

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 16TH APRIL 2018 AT 7.00 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
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 24th April, 2017 were **agreed** to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Chairman's Report:**
Report attached.
5. **Comments and suggestions from residents of Ramsden Crays:**
None.

Meeting closed at 7.12 p.m.

Signed Chairman **Date:**



RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017/18

Dear Resident,

This Annual Report includes information about the activities of the Parish Council over the last year (April 2017 to March 2018) and future activities as well as financial information.

Yours sincerely,

David McPherson-Davis
Chairman, Ramsden Crays Parish Council

April 2018

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

The Parish Council has successfully operated with four Councillors during the last year. We are however still looking to recruit another Councillor. 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

My thanks to the Councillors and our Clerk for their support during the year.

Projects:

The Forest of Life project in the Recreation Ground is now completed 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. Unfortunately a number of the fruit trees have been stolen. The proposed seat in the park has been cancelled as the above project includes a small bench seat

A defibrillator has been purchased and will soon be installed on the external wall of the Shepherd and Dog. My thanks to the owners of the pub for their co-operation.

Our future projects for consideration are:

Councillors believe that there is a need to try and smarten-up the outlook of the Parish and we have included in our budget for 2018/19 the following:

1. An additional Notice Board at the junction of Gardiners Lane North and A129.
2. New low level planted areas at the village sign either side of the war memorial and behind 1. above.

Both of the above being subject to permission from Essex County Council.

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.

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). However there is a long delay of up to two years completion.
2. Patching in Gardiners Lane North and resurfacing on the A129 was completed. Further works in the former is still outstanding.

Local Council Tax:

Residents will have received their Council Tax Bill for 2018/9 which includes the contribution towards the Parish Council Precept. This shows an increase of 5.7% which is solely due to the Borough Council withholding Government Grants which should be passed down to us.

