

RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr. McPherson-Davis, Cllr. Peake, Cllr. Dornan, Cllr. Lucas
and Cllr. Borer
Apologies: None
In the Chair: Cllr. McPherson-Davis
Minute Secretary: Georgina Bassett
Also present: One member of the press and 9 members of the public

12/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence. None received.

13/01 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To receive any "personal" or "personal or prejudicial" interests relating to items on the agenda. No declarations of interest.

14/01 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

A member of the public asked the Parish Council whether it would be commenting on the EERA Public Consultation and if so, please could it make the comments public.

A request was also made for the public question time to be put at the end of the agenda. It was agreed to put this on the next agenda for discussion.

15/01 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 18th June to be approved and signed. There was a vote and it was agreed to change two paragraphs under 03/01 and the minutes were then signed.

20.00 Cllr. Dornan made his apologies for leaving the meeting.

16/01 GARDINERS LANE

To discuss the development of the pinch point in Gardiners Lane.
Cllr. McPherson-Davis commented that further to recent communication from E.C.C. it was being considered and is dependent upon budget restrictions.

17/01 SAFETY BARRIER - HARDINGS ELMS ROAD

The situation with the progress for a safety barrier at Hardings Elms Road, further to response received from E.C.C.

E.C.C. has replied requesting a site visit with a councillor and either Cllr. Peake or Cllr. Lucas will be available.

18/01 BUS SHELTER

Update by Councillor Lucas of the situation regarding the request for a fourth grant. No update to date.

Pending installation of third bus shelter agreement requested from the Parish Council to give permission for the Clerk to then arrange for a cheque to be sent to Littlethorpe of Leicester for £6,227.50 inclusive of VAT and payment for insurance.

It was agreed as there is no August meeting scheduled that the Clerk can arrange the payment of the insurance and then to issue a cheque on receipt of an invoice for the full amount when the bus shelter has been installed.

19/01 NEWSLETTER

The Parish Council to approve the newsletter for distribution. It was approved and the Clerk is to send for printing.

20/01 NEW BUS STOPS IN ESSEX - E.C.C.

Update on a meeting/presentation attended by Cllr. Lucas on 3rd July. Cllr. Lucas addressed the Parish Council on this issue and informed them that a shelter maintenance grant is available.

21/01 COURSE - RISK MANAGEMENT

Decision for a member of the Council to attend - £52.00 full day course. It was approved for the Clerk to attend this course in September.

22/01 YOUTH PROJECTS

Consideration for The Community Initiatives Fund (Youth) grant within the Parish. No comments or suggestions were forthcoming at this time.

23/01 PLANNING

08/00850/FULL. Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of detached 4 bedroom house with detached garage/utility structure to rear.

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

The Parish Council objected.

Decisions:

08/00584/FULL. First floor rear extension.

Location: Beech Hall, Oak Avenue, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

08/00546/OUT. Construction a 4 bed house on land adjacent to existing property.

Location: Pipp's Hill Farm, Pipp's Hill Road North, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Refused.**

24/01 FINANCES

Cheques for Payment:

Clerk's salary/expenditure - July 2008	£285.05
Clerk's salary/expenditure - August 2008	£253.90
Risk Management Course - EALC	£52.00
Internal auditor Heelis and Lodge for end of year accounts	£95.00

The cheques were approved for payment.

Receipts:

Grant received from E.C.C. towards third bus shelter	£5,300.00
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25/01 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 17th September, 2008
at
7.30 p.m. at the Church Hall, Crays Hill.

The Chairman commented that there may need to be an extraordinary meeting during August.

MEETING CLOSED AT 20.35.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**