

MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 AT 7.30 P.M. AT CRAYS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRESENT:

Councillors: A. Peake – Chairman, T. Borer, D. McPherson-Davis, N. Flint and S. Aungier
No members of the public
No representatives of the press
Cllr. T. Sargent – Ward Councillor

85/14 APOLOGIES:

Apologies for non-attendance to the meeting received from Cllr. S. Allen and the Police.

86/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th August, 2014 were agreed as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Flint and seconded by Cllr. McPherson-Davis.

87/14 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

No members interests were declared.

88/14 PUBLIC SESSION:

The local Police statistics were received.

- (a) The opportunity for members of the public to raise issues on agenda items
- (b) Ward Cllr. Sargent confirmed that the hall can be used whilst she is in attendance following on from a meeting of the Governors. A letter to this effect will be received by the Parish Council.

89/14 FINANCE:

Payment was agreed on the following:

Parish Clerk – expenses and salary September 2014	£ 417.73
Payment HMRC N.I. – Tax	£ 283.71
Images – Summer newsletters	£ 42.40
Proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Borer – agreed .	

The bank balance up to 31st August, 2014 for the Co-operative at £2.95 and the Barclays Bank accounts = £10,244.32 were **agreed**.

90/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Applications:

Application No: 13/00359/FULL. Change of use to a mixed use as residential and Buddhist meditation centre ... erection of 1.5 metre high front boundary ... erection of 5 mediation huts.

Location: Dhamma Land, Hardings Elms Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

The Parish Council objected on grounds provided to Basildon Planning Department. Request this to go to committee via a letter.

Application No: 14/00993/COND. Application to discharge condition 3 (materials) of granted consent 13/00192/FULL.

Location: Hazeldene, Crays Hill Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.
No comment.

Application No: 14/00948/FULL. Proposed 26 year operation and subsequent decommissioning of land.

Consideration of MS Power Projects Limited, Outwood Solar Farm, Outwood Farm Road, Billericay, Essex.

Not in the Parish of Ramsden Crays.

Application No: 14/00087/FULL. Revised application to replace a residential/farm building on the site with a 3 bed bungalow.

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

The Parish Council has objected on this.

The Clerk to write to the Chairman of the Planning Committee regarding why this did not go to committee as the PC is very disappointed as strong objections raised by a resident, Ward Council and the Parish Council.

Application No: 14/01005/FULL. Erection of an electricity substation to enable the reinforcing of the local electricity supply in the vicinity of Oak Lane.

Location: Esperanza Croft, Oak Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

No comment.

Application No: 14/01023/FULL. Replacement dwelling and new detached garage.

Location: Maybe, Pitsea View Road, Ramsden Crays, Billericay, Essex.

Objection on the grounds the building exceeds the size of development in the green belt and the garage should have a clause that it is not used in the future as a dwelling if the application is successful.

Application No: 14/01050/FULL. Change of use plus internal conversion with new windows of existing private storage barn (former stables/implement store).

Location: The Woodmans, Oak Road, Ramsden Crays, Billericay, Essex.

Object on the grounds that there are already 3 dwellings on this curtilage, this is a two storey large building which in our opinion would not comply with dwellings on the green belt.

Application No: 14/01071/LDC. To establish the lawfulness of a proposed outbuilding for recreation use.

Location: Grey Gables, Glebe Road, Billericay, Essex.

Not in the parish of Ramsden Crays.

Application No: 14/01090/FULL. Demolition of existing worship hall and erection of two storey pitched roof building comprising a cosmetic centre at ground floor level and two-bedroom residential flat at first floor with associated car parking (revised scheme).

Location: All Saints Church and Community Centre, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

To object in a detailed letter.

91/14 COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

- (i) Additional update on the village sign on the plinth being repaired and Basildon Borough Councils report on time scale/plans of approximately three months. No date yet confirmed.
- (ii) The stone wall has not yet been completed, but is scheduled for October. The funding has been requested. It was **agreed** that on completion of this stone

wall it should be insured and the amount to be covered on the insurance less VAT.

92/14 HIGHWAYS:

- (i) Confirmation that Basildon has cleaned the two plastic gateways on entering Ramsden Crays.
- (ii) To note no additional information on a supplier and its costs to clean/maintain the bus shelters within Ramsden Crays has been provided by Basildon Borough Council. Clerk has made enquiries.
- (iii) The request for the new park sign to be visible, via the overgrowth cut through Basildon Borough Council has now been cleared.
- (iv) Footpath no. 69 has been cleared. Now is an issue for use by horses – ECC. Other footpaths have yet to be checked. Members to walk to review the areas.
- (v) Drains both sides of Crays Hill are blocked.
- (vi) Road surface in Church lane is a hazard to motoring and Gardiners Lane North.
- (vii) Gardiners Lane as a rat run by tipper lorries with heavy dirt, high speed. Mounting the pavements when meeting oncoming traffic. Seriously need weight restriction put on Gardiners Lane North.
- (viii) Overgrown hedges and footpaths etc.
- (ix) Street lights out of action on the main Road – Crays Hill and top of the hill main road – London Road.

93/14 DALE FARM:

Date for a meeting is being organised with Basildon Borough Council.

94/14 WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981, SECTION 53 – RAMSDEN CRAYS FOOTPATH 78:

The Parish Council reviewed a definitive map and consideration of a possible drafting error in the historic process. Review in October. Councillors will attend site visit.

95/14 CALOO EQUIPMENT – RAMSDEN CRAYS PARK:

The Parish Council to confirm the costing of £9,995.00 excluding VAT for 8 pieces of equipment (with a grant of £5,000.00 approved by ECC to be spent prior to 31st March, 2015) for the caloo equipment in the Park and to decide whether it will go ahead with the order as the deadline is nearing for completion. It was **agreed** that a request from Basildon Borough Council would be made for match funding.

96/14 STORAGE – FINANCE AND OTHER ISSUES:

The Parish Council to consider costings for storage of collective finance and other relevant documentation retained over the years at the Clerk's residence as the collection is excessive and space for additional storage nil. The Council **agreed** in principal. Clerk to make further enquiries.

97/14 PRECEPT/BUDGET 2015/2016:

Consideration of a working party to review costings and draft precept/budget for the Parish Council to finalise. It was **agreed** to defer to October, 2014.

98/14 STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

The suggestions to the amended models were provided to the Council and members confirmed a Working Party is to meet with recommendation to the Full Council.

99/14 DATA PROTECTION OBLIGATIONS:

The Parish Council to consider the implications of data protection to then sign documentation giving explicit consent prior to EALC using photographs on its website. It was **agreed** to defer.

100/14 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Cllr. McPherson-Davis confirmed there is an ABLC meeting next week and that there was the EALC AGM the week earlier and various presentations were given afterwards from:

Stansted – work experience sessions.

Police attended and will not attend the parish council meetings in the future and will only provide statistics.

Resolution that next year's subscriptions will not be increased from Essex but there may be an increase from NALC.

01/14 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

No additional information.

02/14 CORRESPONDENCE:

Information received noted.

03/14 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

An issue of noise, three consecutive weekends from the public house had been reported to a Parish Councillor and the Environmental Department are involved.

04/14 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of Ramsden Crays Parish Council is scheduled to be on Wednesday 15th October, 2014 dependent upon availability of members.

Meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): DATE: