

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

PRESENT:

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

One member of the public

No representatives of the press

49/14 PRESENTATION – POLICE:

No update received on issues within Ramsden Crays. Latest crime figures requested from Police.

50/14 APOLOGIES:

Apologies for attendance received from Cllr. Aungier and Cllr. Buckley of Essex County Council.

51/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th February, 2014 were approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Peake – **agreed**.

52/14 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

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

53/14 PUBLIC SESSION:

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

54/14 FINANCE:

Bank Statements:

Current Account at £9,751.84 after February payments.

Payments of the following were considered:

March Clerk - RFO Salary/Expenses	£ 325.84
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Post Office Ltd – HMRC – January to March 2014	£ 220.71
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Consideration of fundings to Barclays	£ 5,000.00
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Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis to review closing the Co-operative account when confirmed Barclays is opened. Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis to pay all, seconded by Cllr. Flint – **agreed**. All councillors and the Parish Clerk to be authorized as signatories with two signatories on the cheque.

55/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Application No: 14/00163/FULL.

Demolition of existing dilapidated office and replace with new prefabrication office unit. Enlarge house amenity space.

Location: Holt Cottage, Gardiners Lane, North Billericay, Essex.

No objection.

Application No: 14/00169/FULL.

Conversion of bungalow to house.

Location: Chestnut Bungalow, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.
No objection.

Appeal: APP/V1505/D/14/2214351.

First floor side extension.

Location: Highlands, London Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.
Objected previously by the Parish Council.

56/14 STONE MEMORIAL:

Update on funding application to Veolia Thames Trust. Response due in March.

57/14 CHURCH HALL:

No additional documentation received as requested from the diocese solicitors on St. Marys Church Hall, Crays Hill, Ramsden Crays.

58/14 HIGHWAYS:

To note updates on the following after an updated request of specific areas was sent to Highways and District Councillors:

- (i) Progress on the list provided for ECC Highways Panel.
- (ii) Incomplete resurfacing of Oak Road.
- (iii) Clearance of drains in Hardings Elms Road – assisted via County Councillors.
- (iv) Support of removal of silt deposits within Ramsden Crays via County Councillors.
- (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) 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 – that the reduction of speed signs on the A129 and also in Hardings Elms Road have now been installed.
- (xiii) 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 received from Cllr. Le Gresley who has taken this up with UK Power Networks.
- (xiv) Increasing number of pot holes in Church Lane.
Entrance to the park at the 40 mph speed sign, Basildon need to cut back the trees. Foliage opposite this is responsibility of a resident. Cllr. McPherson-Davis will liaise re this.
- (xv) At the junction of Hardings Elms Road and A129 street light is obscured by trees.

Clerk will split the above into two categories. Basildon Borough Council and ECC/Highways.

59/14 DALE FARM:

Meeting with Basildon Borough Council was noted.

60/14 VEOLIA – HAVERING RIVERSIDE TRUST:

To note the zip wire has been installed and a revised official opening date will be arranged for the warmer weather – consideration for May to confirm to Parish Council. Preferably after 2.00 p.m. Clerk to follow up.

61/14 VILLAGE SIGN – RAMSDEN CRAYS:

Update by local resident and costings required for use of materials to be provided, subject to request on information for the template.

62/14 CONSULTATIONS:

Consideration of the Core Strategy for response by the Parish Council was reviewed and the comments to be sent in letter format.

63/14 INTERNAL AUDIT:

The internal audit was reviewed and noted, no recommendations requested.

64/14 PROGRESS CHECK FROM LAST MEETING:

Update on actions from last meeting were noted.

65/14 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting, ABLC representative commented is at the end of the month - Core Strategy to be considered at this meeting.

66/14 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

No reports received.

67/14 CORRESPONDENCE:

Information received noted.

68/14 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

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

- (i) Can a maintenance schedule be considered after the completion of the road works for the bus shelters. Clerk to enquire of Basildon Council for guidance of relevant service supplier.
- (ii) Plastic gateways to review for cleaning. Clerk to enquire Basildon Council.
- (iii) Enquired regarding the sale of the Church and the distribution of the funding.
- (iv) Hardings Elms Road – additional pot holes and Gardiners Lane North.

69/14 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of Ramsden Crays Parish Council will be on Wednesday 23rd April, 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at Crays Hill Primary School.

Meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): DATE: