

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE CRAYS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL, CRAYS HILL ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: A. Peake (Chairman), T. Borer, J. Lucas, Reeve and D. McPherson-Davis

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Georgina Bassett – Clerk to the Council  
Cllr. T. Sargent

**52/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence received from Councillors Stuart Allen and Iris Pummell.

**53/11 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

No declarations of "personal" or "personal or prejudicial" interests relating to items on the agenda.

**54/11 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011 were considered and proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Lucas to be an accurate record – **agreed**.

**55/11 PUBLIC SESSION**

- (a) No members of the Parish Council.
- (b) Public to be heard – none.
- (c) Essex County Council by District/Basildon Borough Council Ward Councillors Reports.  
Cllr. Sargent provided an update on:  
Situation regarding pot holes in Oak Road.  
Flooding – confirmed that E.C.C. are contacting Parish Council's to invite their feedback into their strategies and involve them in future flood plans and identify flood areas within the Parishes.

**56/11 FINANCE**

The payments of the following were **agreed**. Proposed by Cllr. Borer and seconded by Cllr. Reeve.

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| Clerk's salary – expenses – March 2011            | £290.71 |
| D. McPherson-Davis – newsletter                   | £ 15.00 |
| A. Peake – travel expenses                        | £ 19.30 |
| Payment of Tax Contributions Jan – March 2011     | £186.96 |
| Crays Hill Primary School – April, May, June 2011 | £ 45.00 |

**57/11 CHURCH HALL**

The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken with the solicitors who are awaiting instruction from the Church in relation to ownership. The Clerk will write to the solicitor with the Council's opinion that the land was originally donated to the village, not the church to enable a school to be built and that proof of the original deeds etc. are therefore required to establish current ownership.

**58/11 OAK ROAD**

- (i) Two pot holes have now been filled in at location 100 yards east of Oak Road. Clerk to request two further large pot holes to be filled in, one at the East side of the road. The Belvedere End East to West on right just past the lay by and

- further down on the right hand side.
- (ii) E.C.C. confirmed that the replacement of missing 30 mph signs in Oak Road is currently being assessed. Defer to May meeting.

**59/11 NATURE RESERVE**

The Clerk will continue to pursue this request and to date no reply to the Nature Reserve request for a path to be cut through this area to make it accessible.

**60/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Applications:

**11/00158/FULL.** Demolish existing buildings and erect two bedroom replacement dwelling and a small stable block and associated landscaping improvements.

**Location:** Gardiners View, Gardiners Lane North, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.  
Parish Council objected as on green belt.

**11/00149/FULL.**

**Location:** Weir Cottage, Hardings Elms Road, Billericay, Essex.

No objection on the condition that within six months of the new building been built that the existing bungalow is demolished and cleared.

**10/01166/FULL.** Two storey extension to rear, with modifications to existing property roof.

**Location:** 3 London Road, Crays Hill, Billericay Essex.

No objection provided it complies with the overlooking 45 degree angle regulation.

**Decisions:**

**10/01408/FULL.** Sub division of ground floor flat to create two residential units.

**Location:** Hillcrest, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

**Agreed.**

**61/11 HARDINGS ELMS ROAD – TRAFFIC RESTRICTION**

The latest response from E.C.C. is not to agree to a meeting with Ramsden Crays Parish Council and the Essex Police in this financial year. Cllr. Sargent has offered to pursue this on behalf of the Parish Council.

**62/11 PLANTING WITHIN RAMSDEN CRAYS**

The response from Essex County Council for permission to plant in the Ramsden Crays area has for the moment in time been delayed. The Clerk to contact again and explain that there appears to be some confusion as to our request for the details of the relevant officer.

**63/11 CRAYS HILL RECREATION CAR PARK**

The Parish Council is awaiting response from B.B.C. on the repairs to the car park to have a site visit for improvement to the surface of the car park.

**64/11 RE-SITING OF STONE MEMORIAL – WOODEN MEMORIAL**

- (i) The resident will be contacted by Cllr. Peake on the feasibility of purchasing a small area of land on the proposed siting of the memorial to be secured for the future.
- (ii) A local stone mason is providing a quote to remove the War Memorial. A resident informed the Parish Council of an additional World War II soldier from the area to be added to the War Memorial.

A notice to go onto the Parish Council Notice Board “if anyone is aware of anyone who passed away in World War II that has not been recognised to contact either the Chairman or the Clerk”.

**65/11 DALE FARM**

- (i) The most recent report on the eviction of the illegal sites was noted.
- (ii) No comments received from John Baron MP on the article in the Echo of 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Has subsequently been superseded by more recent meeting.
- (iii) Update of meeting with Basildon Borough Council on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 noted. Members updated over the past month.
- (iv) The meeting between Cllr. Ball, senior member of Police re. security during the eviction was noted.  
The Parish Council **agreed** to request for an emergency meeting on safety provisions for local residents after 28 days notice has been served. Cllr. Sargent offered to request from Basildon Borough Council at that stage.

**66/11 FOOTPATH 69 - KISSING GATE**

The latest update is that Essex County Council still awaiting confirmation from the landowner as to how they propose to act. If not confirmed then formal notice will be for removal of the fence obstruction by E.C.C.

**67/11 RECREATION AREA CAR PARK  
RECYCLING BOTTLE BANKS IN CRAYS HILL**

The condition of the clothes and bottle bank recycling containers in this area were reviewed.

**REFUSE COLLECTION**

The reply from Basildon Borough Council for the request by the Parish for the installation of new bins in the recycling area and general tidy up of the area was considered. Cllr. Sargent offered to pursue.

**68/11 POTENTIAL FLOOD PROTECTION**

The items listed for highlighting to E.C.C. on consideration for flood protection schemes were:

- Bend bottom of Crays Hill
- Car park in recreation ground – Ramsden Crays
- Hardings Elms Road
- A129 outside Barleylands Farm Shop
- All of Barleylands

**69/11 COURTAULD ROAD**

Developments on Courtauld Road site were discussed.

**70/11 EMERGENCY PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Parish Council newsletter to be deferred to another meeting.

**71/11 VILLAGE SIGN**

The update on future repair for the village sign is to be deferred to another meeting.

**72/11 PROGRESS CHECK FROM LAST MEETING**

No further update on actions from last meeting.

**73/11 INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting, ABLC representative or items for members attending B.B.C. Pre-Liaison Meeting.  
Cllr. McPherson-Davis updated members for the ABLC agenda that planning

applications submitted to Borough Council and sent for consultation to Parish, Village and Town Councils and residents were then sent back to applicant to amend are then considered by the planning committee without referral of the amendments to residents, Parish, Village or Town Councils.

**74/11 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Peake – John Baron – Westminster - noted.

**75/11 CORRESPONDENCE:**

For information only:

BBC

Appeals and General Purposes Committee Minutes 06.01.11

Council Minutes 03.02.11

Development Control and Traffic Management Committee Minutes 09.02.11, 22.02.11

Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Minutes 01.02.11

Leisure and Health Scrutiny Committee Minutes 17.11.10

Standards Committee Minutes 07.12.10

ECC

Passenger Transport Representatives Meetings – Spring 2011

Essex Works

Mobile Library Service Review Consultation – 01.03.11

Flooding Review 01.03.11

General

EALC County Update No. 86, February 2011

**76/11 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

No members of the public raised issues not relating to agenda items.

**77/11 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th April, 2011 at 8.00 p.m. after the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m. at Crays Hill Primary School.

***MEETING CLOSED AT 09:13 P.M.***

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