

RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT THE CHURCH HALL, CRAYS HILL.

Present: Cllr. Dornan, Cllr. Peake, Cllr. Reeve, Cllr. Lucas
Apologies: Cllr. McPherson-Davis
In the Chair: Cllr. Dornan
Minute Secretary: Georgina Bassett
Also present: 8 members of the public and Cllr. Sargent

48. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllr. McPherson-Davis.

49. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

50. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There will be 15 minutes question time at the meeting should this be requested by the public.

Two items were raised, one relating to the progress relating to the Judicial Review and the other was by Cllr. Lucas to confirm a request he had received by residents relating to fallen trees that he had taken up on their behalf with Parks Department.

51. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 19th March 2008 to be approved and signed.

52. CONCEALED ENTRANCE

Update from Ramsden Crays Parochial Church on the situation to date. The Parochial Church are not at this moment considering widening the entrance to the parking area.

53. RAMSDEN CRAYS PAROCHIAL CHURCH - CHURCHYARD UPKEEP

Consideration for donation to R.C.P.C. towards upkeep of churchyard or whether to defer to May meeting. In accordance with Section 137 the Parish Council agreed to donate £100.00.

54. ESSEX AIR AMBULANCE

Consideration for donation to Essex Air Ambulance for donation or to defer to May meeting. The Parish Council under Section 137 has agreed to donate £50.00.

55. CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

Consideration on whether to continue subscription for membership - renewal cost of £28.00 or to decide to defer to May Meeting. The Parish Council agreed to pay the renewal subscription.

56. BUS VERGE - SIGN

E.C.C. situation relating to the sign and road markings to date. The Clerk updated the Parish Council from correspondence dated 10th April from Highways confirming that both the sign and line should be completed within eight weeks.

57. BUS SHELTER/NOTICE BOARDS

Cllr. Lucas to provide update information on the replacement bus shelter in Gardiners Lane North. Latest update and decision on whether to put notice boards in bus shelters or to put them in the allocated sites as before.

Cllr. Lucas updated the Parish Council that the bus shelter would be installed on Wednesday 23rd April 2008. The Clerk will contact the insurance company.

The Parish Council decided to continue with the original installment of two free standing notice boards and to not place them in the bus shelters. The Clerk confirmed that £250.00 had been received towards the repair of these notice boards.

58. CRIME IN THE AREA

Update from information received from Essex Police and if any further detail requested from the Parish Council. The Clerk to write to request more detailed quarterly updates with street names.

59. BENCH SEAT

Payment received of £355.00 from insurance company. Decision whether to purchase identical bench seat as before. The Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to order a replacement bench.

60. GYPSY/TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION

Planning for Gypsy/Traveller Accommodation in the East of England, Parish Council Response by 16th May 2008. The Clerk is to arrange a leaflet to the residents relating to the Press Release.

61. COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FUNDING 2008/2009

Further consideration for projects to request funding. The fundings were considered and as further information to be received relating to the gates and VAS signs it was decided to defer these and the two playground equipment items until the May Parish Council Meeting.

62. OAK ROAD

Update on the condition of road and rubbish on the road. Cllr. Reeve advised that he had spoken and received correspondence from John Baron M.P. in connection with this road, particularly the disappearance of the road surface. Highways and Environmental Health Department have also been contacted in connection with ditches and rats. The Clerk is to follow up with another letter to Highways and update John Baron and Ward Councillors.

63. PLANNING

Applications:

Application No: 08/00366/FULL. Replacement Dwelling.

Location: The Ramblers, Pitsea View Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

No objections by the Parish Council.

Application No: 08/00370/FULL. Demolish existing bungalow and construct a 4 bed detached house.

Location: The Nest, Pipp's Hill Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

The Parish Council objected on various grounds including plot lands on green belt.

Decision:

Application No: 08/00171/FULL. Retain front boundary wall, gates and adjacent fence panels.

Location: Longwood, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Refused.**

Application No: 08/00283/FULL. Demolition and re-construction of detached coach house for use as a garden store/games rooms.

Location: Westbury, Hardings Elms Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Approved.

64. CORRESPONDENCE

Waste Management Strategy for Essex.

Overhead/Seasonal Decoration Banners over the Highway.

65. FINANCES

Cheques for Payment:

Clerk's salary/expenditure - April	£326.84
SLCC - Clerk's Renewal Membership	£70.00
Campaign to Protect Rural England Renewal Membership	£28.00
Payment for the hire of the Hall 2008/2009	£144.00
S137 Donation for upkeep of the Church	£100.00
S137 Donation for Essex Air Ambulance	£50.00

Cheque Receipt:

Bench Seat Insurance	£355.00
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66. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The Annual Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 14th May, 2008 at 7.30 p.m. at the Church Hall, Crays Hill.

MEETING CLOSED AT 20.45