

RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE CHURCH HALL, RAMSDEN CRAYS ON WEDNESDAY 19TH MAY, 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: A. Peake (Chairman), T. Borer (Vice-Chairman), J. Lucas and R. Reeve

ALSO PRESENT:

Georgina Bassett – Clerk to the Council
One resident

34/02 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Council elected Cllr. Peake as Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Borer and seconded by Cllr. Lucas – **agreed**.

35/02 SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman signed the declaration of acceptance of Office.

36/02 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Council elected Cllr. Borer to be Vice-Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Lucas and seconded by Cllr. Reeve – **agreed**.

37/02 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No "personal" or "personal or prejudicial" interests were received relating to items on the agenda.

38/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. D. McPherson-Davis and Cllr. T. Sargent – Basildon District Ward Councillor.

39/02 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th May, 2010 were approved and signed as an accurate account of the meeting – proposed by Cllr. Borer and seconded by Cllr. Peake - **agreed**.

40/02 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES

- (a) It was proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Reeve to appoint Cllr. Lucas as the representative of the Basildon Association of Town and Parish Councils - **agreed**.
- (b) It was proposed by Cllr. Peake and **agreed** to ask Cllr. McPherson-Davis if he would like the appointment of Transport Representative.

41/02 RENEWAL ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS/PAYMENTS

The following renewal repayments were considered for payment and it was **agreed** to pay/renew:

Hire of the Church Hall May 2010 – November 2010 (6 meetings)	£	72.00
S137 Donation for the upkeep of the Church	£	100.00
S137 Donation for Essex Air Ambulance	£	100.00
BATPC (currently £10.00 a year)		
RCCE	£	29.00

42/02 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Members were advised of their duty to register any interests under paragraphs 13 and 14 of the Code of Conduct, review their respective Registers of interest and advised of their duty under paragraph 13(2) of the Code of Conduct to provide written notification to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of being aware of any changes.

Session open 07:43 p.m.

43/02 PUBLIC SESSION

- (a) No members with prejudicial interests.
- (b) Public to be heard.

A request was made to write a letter to B.D.C., the Chief Constable and John Baron M.P. in relation to the legal situation on the travellers to confirm whether the item in the newspaper reporting the availability of the Police was accurate.

Session closed 07:55 p.m.

- (c) No reports from Essex County Council by District/Basildon District Council Ward Councillors.

44/02 PROGRESS CHECK FROM LAST MEETING

Members were updated on actions from last meeting.

45/02 DATES FOR 2011 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councillors agreed subject to confirmation of venue to continue with the third Wednesday of each month for 2011 meetings except August.

46/02 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

No external meetings or reports from councillors.

47/02 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Cllr. Lucas requested to mention at the BATPc meeting LDCs, 28 days notice – travellers and standing orders – model form part 2 assistance from EALC.

48/02 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING VENUES – 2011

It was **agreed** to defer the reply to the response from Crays Hill Primary School in relation to use of School for venue in 2011 until further communication was received from Cllr. Sargent.

Session opened 08:05 p.m.

Session closed 08:08 p.m.

49/02 MAINTENANCE – REPAIR - RISK

The recommendation from B.D.C. for contractors for repair/maintenance within the Parish was considered and it was **agreed** for the Clerk to write to E.C.C. to request additional contractors.

50/02 THREE YEAR PLAN – STANDING ORDERS

The Working Party have not met, it was **agreed** to defer the recommendations:

- (i) Quality Parish Council – documentation circulated for review and consideration.
- (ii) Standing Orders.

51/02 DOG AND LITTER BINS

The suggested sites will be sent to the Clerk to forward to Cllr. Sargent to aid in her quest for additional litter/dog bins within the parish.

52/02 FLOWER TROUGHS

The site visit from E.C.C. for the costings of plants, bulbs and shrubs has yet to be re-scheduled. Cllr. Peake will report to full council after this visit.

53/02 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Update on issues:

- (a) Hardings Elms Road – no response has been received from E.C.C. on speeding and road signs for traffic calming in the road. The Clerk will pursue.
- (b) Oak Road – no response received on the resurface to the remainder of the road. The Clerk will pursue.
- (c) A Police Officer has agreed to attend the June Parish Council Meeting to give a presentation on London Road in relation to speed enforcement and other issues within the Parish.

54/02 REPAIRS TO SIGN

This item was reviewed at agenda item 49/02.

55/02 OAK ROAD

No response received to date from B.D.C. to questions raised with regard to notice to the illegal travellers.

56/02 BONFIRES

The two letters from B.D.C. on smoke issues from regular bonfires at Great Waskett Farm, Gardiners Lane North and Dale Farm at Oak Lane were considered and it was **agreed** for the Clerk to write to B.D.C. and cc the Ward Councillors and the resident.

57/02 ESSEX SCHOOL ORGANISATION PLAN 2009 – 2014

The plan on Essex School Organisation Plan 2009 – 2014 was considered and it was **agreed** to make no comment.

58/02 PLANNING

Decision:

10/00238/FULL. To establish the lawfulness of a proposed outbuilding.

Location: 3 Pipp's Hill Cottage, Pipp's Hill Road North, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Granted.

59/02 FINANCES

Cheques agreed for payment:

Mrs. G. Bassett – May Salary/expenses	£289.12
Essex Air Ambulance	£100.00
Ramsden Crays Parochial Church S136 – upkeep of churchyard	£100.00
Ramsden Crays Parochial Church – hire of hall x 8	£ 84.00
RCCE renewal subscription	£ 29.00

60/02 CORRESPONDENCE:

For information only:

B.D.C. Development Control and Traffic Management Committee Minutes 23.03.10

B.D.C. Appointments Committee Minutes 01.12.09

B.D.C. Annual Civic Service 12.05.10

Letter re B.D.C. Environmental – bonfires

E.C.C. – Essex Works – Litter/tidy 10.05.10

Essex Works – Bus Passenger news May/June 2010

61/02 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

No questions.

62/02 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th June, 2010 at 7.30 p.m. at the Church Hall, Crays Hill.

MEETING CLOSED AT 08:28 P.M.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): DATE: