Admin incl VAT	8,294.69
675.00	Hall Hire	108.00
0.00	Maintenance	55.26
100.00	Sec. 137 Donations/Upkeep of Cemetery	181.99
2220.00	Project - War Memorial Wall	10,320.00
0.00	Project – Keep Fit 8 items in Park Area	11,994.00
1080.00	War Memorial Planters	0.00
10338.00	Project - Cableway	0.00
36.40	Diocese Church	0.00
557.93	Cheque in error	0.00
24312.17	Total	30,953.94