

MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY, 2014 AT 7.30 P.M. AT CRAYS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRESENT:

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

One member of the public

Cllr. T. Sargent

No representatives of the press

01/14 PRESENTATION – POLICE:

Apologies received from P.C. Sharp. Update on issues within Ramsden Crays received and noted. Incorrect observations – two burglaries not on the list. Clerk will query this.

02/14 APOLOGIES:

No apologies for attendance received.

03/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th December, 2013 were approved as an accurate record. Cllr. Peake comment on public session, 4 councillors agreed proposed and seconded. Proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Borer – **agreed**.

04/14 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

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

05/14 PUBLIC SESSION:

- (a) No members of the public were heard.
- (b) Basildon Borough Council Ward Councillors report from Cllr. Sargent in relation to Hall Hire and Dale Farm meeting deferred until late February. Enquire of Police re anti-social behavior alleged at Dale Farm on the increase in Oak Road and rubbish. Copy to the Team at Basildon on this. Cllr. Sargent advise of the contact for this.
Hall agreement – Cllr. Sargent – Board Governor of Crays Hill Primary School agreed for future meetings in 2014.

06/14 FINANCE:

Bank Statements:

Current Account at 31.12.13 – £7,730.28

Payments of the following to be considered:

January Clerk - RFO Salary/Expenses	£372.04
Crays Hill Primary School – Feb. – Dec. 2014 meetings	£600.00
Winckworth Sherwood	£21.84

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

Update on the recommended accredited bank transfer of £5,000.00 – Mandate available from National Westminster and further to be received from Barclays.

07/14 PRECEPT/BUDGET 2014/15:

The 2014/15 precept forecast taking into consideration the information from Basildon Borough Council was reviewed. It was proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. McPherson-Davis to request a precept amount of £8,786.16 and the funding from Basildon of £569.47. The budget to be reviewed at the next Parish Council meeting.

08/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Application:

Application No: 13/01172/FULL. Two storey front addition forming hall and garage at ground floor level and bedroom with ensuite at first floor level.

Location: Cherry Trees, London Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.
Individual councillors responded.

Application No: 13/01193/FULL. Provision of ramps to two entrance areas thereby enabling disabled access.

Location: Crays Hill, Cp School, London Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.
Noted, it has been granted.

Application No: 13/01170/FULL. Demolition of detached dwelling house and store building and the construction of a detached bungalow and detached garage/implement store.

Location: Syndal, Pipp's Hill Road North, Billericay, Essex.

The Parish Council noted it stated three bedrooms on the application and it was four on the plans.

Application No: 13/01201/FULL. First floor side extension.

Location: Highlands, London Road, Crays Hill, Billericay. Noted.

Application No: 13/01230/FULL. New games room.

Location: Beechcroft, Oak Road, Crays Hill, Billericay. No comments.

Application No: 13/01250/FULL. Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a new three bedroom dwelling.

Location: Halls Lodge, Crays Hill Road, Billericay, Essex. No objection.

Decided:

Application No: 13/00917/FULL. Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of 4 bedroom chalet.

Location: Lensell, Gardiners Lane North, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

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

Location: Aldersfeld, Oak Lane, Crays Hill. **Dismissed.**

09/14 STONE MEMORIAL:

- (i) Veolia Thames Trust funding application should be confirmed February/March, 2014.

10/14 CHURCH HALL:

- (i) Documentation requested from the diocese solicitors on St. Marys Church Hall, Crays Hill, Ramsden Crays now received with a letter from the solicitor and request letter to the church diocese for further information and for us to pay for copying fees.
- (ii) Partial clearance on the overgrown foliage. The land is now privately owned.

11/14 HIGHWAYS:

Members will review in detail specific areas to be sent to Highways and District Councillors on the majority of following items and dangerous conditions on the Highway:

- (i) Progress on the list provided for ECC Highways Panel – review at next pre Parish Council Meeting.
- (ii) Incomplete resurfacing of Oak Road.
- (iii) Clearance of drains in Hardings Elms Road – Cllr. Peake checking situation.
- (iv) 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 yet to be resolved.
- (v) Overgrown area with barbed wire at Oak Avenue from Oak Road end to Hemmings end. Cllr. Flint reviewing.
- (vi) Conditions of pathways in the village, especially from the Shepherd and Dog Public House to Gardiners Lane.
- (vii) To note that two signs have now been installed to indicate Crays Hill Recreation Park. Cllr. John Dornan and Cllr. Terri Sargent have been thanked for their support in obtaining these.
- (viii) Hedges to be cut back within the Parish, including Oak Road.
- (ix) Foliage/trees to be cut back at the entrance to Crays Hill Road and trees blocking lighting.
- (x) Trees at the junction of the main road. Foliage on the main road and by the speed signs to be cut back.
- (xi) Rubbish by the recycling area in the car park by Ramsden Crays car park to be cleared has been resolved.
- (xii) Pathway to the park foliage to be cut back, area is flooded. Cllr. Sargent will review.
- (xiii) Speeding reduction signs – to note that ECC has agreed to the reduction speed signs on the A129 and also in Hardings Elms Road and is targeted to be completed prior to end of March, 2014.
- (xiv) Update on the request for the trees in Oak Road at the Gardiners Lane North area to be trimmed to reduce risk of these and the overhead power cables touching and reducing power service. Cllr. Buckley is assisting with this.

12/14 DALE FARM:

The meeting scheduled with Basildon Borough Council will be in February, 2014.

13/14 VEOLIA – HAVERING RIVERSIDE TRUST:

The zip wire has been installed and an update on the official opening date and attendees including the Mayor, to include press release and photograph to be confirmed.

14/14 COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FUND – ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL:

To note that the Parish Council has been successful with its grant and offered £5,000.00 towards the cost of the purchase and installation of 8 fitness stations at a total cost of £9,995.00 plus VAT. The Parish Council considered the grant terms and acceptance prior to completion and return of signed documentation. Proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Flint to accept the funding - **agreed**.

15/14 HALL HIRE – 2014:

Confirmation that dates requested for meetings during 2014 were agreed by Crays Hill Primary School. Payment of £600.00 for remaining ten meetings was considered resolved item 06/14 above.

16/14 VILLAGE SIGN – RAMSDEN CRAYS:

The resident confirmed that he has kindly started work on the template of a new village sign.

17/14 NOTICE BOARD:

Update from Cllr. Flint that the plaque is on the notice board. Another coat of saddling will be put on the notice board when the weather has improved.

18/14 PARK SIGN – CRAYS HILL RECREATION GROUND:

It was noted as in 11/14 (vii) that two signs are now installed either side of the approach to the Recreation Ground.

19/14 CONSULTATIONS:

REVIEW OF EXISTING VAT LEGISLATION ON PUBLIC BODIES:

The consultation due for response by 14th February, 2014 was reviewed. Clerk to write that the Parish Council agrees with EALC recommended proposals and way forward.

COUNCIL TAX REFERENDUM CONSULTATION:

The consultation due for immediate response was considered. The Parish Council agree with the recommendation to continue to receive the grant from the local Borough Councils.

20/14 PROGRESS CHECK FROM LAST MEETING:

Update on actions from last meeting were noted.

21/14 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

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

22/14 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Report received from Cllr. McPherson-Davis on Liaison Meeting at Basildon Council on 9th January on Council's Core Strategy 2011 – 2031 on housing and employment requirement within the Borough. Public consultation for review will be available by the end of January 2014.

23/14 CORRESPONDENCE:

Information received noted.

24/14 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Members of the public raised issues not on the agenda:

- (i) High View Rise advertisement removal request.
- (ii) Core Strategy – consideration by residents of how many additional houses can be built and where.

25/14 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of Ramsden Crays Parish Council will be on Wednesday 12th February, 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at Crays Hill Primary School.

Meeting ended at 8.50 p.m.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): DATE: