

MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE, 2013 AT 7.30 P.M. AT CRAYS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRESENT:

Councillors: A. Peake, T. Borer, N. Flint and S. Aungier

2 members of the public

Cllr. N. Le Gresley

No representatives of the press

24/13 PRESENTATION – POLICE:

P.C. Wyn Sharp apologised. He was unavailable to provide an update on issues within Ramsden Crays. Clerk to request stats report in advance of meetings and if a representative will be available at future meetings.

25/13 APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence received from Cllr. David McPherson-Davis, Parish Clerk – Georgina Bassett, Cllr. Malcolm Buckley – E.C.C. and **Cllr. T. Sargent - BBC.**

26/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May, 2013 were received and approved as an accurate record. It was **agreed** they would be signed at the next meeting as a hard copy was not available for signature.

27/13 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

No "non-pecuniary" or other interests relating to items on the agenda were received.

28/13 PUBLIC SESSION:

- (a) No members of the public were heard.
- (b) No Essex County Council by District/Basildon Borough Council Ward Councillors Reports were received.

29/13 FINANCE:

The payments of the following were reviewed:

Clerk's Salary/expenses June 2013	£335.85
Essex Air Ambulance – S137	£100.00
War Memorial	
War Memorial Planters x 2	
Post Office – HMRC – April to June payment	£220.71
Association of Basildon Local Councils – Subscription 2013/14	£ 20.00

It was **agreed** that on sight of the Clerk's salary/expenses for June 2013, the Post Office Ltd paperwork and the Association of Basildon Local Councils paperwork that these three payments were to be made prior to the July meeting.

Other payments to be deferred until the July meeting.

Consideration for numbers and costings for training with Noak Bridge Parish Council to be reviewed at the July meeting subject to costings received from Noak Bridge.

30/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Application:

Application No: 13/00390/FULL. Conversion and extension of existing garage with new roof.

Location: 2 Hope Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

No objection received to the above planning application.

Decided:

Application No: 13/00189/FULL. Raise an area of land to improve its agricultural quality and creation of a new farm track access to Church Road.

Location: Woolshots Farm, Church Road. **Granted.**

Application No: 13/00222/FULL.

Application No: 13/00223/LBBAS Rebuild front boundary wall in grounds of a Listed Building 45cm north of existing, following damage by vehicle collision.

Granted.

Location: Woolshots Farm, Church Road, Billericay, Essex.

Application No: 13/00208/FULL. Demolition of existing bungalow and detached garage and erection of a new three bedroom dwelling.

Location: The Willows, Crays Hill Road, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

Application No: 13/00293/FULL. Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of proposed detached house and integral garage.

Location: Broadleas, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

31/13 RE-SITING OF STONE MEMORIAL – WOODEN MEMORIAL:

- (i) The donation of additional land to plant memorial planters at the war memorial has been verbally agreed. Update to be received on the legal transfer of this land to be confirmed.
- (ii) Update on insurance situation and costings on the memorial planters.
- (ii) Installation date for completion of the stone memorial to be confirmed.

32/13 CHURCH HALL:

- (i) It was noted that the new account of the Parish Council's Church Graveyard and War Memorial Fund has been opened.
- (ii) The condition of the grass within and outside of the boundaries of the Church Hall/Church land in relation to the Diocese was noted as disappointing and additionally the land outside owned by Essex County Council. The Clerk again to contact both parties.
- (iii) No response had been received from the solicitor on request for consideration of proof of ownership of land and buildings at St. Marys Church Hall, Crays Hill, Ramsden Crays. The Clerk to write another letter.
- (iv) Information received on experienced solicitors in the area of Ramsden Crays for this issue was noted. Members **agreed** to initially enquire within the Parish via the newsletter of any solicitor available to support this situation.

33/13 FOOTPATH 69 - KISSING GATE:

The latest development between ECC Highways enforcement action and residents on the installation of this gate was noted that it had been effectively put into place.

34/13 VILLAGE SIGN:

The additional update from Cllr. Peake on his enquiries for costings and fundings available were noted.

35/13 REPLACEMENT SIGN – HIGH VIEW RISE:

It was noted that the sign has been replaced.

36/13 CIF FUNDING – ESSEX WORKS:

The information on costings/installation for keep fit equipment within the Park Area was reviewed and a decision to be made at the July meeting for completion of the Expression of interest form.

37/13 PARK IMPROVEMENTS:

The offer and terms of the funding for £7,000.00 for the proposed cable way were reviewed and it was **agreed** for the Chairman and Clerk to sign and return to Veolia.

38/13 HIGHWAYS:

A discussion with Cllr. Le Gresley to improve the overall area of Ramsden Crays included:

- (i) Rubbish in Oak Lane.
- (ii) The list for submission to ECC Highways Panel.
- (iii) The transparency of the ECC Highways Panel Meetings minutes.
- (iv) Cllr. Peake confirmed he was communicating with John Baron MP on incomplete resurfacing of Oak Road by ECC Highways.
Reduced speeding in Harding Elms Road and drains in Harding Elms Road.
- (v) To consider request to new County Councillors for support in the increase in potholes throughout the Parish, considering the major risk to motorists.

Cllr. Le Gresley confirmed he is involved in ECC Highways Panel meeting and he supported the Parish Council's concerns on footpaths, potholes and the roads in general throughout the Parish and agreed to put the points forward.

Concern was raised re the hedge to the park entrance and Basildon Borough Council is to be contacted to arrange to trim this hedge for safety as a blind spot issue on exiting the park area.

39/13 DALE FARM:

- (i) Additional information received from Basildon Borough Council was noted.
- (ii) The latest information received from the Environment Agency on the pollution testing was noted.

40/13 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 2014:

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting in 2014 was considered and **agreed** for **Wednesday 16th April** 2014.

41/13 CODE OF CONDUCT:

The Code of Conduct was reviewed.

42/13 CORE STRATEGY:

It was noted that this will be out for consultation later in 2013.

43/13 NEWSLETTER:

The newsletter was reviewed and a couple of amendments are to be made prior to printing/distribution.

44/13 PROGRESS CHECK FROM LAST MEETING:

Update on actions from last meeting were noted.

45/13 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting, ABLC representative or items for members attending B.B.C. Pre-Liaison Meeting.

46/13 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

To receive reports.

47/13 CORRESPONDENCE:

For information only:
Bus Passenger News May/June 2013.
County Update No. 117, May 2013.
The Essex Playing Field, Spring 2013.

48/13 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

No members of the public raised issues.

49/13 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of Ramsden Crays Parish Council will be on Wednesday 17th July, 2013 at 7.30 p.m. at Crays Hill Primary School.

Private Session – Personnel Issues:

Pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the meeting is not open to the public and press for this item of business and they will be instructed to withdraw.

50/13 CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER’S SALARY STRUCTURE/PENSION CONSIDERATION:

It was **agreed** to defer to the July meeting to review with information received on percentage of Parish Council contribution for pension for its employee.

Meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): DATE: