

## **RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2007 AT 7.30 P.M.  
AT THE CHURCH HALL, CRAYS HILL.

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*Present:* Cllr. McPherson-Davis, Cllr. Dornan, Cllr. Reeve and  
Cllr. Lucas  
*Apologies:* Cllr. Peake  
*In the Chair:* Cllr. McPherson-Davis  
*Minute Secretary:* Georgina Bassett  
*Also present:* 3 members of the public

### **50/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence. One received from Cllr. Peake.

### **51/02 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

To receive any "personal" or "personal or prejudicial" interests relating to items on the agenda. None received.

### **52/02 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There will be 15 minutes question time at the meeting should this be requested by the public. No questions.

### **53/02 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2007 were approved and signed.

### **54/02 BENCH SEAT**

Councillor Peake to provide progress of ordering the bench seat. As Cllr. Peake was unavailable Cllr. McPherson-Davis confirmed with the Clerk that the bench had been ordered and should be delivered on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008 to B.D.C. It was noted that there will be a charge by B.D.C. to put the bench in place and confirmed that the Parish Council had now received a cheque for £279.00 from the insurance company towards the replacement of the bench.

### **55/02 RAMSDEN CRAYS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - DONATION**

Further correspondence received from the Residents' Association following on from request from the Parish Council for detailed information for a request to a donation. The Clerk confirmed that there had been a request for accounts from the Residents' Association prior to a decision being made by the Parish Council and that to date this information had not been received. This will be deferred to the next meeting.

#### **56/02 RAMSDEN CRAYS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

Letter received to the Parish Council from the Residents' Association in connection with a request for a pedestrian crossing.

19.40 Meeting Closed.

19.50 Meeting Opened.

The Clerk to write to Highways on behalf of the Parish Council to endorse the request for a crossing.

**Proposed: Cllr. Dornan. Seconded: Cllr. Lucas.**

#### **57/02 BULBS AND TREES**

Follow up to correspondence requested by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council to purchase plants and put in themselves. To date despite numerous communication no reply. The Clerk will pursue.

#### **58/02 OAK ROAD - HARDINGS ELM ROAD - DITCHES**

Reply to correspondence sent to Essex County Council. Councillor Reeve to provide update to recent meeting in relation to ditches.

Cllr. Reeve had two site meetings. Ditches were discussed and this proved to be not satisfactory. He was told that half the ditch is owned by the Council and the remainder by the landowner.

Clerk to write requesting comments made to Cllr. Reeve during visit regarding pollution in ditches in Oak Road and regarding vermin and what has been established and what steps are being undertaken to correct the situation.

#### **59/02 VAS SPEEDING SIGNS - E.C.C.**

Councillor Peake regarding the update on information requested from E.C.C. This was deferred.

#### **60/02 BDC SPORTS STRATEGY - BARLEYLANDS**

Update to information received to date - Cllr. Dornan. To date Cllr. Dornan had not received any further information. For the record Cllr. McPherson-Davis confirmed that he had been asked to attend a meeting with Cllr. Horgan and another relating to Barleylands on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Cllr. McPherson-Davis will report back to the Parish Council.

#### **61/02 B.D.C./B.A.T.P.C. LIAISON MEETING - 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2007**

Update by Councillor McPherson-Davis on the above. It was confirmed from this meeting that three main points were of relevant to the Parish Council these being: Promoting Parish areas. Police Community Support Officers and the importance of communication relating to their availability at set times and continuity of Officers. The third point was relating to support promoting Parish Councils at election next May. The next meeting will be in January 2008.

## **62/02 COMMUNITY INITIATIVES**

Proposed date for attendance of councillors and the press - for the fencing. Official sign to be put in place. The agreed date will be Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00 a.m. District and Ward Councillors are amongst those invited to attend. Cllr. McPherson-Davis will contact the press.

## **63/02 BASILDON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Reply to letter with procurement question sent from the Parish Council in connection with payment for two "no dog" signs. Further to this line of enquiry, it has now been agreed that request for payment will be reduced by 50%.

## **64/02 REFUSE BIN - BUS SHELTER**

Request refuse bin at new bus shelter. Clerk to contact Highways to request a bin to be installed for appropriate refuse at the new bus shelter.

## **65/02 TERMINUS DRIVE**

Councillor Peake to update and the Parish Council to discuss the possibilities and what if any action the Parish Council should take in supporting the moving of the travellers to Terminus Drive or another brownfield site. Deferred to next Parish Council Meeting.

## **66/02 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Confirmation from the Clerk that the Christmas cards have been sent.

Letter received regarding salt bins from Essex County Council.

Correspondence from Essex County Council - Department for Transport Drink Drive Campaign.

Community Initiatives Fund - correspondence from E.C.C. received on grants available for community projects.

## **67/02 PLANNING**

### **Applications:**

**Application No: 07/01354/FULL.** Rear conservatory.

**Location:** Ambleside, Gardiners Lane North, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

### **Decisions:**

**Application No: 07/01242/FULL.** Retention of ménage.

**Location:** Land between Yarra & Clovelly, Crays Hill Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

**Permission granted.**

**Application No: 07/012454/FULL.** Rear conservatory.

**Location:** 3 Vale Cottage, Oak Avenue, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

**Permission granted.**

## **68/02 FINANCES**

### **The following cheques were approved for payment:**

Christmas Tree	£25.00
Clerk's Salary/Expenditure December	£318.03
HM Revenue and Customs Tax October/November/December 2007	£148.12
Basildon District Council - supply and fit 2 no dog signs £90.00 (at the agreed reduced price)	
Village Sign	£250.00
Society of Local Council Clerks A.G.M. and Training Day	£12.00
Chairman's Day 1	£50.00

### **Finances Paid:**

Bulb Planting	£176.25
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### **Payments Received:**

HM Revenue & Customs	£951.86
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## **69/02 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 7.30 p.m. at the Church Hall, Crays Hill.

***THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.25***

**SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): .....**      **DATE: .....**