

MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER, 2013 AT 7.30 P.M. AT CRAYS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRESENT:

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

Two members of the public

No representatives of the press

23/13 PRESENTATION – POLICE:

Update on issues within Ramsden Crays received from P.C. Wyn Sharp who gave his apologies on not being able to attend.

24/13 APOLOGIES:

Apologies of attendance received from Cllr. Le Gresley, Cllr. Buckley, Cllr. Ball and Cllr. T. Sargent.

25/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

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

26/13 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

There were no “non-pecuniary” or other interests relating to items on the agenda received.

27/13 PUBLIC SESSION:

- (a) No members of the public to be heard.
- (b) Essex County Council by District/Basildon Borough Council Ward Councillors
Written Reports received from Cllr. Le Gresley and Cllr. Sargent.

28/13 FINANCE:

Bank Statements – noted:

Current Account:	£11,079.69 – at 31.10.13
Project Account:	£1,878.16 – at 31.10.13
Sign Account:	£ 215.08 – at 31.10.13
Working Account:	£1,598.98 – at 31.10.13

The November Clerk - RFO Salary/Expenses:	£ 332.84
Palmer & Sons Leisure Limited	£12,405.60

It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Flint to pay the above payments on the condition that the zip wire cheque to be sent on confirmation of completing the work to an acceptable standard by Basildon Borough Council – **agreed**.

- (i) Fixed Assets Register. This was reviewed for replacement insurance value for 2014/15 considering the replacement costs received for the bus shelters.
Proposed by Cllr. Aungier and seconded by Cllr. Flint to remain unchanged - **agreed**.
- (ii) The current bank account was reviewed and it was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Flint to split into another

account with Lloyds and put an initial cheque of £5,000.00 into this account.
The remaining Co-operative accounts to be put into one – **agreed**.

29/13 PRECEPT/BUDGET 2014/15:

The Parish Council considered this and it was proposed by Cllr. Borer and seconded by Cllr. Flint not to put the precept up. The final figure will be reviewed when details are received on the Band D and any funding from Basildon Borough Council – **agreed**.

30/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Application: 13/00993/FULL. Replacement of existing dwelling house with new dwelling house.

Location: Cuillins, Gardiners Lane North, Billericay, Essex.

Decision was requested by 7th November, 2013. The Parish Council noted this application.

Application: 13/01024/LDC. Existing residential unit.

Location: Oakwood Farm, Southlands Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Appeal: Halls Lodge, Crays Hill Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Dismissed**.

Decided:

Application 13/00871/FULL. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling.

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

31/13 STONE MEMORIAL – WOODEN MEMORIAL:

- (i) Information received on costings and plan of marble war memorial surround was noted. £8,400.00 + VAT = £10,080.00.
- (ii) The funding application to Veolia Thames Trust has been submitted for consideration.
- (iii) The item in the Gazette on 9th October regarding initial funding towards the memorial was noted. **Rejected by the Parish Council. Proposed Cllr. Peake, seconded Cllr. Aungier.**
- (iv) The wooden memorial is now in the safekeeping of the Essex Regiment Museum.

32/13 CHURCH HALL:

- (i) Marks Miller and Co has reported that information from the diocese solicitor's states that these are confidential documents and they are only prepared to release on a confidential basis. It was proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Aungier to agree to these terms to assist with the Parish Council enquiries - **agreed**.
- (ii) Despite further requests by the Clerk, it was noted condition of the grass/weeds within the Church boundaries had yet to be improved.

33/13 HIGHWAYS:

It was noted that despite follow up requests the remainder are still outstanding:

- (i) Improvement to rubbish removal within Oak Lane.
- (ii) Progress on the list provided for ECC Highways Panel.
- (iii) Incomplete resurfacing of Oak Road.
- (iv) Clearance of drains in Hardings Elms Road and several drains at the bottom of Crays Hill.
- (v) Update from Essex County Councillors for support in the increase in potholes throughout the Parish, considering the major risk to motorists. Large pothole opposite Oak Avenue.

- (vi) Overgrown area with barbed wire at Oak Avenue from Oak Road end to Hemmings end.
- (vii) Conditions of pathways in the village, especially from the Shepherd and Dog Public House to Gardiners Lane.
- (viii) Update on the installation of a sign to indicate Crays Hill park.
- (ix) Hedges to be cut back within the Parish, including Oak Road.
- (x) Foliage/trees to be cut back at the entrance to Crays Hill Road and trees blocking lighting.
- (xi) Trees at the junction of the main road. Foliage on the main road and by the speed signs to be cut back.
- (xii) Rubbish by the recycling area in the car park by Ramsden Crays car park to be cut back.
- (xiii) Pathway to the park foliage to be cut back.

The response received from Cllr. Le Gresley on the above was noted and the various contacts for these issues. The Parish Council to write to ECC councillors and request that support is given regardless of Highways or ECC issues.

All Parish Councillors will respond to the above individually and the Clerk will receive specific details on these areas from Parish Councillors to assist with reducing this list.

34/13 DALE FARM:

Update received for an oral hearing on 17th December, 2013 from Basildon Borough Council relating to parking on the road way.

35/13 VEOLIA – HAVERING RIVERSIDE TRUST:

The zip wire installation scheduled to commence week of 18th November, 2013 not yet installed due to water log. New date to be confirmed.

36/13 HALL HIRE – 2014:

- (i) The information on costings for Crays Hill Primary School for security on opening and closing of the school and hall hire was not received. The offer of £60.00 for the hall hire and security is accepted for the meetings from 7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. for 2014, dates to be confirmed.
- (ii) An update from Cllr. Sargent's meeting with the governors in relation to security to access to the building for meetings in the school hall effective from 1st January 2014 was noted.
- (iii) The option of Ramsden Bellhouse hall for Thursday evenings and commencement date was noted.

37/13 VILLAGE SIGN – RAMSDEN CRAYS:

Update on supplier from Cllr. Peake for an aluminum sign were reviewed for approximately £1,700.00. It was proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Borer to obtain a final figure and provided this does not exceed £2,000.00 the Parish Clerk can place the order – **agreed**.

38/13 NOTICE BOARD:

Update from Cllr. Flint on the notice board was received. It was confirmed that it has received one coat of saddling and a second is scheduled weather permitting prior to installation of the plaque.

39/13 PARK SIGN – CRAYS HILL RECREATION GROUND:

- (i) Cllr. Sargent/Cllr. Dornan have supported this request for a sign from

Basildon to indicate the location of this park area to be installed for the use of the general public.

The Parish Clerk to confirm to Cllr. Dornan for an oblong plain normal street sign with the words "Crays Hill Recreation Ground" – placed at the entrance to the parking area.

- (ii) The request to local Police to lock this area at night to reduce the nuisance behaviour in the park response, during the evenings is that it is not under their jurisdiction. Report back to the Police if any issues continue.

40/13 CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF CHILDREN CENTRE SERVICES:

Members reviewed the consultation and noted.

41/13 LONDON SOUTHEAST AIRPORT CONSULTATION:

The response to the consultation by 13th December, 2013 was considered and noted.

42/13 THE YOUTH SERVICE PUBLIC CONSULTATION WORKBOOK:

The response to the consultation by 17th November, 2013 was noted.

43/13 ESSEX RECORDS OFFICE – ARCHIVE COMPLETED MINUTES BOOK:

The Parish Council reviewed archiving a second completed minutes book with Essex Records Office. It was agreed to archive.

44/13 VACANCY FOR A LOCAL AUTHORITY:

The vacancy for a Local Authority Governor for Crays Hill Primary School was considered and noted.

45/13 PART NIGHT LIGHTING – CONSULTATION:

To note updates received from Cllr. Le Gresley.

46/13 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT 2007: INVITATION TO TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS:

The Parish Council noted this proposal.

47/13 STANDING ORDERS UPDATED:

The current standing orders with the new models were considered and proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Aungier - **agreed**.

48/13 PROGRESS CHECK FROM LAST MEETING:

Update on actions from last meeting were noted.

49/13 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

There were no additional agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting. Cllr. McPherson-Davis, the ABLC representative confirmed that the next meeting is new week and the Basildon Liaison Meeting in December. Permission has now been given for a Parish Councillor to serve on the local Highways Panel.

50/13 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

None.

51/13 CORRESPONDENCE:

Information received noted.

52/13 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Issues not on the agenda:

- (i) Three trees are lying low above the electricity cables on the on left hand side

of Oak Road on the approach from the Gardiners Lane road. The Clerk to contact ECC for the supplier of this area.

- (ii) Grass verges were cut at Oak Road.

53/13 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of Ramsden Crays Parish Council will be on Wednesday 11th December, 2013 at 7.30 p.m. at Crays Hill Primary School.

Meeting ended at 8.36 p.m.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**