

MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY, 2014 AT 7.30 P.M. AT CRAYS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRESENT:

Councillors: A. Peake, D. McPherson-Davis and S. Aungier

One member of the public

No representatives of the press

26/14 PRESENTATION – POLICE:

Update on issues within Ramsden Crays received from the Police. Accumulative to 31st December 2013 requested. PC Sharp apologised unable to attend.

27/14 APOLOGIES:

Apologies of absence received from Cllr. Borer.
Cllr. Flint did not attend the meeting.

28/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th January, 2014 were approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Peake – **agreed**.

29/14 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

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

30/14 PUBLIC SESSION:

None.

31/14 FINANCE:

Bank Statements:

Current Account at £6,736.40 after January payments.

Payments of the following were considered:

February Clerk - RFO Salary/Expenses	£361.79
Marks Miller & Co	£21.84

The above payments were proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Peake – **agreed**.

Consideration of additional bank account to deposit £5,000.00 reserve funding as previous option not successful. Proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Aungier to open the account with Barclays – **agreed**.

32/14 BUDGET 2014/15:

The budget for 2014/15 was reviewed and it was proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. McPherson-Davis – **agreed**.

33/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Application No: 14/00087/FULL.

Replacement dwelling (Amended proposal).

Location: Aldersfelde, Oak Lane, Crays Hill, Billericay.

Objected on the basis of previous response.

Decided:

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. Conversion of existing garage to habitable space (dining room) with dummy pitched roof over.

Location: Cherry Trees, London Road, Crays Hill, Billericay. **Refused.**

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

Location: Highlands, London Road, Crays Hill, Billericay. **Refused.**

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

Location: Beechcroft, Oak Road, Crays Hill, Billericay. **Refused.**

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. **Granted.**

34/14 STONE MEMORIAL:

To date no update on funding application to Veolia Thames Trust.

35/14 CHURCH HALL:

Response awaited from the latest request from the diocese solicitors on St. Marys Church Hall, Crays Hill, Ramsden Crays.

36/14 HIGHWAYS:

On finalizing of works currently being carried out within Ramsden Crays, to then review with the exception of the speeding signs and drainage (David's).

- (i) Progress on the list provided for ECC Highways Panel.
- (ii) Incomplete resurfacing of Oak Road.
- (iii) Clearance of drains in Hardings Elms Road.
- (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.
- (v) Overgrown area with barbed wire at Oak Avenue from Oak Road end to Hemmings end.
- (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 cut back – resolved.
- (xii) Pathway to the park foliage to be cut back.
- (xiii) Speeding reduction signs – to note that ECC has agreed to the reduction speed signs on the A129 and also in Hardings Elms Road.
- (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. Not yet resolved. Clerk will continue to pursue.

37/14 DALE FARM:

To note meeting scheduled with Basildon Borough Council during February 2014.

38/14 VEOLIA – HAVERING RIVERSIDE TRUST:

To note the zip wire has been installed and an update on the official opening and attendees – press release and photograph. Will be re-arranged to Spring.

39/14 COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FUND – ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL:

To consider further whether or not to order the equipment and installation of 8 fitness stations at a total cost of £9,995.00 plus VAT. This item to be deferred until January 2015. March meeting suggestions for additional funds.

40/14 VILLAGE SIGN – RAMSDEN CRAYS:

Update received on template by local resident. Costings for materials will be considered at the March meeting.

41/14 NOTICE BOARD:

Update received, the plaque now installed on the notice board.

42/14 CONSULTATIONS:

Consideration of the Core Strategy for response by the Parish Council will be reviewed at the March Parish Council meeting.

43/14 PROGRESS CHECK FROM LAST MEETING:

Update on actions from last meeting were noted.

44/14 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

No Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting, ABLC representative or items for members attending B.B.C. Liaison Meeting were raised.

45/14 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Cllr. McPherson-Davis confirmed that at the EALC – presentation by the Fire Bridge for smoke alarms in every house. Representatives from each parish to install in properties that do not have the alarms. Newsletter update for residents.

Police withdrawing funding towards community police officer specifically appointed within areas.

Essex County Council and Basildon Borough Council precepts have no increases.

46/14 CORRESPONDENCE:

Information received noted.

47/14 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Members of the public to raise issues not on the agenda:

- (i) Request for the pot holes in Oak Road to be resolved when the drains are cleared.
- (ii) Trees to be cut back in Oak Road.

48/14 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

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

Meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**