

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE CRAYS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL, CRAYS HILL ON WEDNESDAY 13TH JULY, 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: A. Peake, T. Borer and J. Lucas

ALSO PRESENT:

Georgina Bassett – Clerk to the Council

3 members of the public

2 members of the Police

078/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Cllr. Reeve and Cllr. McPherson-Davis.

079/11 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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

080/11 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th June, 2011 were **agreed**.

Proposed by Cllr. Reeve and seconded by Cllr. Peake.

7:33 p.m.

081/11 PUBLIC SESSION

- (a) No members with prejudicial interests heard.
- (b) Member of the public heard in relation to an enquiry re the eviction date. The Parish Council confirmed that a Newsletter will shortly be distributed with emergency contact details in relation to the eviction.
- (c) No reports received from Essex County Council by District/Basildon Borough Council Ward Councillors.
- (d) Police – confirmation of notices being served at Dale Farm. The Police will provide as much update for assistance as possible to everyone.

7:45 p.m.

082/11 FINANCE

The payments of the following:

Clerk's salary – expenses – July 2011	£331.24
Clerk's salary – expenses - August 2011	£287.09
Rural Community Council of Essex annual subscription	£ 55.00
Data Protection	£ 35.00
Ramsden Crays Primary School – Hall Hire 28.06.11 (charge of security company for additional hire)	£ 30.00
ABLC annual subscription	£ 20.00
Total	<u>£758.33</u>

Proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Borer – **agreed**.

083/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications:

APPLICATION NO: 11/00581/LDC.

Lawfulness of the use of site for recycling/waste transfer in conjunction with the lawful use of the site for storage/waste disposal/skip hire business.

The Parish Council is against the use of this as it is so close to the park area and have sufficient needs covered by Barleylands Depot and is too close to residential properties within the Parish.

CONSULTATION ON NOAK BRIDGE CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

The consultation on the conservation area was considered for a response and there was no comment.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT

The Response from the Parish Council on this Act from Local Works is supported by the Parish Council.

084/11 NEWSLETTER

The request by the Police for inclusion item in the Parish Newsletter and the distribution date for the next newsletter was reviewed and it was **agreed** to include this.

085/11 CHURCH HALL

Guidance was received from RCCE Legal Department on:

- (i) The Church regarding land which also stated if church land is sold the benefits should be used to assist the needy of the Parish; and the documentation received from a local resident regarding ownership of the Church Hall. Clerk to enquire of Basildon Council if it is able to assist in this matter. Information on costings etc. on ecclesiastical solicitors to be sought.
- (ii) To date no reply received to response re the tidying up of the front of the Church Hall and the brambles at the entrance of the Church yard.

086/11 RE-SITING OF STONE MEMORIAL – WOODEN MEMORIAL

- (i) Latest information on grant from memorial funds or Community Initiative Funding – Memorial Association in Wickford. Cllr. Peake awaiting copies of public and employees liability. Await drawing and proposal for consideration by the Parish Council. Existing memorial can be stored up to a year. Quotation of £100.00 - £250.00 for removal to be confirmed. War Memorial will cost between £3,000 - £5,000.00. Clerk will enquire about insurance of the war memorial from the insurance company
- (ii) Subject to above, solicitors will need to be contacted for legal advice.
- (iii) Subject to the above, planning permission to be applied for with legal transfer of land.
- (iv) Subject to arrangements for the development of the removal of the stone war memorial from the wall and relocation being put into place.

087/11 CONSERVATION AREA (NATURE RESERVE)

The response from Basildon Borough Council on the latest request for a clearing in this area was that it will commence in a few weeks time.

088/11 HARDINGS ELSMS ROAD – TRAFFIC RESTRICTION

To date despite repeated requests from the Clerk for a meeting between Essex County Council, the Parish Council and the Police none have been forthcoming. The Clerk to contact Cllr. Sargent for support in arranging this meeting and cc John Baron MP.

089/11 PLANTING WITHIN RAMSDEN CRAYS

Update from Cllr. Peake on meeting with Basildon Officer on plant costings etc. was received. Purchase of bulbs, plants to be considered at the September meeting.

090/11 FOOTPATH 69 - KISSING GATE

The latest update on the installation of a suitable gate at footpath 69 was that enforcement action was now likely. The other required kissing gate is at the immediate entrance from London Road at the Shepherd and Dog entrance to footpath 69.

091/11 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

A date prior to the 14th September Parish Council meeting is to be arranged for a Working Party and items for the agenda, to include precept and budget 2012 – 2013, terms of reference – **agreed**.

092/11 EALC – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Confirmation of Councillor representatives from Ramsden Crays on Tuesday 27th September, 2011. Councillors Peake and Borer hope to attend.

093/11 INTERNAL AUDIT

The comments in the internal audit from Heelis and Lodge to be reviewed at Working Party.

094/11 PROGRESS CHECK FROM LAST MEETING

No update on action from last meeting.

095/11 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting, ABLC representative or items for members attending B.B.C. Pre-Liaison Meeting:
Gutters and pathways – weed killing to be raised for ABLC.

096/11 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

Reports from councillors on any meetings they have attended or updates, since the last meeting were noted.

097/11 CORRESPONDENCE:

For information only:

Basildon Council

Council Minutes 26th May, 2011

EALC

County Update No. 90, June 2011

Monthly Bulletin July, 2011

Essex County Council

Bus Passenger News June 2011/July 2011

Making the Links, July 2011

General

Victim Support

098/11 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

- (i) Plaque for War Memorial – scope for the Crays Hill Primary School children to design something for this.
- (ii) Details were provided of an External Funding Department at E.C.C. for the War Memorial.
- (iii) Car Park – resurfacing – enquire of E.C.C. when this is likely during this financial year.

099/11 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th September, 2011 at 7.30 p.m. at Crays Hill Primary School.

MEETING CLOSED AT 08:25 p.m.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**

TO BE APPROVED