

**MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY, 2015 AT 7.30 P.M. AT SHOTGATE CONSERVATORY HALL**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: A. Peake – Chairman, T. Borer, D. McPherson-Davis and N. Flint  
1 members of the public  
No representatives of the press

**01/15 APOLOGIES:**

Apologies for non-attendance to the meeting received from Cllr. S. Aungier and Cllr. S. Allen and Cllr. T. Sargent of Basildon Borough Council.

**02/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 were agreed as an accurate. Proposed by Cllr. Borer and seconded by Cllr. Flint – **agreed.**

**03/15 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:**

No members' interests declared.

**04/15 PUBLIC SESSION:**

- (i) Request for pathway to be cleared of overgrown bushes on the pathway to the Crays Hill Park.
- (ii) Doeshill Farm - Borwick Lane, decrease in condition of road – potholes.

**05/15 FINANCE:**

Payment on the following **agreed.**

Clerk/RFO expenditure/January salary include NALC increase effective 01.01.15	£399.97
Winter 2014/15 Newsletters – printing	£50.88
Hall Hire Shotgate	£12.00
Secure Box Services Ltd – archiving	

Co-operative account at 31.12.14 = £2.95

Barclays Bank account at 31.12.14 = £2,028.29

**06/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**Applications:**

**Application No: 14/01423/FULL.** Retrospective planning permission for the change in the use of the land to residential curtilage.

**Location:** “Jalna”, Gardiners Lane North, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

The Parish Council considered this application and objected on inappropriate use of green belt land.

**Consultation – Basildon Borough Council Neighbourhood Planning Support Policy:**

Noted.

**Consultation: Dunton Garden Suburb**

Noted.

**Decided:**

**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, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Refused.**

**Application No: 14/01108/FULL.** Erection of free standing workshop/store for private residential uses.

**Location:** The Woodmans, Oak Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Refused.**

**07/15 PRECEPT/BUDGET 2015/2016:**

The parish council precept figure of 6% increase on a Band D was proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Flint – **agreed.** The precept will be £9,554.45 with a basic amount of council tax band D equivalent of £19.89.

**08/15 LETTING OF THE SCHOOL HALL – 2015 ONWARDS:**

The response to the letter from the Parish Council in reply to Crays Hill Primary School the school advising the Parish Council that effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 it will no longer have access for hall hire has not yet received a response.

Review at the next meeting.

The Clerk to communicate with Cllr. Ray Gooding at Essex County Council (Cabinet Member of Education) copy in Ward Councillors regarding a survey on demand for pre school/child care education at Crays Hill Primary School.

**09/15 COMMUNITY PROJECTS:**

- (i) Update received from Basildon Borough Council that the village sign is being installed this week. The plinth will be rebuilt.
- (ii) War Memorial/Wall – date for the official ceremony confirmation early May, 2015. Clerk contact: Reverend at Downham Church, Ward Councillors, John Baron MP, resident donated the land, Veolia and The Mayor – Mo Larkin. May, 2015.
- (iii) Due to limited budget/precept it was agreed not to complete a project proposal form for any projects for this financial year.
- (iv) The official opening ceremony of the Caloo equipment in the Park was requested for end of March, 2015. Clerk to finalise. Request Basildon park to cut back overhanging trees as concern for users of the pathway for health and safety.
- (v) Bus shelters maintenance – cleaning to be deferred.
- (vi) The opportunity for Stambridge Community Builders (with Stambridge Parish Council) to speak to Ramsden Crays to assist with bringing all of the community of together including the Police and other relevant services/sources for the community was considered. The Clerk to contact and thank but no further action at this time.
- (vii) Funding Campaign for RCCE. Consideration to support campaign to request the Secretary of State for Environment not to stop funding provided to RCCE for the ACRE Network of Rural Community Councils. Noted and completed.

**10/15 QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL:**

There are to be three tiers. Clerk will require accredited points for attendance on courses and various other areas which support the re-application.

Issues to review:

- (i) The foundation tier for Ramsden Crays to consider.
- (ii) Training of Intent for Councillors and Employees.  
Deferred until costings received and further information.

**11/15 HIGHWAYS:**

- (i) Cllr. Flint provided update with suppliers for cleaning/maintenance of the bus shelters within Ramsden Crays in 09/15(v) above.
- (ii) Request further update to Cllr. Buckley following on from site visit with Cllr. McPherson-Davis.  
Request ECC Highways to resolve street light near junction obscured by foliage on the roadside on the direction towards Billericay past Crays Hill park.
- (iii) The church confirmed it does not have authority in relation to excessive parking by the graveyard at the former church building at St. Mary's, Crays Hill, but will review the graveyard in relation to the overgrown bushes.

**12/15 DALE FARM:**

No further information received from Basildon Borough Council. An update is requested from Cllr. P. Turner, Leader of the Council request on his statement at the Liaison meeting at the end of last year to the effect what action Basildon Council will take and when regarding the enforcement of the caravans on the cart track at Oak Lane.

**13/15 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:**

ABLC next meeting scheduled on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2015. There was a Planning Training paid from ABLC fundings that was attended by councillors and clerks on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2015.

**14/15 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:**

No additional information.

**15/15 CORRESPONDENCE:**

Information received noted.

**16/15 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

- (i) Borwick Lane, potholes situation of potholes was noted for ECC Councillors assistance.
- (ii) No. 78 footpath (information requested on 48 are both the same). The Council understands the boundary has never changed.

**17/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

The date and venue of the next meeting of Ramsden Crays Parish Council scheduled to be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 to be advised.

**Meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.**

**SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): ..... DATE: .....**