

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 24TH APRIL 2017 AT 6.30 P.M. AT THE SHEPHERD
AND DOG PUBLIC HOUSE**

Present: Cllr. D. McPherson-Davis, Cllr. N. Flint, Cllr. G. Jenkins and
Cllr. M. Kirby
Apologies: Cllr. T. Sargent – Basildon and Cllr. M. Buckley - ECC
In the Chair: Cllr. D. McPherson-Davis
Minute Secretary: Georgina Bassett
Also Present: No members of the public

- 1. Introduction and welcome from the Chairman:**
Cllr. McPherson-Davis welcomed all to the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 2. Apologies for absence:**
Apologies for absence received from Cllr. T. Sargent – Basildon Borough Council.
- 3. Minutes of last meeting:**
The minutes of the 14th March, 2016 were **agreed** to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- 4. Chairman's Report:**
Appendix A attached.
- 5. Comments and suggestions from residents of Ramsden Crays:**
None.

Meeting closed at 6.44 p.m.

Signed Chairman **Date:**

APPENDIX A



RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2016/17

Dear Resident,

This Annual Report includes information about the activities of the Parish Council over the last year (April 2016 to March 2017) and future activities as well as financial information.

Yours sincerely,

David McPherson-Davis
Chairman, Ramsden Crays Parish Council

April 2017

Parish Council Meetings:

The Parish Council Meetings are held on a regular monthly basis.

Details are displayed on our Notice Board at the entrance to Church Lane.

Following the resignation of the Chairman and Vice Chairman we now have two new Councillors but still need one more to bring us up to full compliment.

Please feel free to approach any member of the Council or the Clerk (Contact details are shown on the Notice Board) if you have any issues that you wish to raise with the Parish Council.

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

Projects:

The Forest of Life project in the Recreation Ground is now reaching completion and I would recommend that residents go and see for themselves the difference it is making in the transformation of this area in our Parish.

Our future projects for consideration are:-

1. An additional Notice Board at the junction of Gardiners Lane North and A129.
2. We are very concerned at traffic speeds through the Parish and are considering installing warning signs particularly on the A129.
3. A Defibrillator for emergencies in the Parish.
4. Additional seating in the Recreation Ground.

Remembrance Sunday:

We thank all residents who took part in the Remembrance Day service and to the Vicar of Great Burstead and South Green. It was a memorable morning and very well attended.

The service for this year will be held on the morning of **Sunday 12th November 2017 at the War Memorial in London Road, Crays Hill.**

Planning:

The Parish Council is consulted on all relevant applications. We have agreed some and others we have recommended for refusal .

The final decision resting with Basildon Council.

Residents are welcome to attend and comment on applications. Your input may well be important and could influence our decision.

Highways:

1. Our request for a 7.5 tonne weight restriction in Gardiners Lane North has been approved (LBAS 1520170) and signs will hopefully be in place during 2017.
2. Resurfacing of Gardiners Lane North and Church Lane is also scheduled for 2017.
3. Resurfacing of the A129 highway between the Shepherd and Dog and the War Memorial has been completed.