

**RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.  
AT THE CHURCH HALL, CRAYS HILL.

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*Present:* Cllr. McPherson-Davis, Cllr. Dornan, Cllr. Peake, Cllr. Reeve and Cllr. Lucas  
*Apologies:* None  
*In the Chair:* Cllr. McPherson-Davis  
*Minute Secretary:* Georgina Bassett  
*Also present:* 11 members of the public, 1 member of the Press and Cllr. Morris

**09. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence. None received.

**10. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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

**12. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008 were approved and signed.

**13. BENCH SEAT**

Cllr. Peake to update the Parish Council with the progress for installment date. The bench should be in place during the week of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008.

**14. BULBS AND TREES**

Follow up to letter requesting for the Parish Council to purchase and insert plants themselves. The Parish Council has been requested to provide areas it would like these planted and will discuss at another Parish Council Meeting.

**15. OAK ROAD - HARDINGS ELM ROAD - DITCHES**

Follow up to correspondence sent via Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council to establish steps being undertaken to correct the situation.

Cllr. Reeve confirmed to date no further progress. The Clerk is to write to E.C.C. regarding its responsibility for the diminished road pushing into the ditch.

**16. VAS SPEEDING SIGNS - E.C.C.**

Update via Cllr. Peake in relation to information received from E.C.C. Clerk to write to E.C.C. to request survey to assist on where to situate signs along the A129 through Crays Hill to establish if speed signs would be necessary and their location. Survey monitoring suggested near junction of Gardiners Land North and A129 and also between Hardings Elms Road and Oak Avenue.

**17. BDC SPORTS STRATEGY - BARLEYLANDS**

Cllr. McPherson-Davis requested to attend a meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> December and he will update the Parish Council on this meeting. He confirmed that the meeting was cancelled and to date this has not been rescheduled. Cllr. McPherson-Davis will update the Parish Council when he has further information.

**18. TERMINUS DRIVE**

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

After considerable discussion it was agreed by the Parish Council to await both the results of the Judicial Review and the Public Inquiry, prior to making any comment or decision.

**Proposed: Cllr. McPherson-Davis. Seconded: Cllr. Dornan.**

**19. BUS SHELTER**

Update by Councillor Lucas on the progress so far. One grant cheque is scheduled to be received shortly by the Parish Council towards a new bus shelter and Cllr. Peake will meet with the farmer in relation to 2 metre clearance requested to progress further with the installment of this shelter.

**20. NATURE RESERVE**

Councillor Peake to update the Parish Council with the situation to date.

Further to additional correspondence received via the Parish Council, Cllr. Peake will liaise with Cllr. Hedley and report back to the Parish Council.

**20.20 CLOSED**

**20:21 OPENED**

**21. COMMUNITY INITIATIVES - FENCING**

To confirm the Parish Councillors attendance and other representatives at this official and to finalise details for the official opening on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00 a.m. at the Childrens' Playground.

**22. PLANNING**

**Decisions:**

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

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

**Granted.**

**Application No: 07/00542/FULL.** Replacement dwelling (variation to previous plans approved under 04/01224/FULL.)

**Location:** The Lodge, Pips Hill Road, North Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

**Granted.**

**Application No: 07/01228/FULL.** Replacement rear conservatory.

**Location:** 15 Staceys Mount, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

**Granted.**

**Application No: 07/01333/FULL.** Single storey Rear extension.

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

**Granted.**

### **23. FINANCES**

#### **Cheques for Payment:**

Clerk's salary	£294.51
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#### **Payments Received:**

Insurance payout towards replacement bench	£279.00
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### **24. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.30 p.m. at the Church Hall, Crays Hill.

***THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.23***