

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019 AT 6.30 P.M. AT THE SHEPHERD AND DOG PUBLIC HOUSE

Present: Cllr. D. McPherson-Davis, Cllr. G. Jenkins, Cllr. M. Kirby and Cllr. C. Finn  
Apologies: Cllr. M. Buckley  
In the Chair: Cllr. D. McPherson-Davis  
Minute Secretary: Mrs. G. Bassett – Parish Clerk  
Also Present: Three members of the public and Cllr. T. Ball – ECC.

- 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 ECC – Cllr. M. Buckley.
- 3. Minutes of last meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2018:**  
These minutes 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 6.40 p.m.

Signed Chairman ..... Date .....



## RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2018/19

Dear Residents,

This Annual Report includes information about the activities of the Parish Council over the last year (April 2018 to March 2019) and future activities as well as financial information.

Yours sincerely,

David McPherson-Davis  
*Chairman, Ramsden Crays Parish Council*

*April 2019*

### **Parish Council Meetings:**

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

**Details are displayed on our Notice Boards at the entrances to Gardiners Lane North and Church Lane**

The Parish Council has successfully operated with three/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 Boards) if you have any issues that you wish to raise with the Parish Council.

Residents 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:**

A new Notice Board has been installed at the corner of Gardiners Lane North and London Road. Funding has been received from ECC towards this purchase.

A planting project in the Parish included plants by the new Notice Board, the War Memorial and the Village Sign.

Two new waste bins were installed on the bus shelters at the top of Crays Hill.

Monthly maintenance/cleaning of the bus shelters has been undertaken with funding received towards this project from ECC.

Additional names were added to the War Memorial following requests from residents.

The Annual Remembrance Service in November was a memorable morning and very well attended by a number of residents and visitors, including Borough and County Councillors and the Police. The Service was given by the Vicar of Great Burstead and South Green and was followed by light refreshments at the Shepherd and Dog Public House.

### **Our future projects for consideration are:**

Councillors believe that there is a need to continue in our efforts to try and improve the appearance of the Parish and we have included in our budget for 2019/20 the following:

1. A replacement Notice Board at the junction of Church Lane and the London Road.
2. Possible additional waste bins to assist with keeping the Parish clean.

### **Remembrance Sunday:**

Another Remembrance Day Service is scheduled to go ahead on the 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 with the Vicar of Great Burstead and South Green presiding.

### **Planning:**

The Parish Council is consulted on all relevant applications. We agreed some and others we recommended for refusal. The final decision resting with Basildon Council. Residents are welcome to attend and comment on all applications. Your input may well influence our decision.

The Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting on the Consultation of the Local Plan was very well attended by residents in the Shepherd and Dog Public House – in excess of 80. I hope that our alternatives will be accepted.

### **Local Council Tax:**

Residents will have received their Council Tax Bill for 2019/20. The precept this year is for £11,858.59 at a cost of £23.98 for band D. The increase is in partial due to the Borough Council withholding Government Grants which are now not being passed down to us and the increase in the running costs of the Parish.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors, our Clerk and the County and Borough Councillors for all their efforts and support during the last year.