

MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 2015 AT 7.30 P.M. AT SHOTGATE CONSERVATORY HALL

PRESENT:

Councillors: A. Peake – Chairman, S. Aungier and N. Flint

5 members of the public

No representatives of the press

18/15 APOLOGIES:

Apologies for non-attendance to the meeting received from Cllr. McPherson-Davis and Cllr. Borer. Cllr. Malcolm Buckley and Cllr. Nigel Le Gresley – Essex County Councillors and Borough Councillor Terri Sargent.

19/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st January, 2015 were agreed as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Flint and seconded by Cllr. Peake – **agreed.**

20/15 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

No members interests declared.

21/15 PUBLIC SESSION:

- (a) The large tree branch fallen across Parish Notice board and a danger to traffic entering Church Lane is being removed by Basildon Borough Council.
- (b) Planning of the demolition of the Church Hall. Objection from residents on grounds of safety due to entrance direct onto the road and near to Oak Avenue. Concern regarding obstruction and use of the private road at Oak Avenue. Residents do not accept that the car park area is large enough. Concern that if the business fails and becomes a Dr. Surgery that this situation will become worse.
- (c) Repairs requested for potholes and general repairs along Borwick Lane. Essex County Councillors are assisting with this.

22/15 FINANCE:

Payment and bank statements approved.

Clerk/RFO expenditure/February salary £390.47

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

Co-operative account at 30.01.15 = £2.95

Barclays Bank account at 30.01.15 = £1,565.44

It was noted that the Essex Clerks Training Bursary agreed for four courses in the year 2015 and initial costs split between Shotgate and Ramsden Crays Parish Councils.

23/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Applications:

Application No: 15/00057/FULL. Demolition of existing worship hall and erection of two-storey building comprising a cosmetic centre with associated car parking (revised scheme).

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

The Parish Council requests the plans to be more in keeping with the village with material, air conditioning units further away from residents' properties and concern that parking is still inadequate for existing use of the building for employees, clients and future use of the building may change and cause further need for additional parking and that it is dangerous entering and exiting the premises and that Oak Avenue which is a private road will be used for turning and obstruction. It is imperative that the dimensions and height of the building is kept to the revised plans.

It objects on the basis of the above and request ECC Highways if they have not already, to take another look at the site because the Council consider it to be extremely dangerous.

Application No: 15/00090/FULL. Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 2 detached houses each with integral garages.

Location: Ballacraigne, Crays Hill Road, Billericay, Essex.

No objections.

Decided:

Application No: 14/01166/FULL. Retrospective application to retain single-storey rear extension forming conservatory (including demolition of existing outbuilding).

Location: Casetta, Orchard Avenue, Ramsden Crays, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

Application No: 14/01179/FULL Proposed car port at site currently being developed for new dwelling previously granted planning permission reference no. 13/00201/FULL.

Location: Land at Homestead, Ramsden Crays, Billericay, Essex. **Refused.**

24/15 BUDGET 2015/2016:

The budget as considered at the January, 2015 Parish Council Meeting was proposed by Cllr. Flint and seconded by Cllr. Peake – **agreed.** Appendix.

25/15 LETTING OF THE SCHOOL HALL – 2015 ONWARDS:

- (i) The response received from the school following on from the letter sent to the Chairman of the Governors was reviewed.
The Clerk to write to the Chairman to ask for the letting policy.
The minutes when approved by the Governors and received to be reviewed.
- (ii) Cabinet member Cllr. Ray Gooding replied to the letter regarding the school survey on demand for pre school/child care education at Crays Hill Primary School and this was noted.

26/15 COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

- (i) The brickwork has been installed on the village sign. The plaque to be reinstalled and the village sign will be in place shortly.
- (ii) War Memorial/Wall update on a date and those attending to be arranged in May, 2015 after the election when the Vicar confirms.

- (iii) The official opening ceremony of the Caloo equipment in the Park if possible at the end of March.

27/15 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

Following on from the training session in January, amendments were reviewed for the Financial Regulations. It was proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Aungier to approve – **agreed**.

28/15 HIGHWAYS:

- (i) Updates on the request made from Cllr. Buckley to Highways following on from a site meeting on Highways issues with Cllr. McPherson-Davis were received.
- (ii) ECC and Borough Councillors are making enquiries regarding improvements to Borwick Lane.
- (iii) Hardings Elms Road – bollards currently in the road. Cllr. Buckley and Cllr. Le Gresley are assisting with this issue. The bollards have been knocked down and it is dark on the corner as you turn into London Road and not see the road sign as it is black on one side and is a hazard.

29/15 DALE FARM:

No further information received from Basildon Borough Council following on from a liaison meeting.

30/15 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

No information for ABLC or Liaison Meeting.

31/15 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Planning Training arranged by ABLC for councillors and clerks was attended by a few councilors and the Clerk.

32/15 CORRESPONDENCE:

Information received noted.

33/15 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Consideration for future purchase/funding of a multi-user basketball facility in the park area.

34/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

It was proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Aungier to alternate between Mondays and Tuesdays at the Shepherd and Dog Public House due to the facilities not available on a Wednesday and members other commitments and it was **agreed** to purchase a screen for the purpose of this meeting up to £30.00. The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

Meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**