

MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT CRAYS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 13th
FEBRUARY 2013 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: A. Peake - Chairman, T. Borer, D. McPherson-Davis, N. Flint and S. Aungier

ALSO PRESENT:

2 members of the public

PRESENTATION – POLICE:

Apologies received from P.C. Wyn Sharp of Ramsden Crays.

The statistics received were reviewed but there were queries regarding the accuracy. Cllr Peake to follow up.

22/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence received from the Parish Clerk.

23/13 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

To receive any "non-pecuniary" or other interests relating to items on the agenda.

None received

24/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th January, 2013 were approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Flint – **agreed.**

25/13 PUBLIC SESSION:

(a) Public to be heard.

No members of the public were heard.

(b) Essex County Council by District/Basildon Borough Council Ward Councillors

None present

26/13 FINANCE:

The payments of the following were agreed:

Clerk Salary/Expenses – February 2013	£338.15
Minutes Book - Shaw & Sons Limited	£215.69

Proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Aungier to pay

Consideration for 2 hour short course – tailored to Council	£260.00
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This item was deferred to next meeting. The Clerk is to contact other Parish Councils to see if they would considered combining some sessions to share cost.

Consideration on billing/precept:

(i) The response from Basildon on analysis of tax base precept for Ramsden Crays was noted.

(ii) The response from Basildon to the letter sent to John Baron MP from Cllr. Peake in relation to the precept/grant dependency in the future on the Borough Council for shortfalls to the precept request was noted.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Basildon Council and pursue the breakdown of houses requested previously.

27/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Application No: 13/00043/FULL. Replacement dwelling.

Location: Aldersfeld, Oak Lane, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

The Parish Council object on development on Green Belt. There was concern as the indications appear to suggest the current dwelling is a mobile home.

Application No: 13/00008/LDC. To establish the lawfulness of a proposed single storey side extension.

Location: 3 Gardiners Cottage, Gardiners Lane North, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. This was noted

Application No: 12/01155/FULL. Single storey side extension with part new roof.

Location: Crayside, Oak Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

Application No: 12/00475/OUT. Demolition of the existing entertainment venue and its replacement with a care home and associated infrastructure and landscaping.

Location: The Belvedere, Hardings Elms Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Granted.

A response to Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment 2013 – Consultation with Parish Councils by 15th February, 2013 was **agreed** the form be submitted as per the completion at the meeting. A extension is to be asked for by the Clerk to ensure our response is accepted.

Environmental Protection Act 1990 Part IIA – Contaminated Land Strategy Consultation response was considered and it was noted.

28/13 RE-SITING OF STONE MEMORIAL – WOODEN MEMORIAL:

Update received on:

(i) Request for funding from the Rotary Club provided a cheque for £850.00. It was **agreed** that the Parish Clerk would write and thank them for this funding.

(ii) Update on request from ECC Highways for additional space to locate memorial planters at the war memorial on the grass verge was received by the Parish Clerk and Cllr. Peake. He confirmed he is still awaiting response from Highways and he will continue to pursue.

29/13 CHURCH HALL:

No additional response was received from the Diocese in relation to any fundings to be received on sale of the Church Hall/building. It was **agreed** to continue to monitor and put on future agenda's for further update from Charities Commission. Clerk to follow up planning outcome/application.

30/13 FOOTPATH 69 - KISSING GATE:

The latest update on the enforcement action for a resident to provide a gate was noted. Members confirmed that the gate has not been completed. Clerk to follow up enforcement action.

31/13 VILLAGE SIGN:

The latest update information on repair to village sign from Cllr. Flint. This item was deferred to next meeting. Clerk to receive supply details from resident – Mr Gridley.

32/13 PLAY EQUIPMENT:

Consideration on application for funding to Veolia for aerial runway with quotations and decision on preferred supplier and costings was reviewed. It was proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. McPherson-Davis to request funding of £7000.00

From Veolia towards metal aerial runway from Palmer & Sons Leisure Ltd supplier at a total cost of purchase, delivery and installation of £10,338.00.

33/13 HIGHWAYS:

- (i) The latest response on issues to be resolved from Cllr. Don Morris
- (ii) The response that John Baron MP was looking into the request on incomplete resurfacing of Oak Road
- (iii) The response received in relation to Freedom of Information on last two Basildon Local Highways Panel meetings

It was **agreed** that as no responses had been received the Clerk would follow up for next meeting.

34/13 DALE FARM:

Update on the situation at Dale Farm was noted and to date there has not been any results provided from the pollution testing at this site.

35/13 NOTICE BOARD:

Installation for arrangements of the name plate at Ramsden Crays Notice Board was confirmed. No action had been taken due to weather conditions. This would be discussed at next meeting.

36/13 PROGRESS CHECK FROM LAST MEETING:

Update on actions from last meeting were noted.

37/13 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

No agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting, ABLC representative or items for members attending B.B.C. Pre-Liaison Meeting.

38/13 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

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

Meeting at Basildon with Ramsden Crays Residents Association and Parish Council.

Site Provision – Gardiners Lane South would be a controlled site and may not necessarily be for families evicted from Dale Farm. Basildon Council confirmed housing policy would be applied. The Council have applied to Government for funding to build the site with services. The Government have to approve Basildon Council.

Oak Lane – Action regarding the vehicles on the road has been delayed due to a Judicial review against the Government – the inspectorate have turned down an appeal for those there to remain. If Basildon Council take action there is a possibility of an injunction against them so they have to await the outcome of the Judicial review.

A detailed procurement program was requested

Environmental Issue – Basildon Council are taking action against plot discharging sewage. They have not been informed of the outcome of the report.

Eviction Cost – Basildon Council are still reviewing the recovery of cost. The figures have been finalized for the eviction. The charge will be made to owners of individual plots and notices served – if payment is not made the land may be ceased.

39/13 CORRESPONDENCE:

For information only:
Clerks & Councils Direct 2013

40/13 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Members of the public to raise issues not relating to agenda items

Concern was raised regarding the ongoing problems with the condition of Oak Road and Gardiners Lane North. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would again write to John Baron copying in our Ward Cllrs – the standard of repairs throughout the village to be included in letter stating they are so poor that they do not last.

41/13 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th March, 2013 at 7.30 p.m. at Crays Hill Primary School.

Meeting closed at 8: 25 p.m.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**