

MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH MARCH, 2015 AT 7.00 P.M. AT SHEPHERD AND DOG PUBLIC HOUSE, CRAYS HILL, RAMSDEN CRAYS

PRESENT:

Councillors: A. Peake – Chairman, T. Borer, D. McPherson-Davis, S. Aungier and N. Flint

3 members of the public

No representatives of the press

47/15 APOLOGIES:

Apologies for non-attendance received from Cllr.T. Sargent and Cllr. S. Allen.

48/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th February, 2015 were approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Flint and seconded by Cllr. Aungier – **agreed**.

49/15 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

No declarations of interest were declared.

50/15 PUBLIC SESSION:

(a) No members of the public to raise issues on agenda items.

(b) The opportunity for Ward and County Councillors to provide reports.

51/15 FINANCE:

Payment and bank statements were proposed by Cllr. Aungier and seconded by Cllr. Borer – **agreed**.

Clerk/RFO expenditure/March salary	£423.32
Post Office Ltd – Tax – HMRC	£264.51
Document storage	£ 55.26
SLCC	£167.00
RCCE	£ 36.00

Relevant donation for the use of venues

Co-operative account at 28.02.15 = £2.95

Barclays Bank account at 28.02.15 = £1,294.47

52/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Applications:

Application No: 15/00170/FULL. Replace existing timber framed windows and doors with UPVC double glazed windows and doors.

Location: 55 Crouch Street, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Not in the Parish.

Abacus Primary School:

Consideration of the proposed plans and any response to this.

Noted.

Two Consultations: Billericay Conservation Area Shop Front and Design Guide Consultation:

Response to the above two consultations were considered. They were noted.

Decided:

Application No: 15/00123/COND. Discharge conditions 5 (external materials) and 6 (hard standing) of planning permission 14/00679/FULL.

Location: Oakville, Orchard Avenue, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

Residents written with regard to land rear of 1-8 London Road, Crays Hill, Billericay and enquired if planning permission has been sought at this location. Further information required prior to response to residents.

53/15 LETTING OF THE SCHOOL HALL – 2015 ONWARDS:

- (i) The response received from the letting policy was noted.
- (ii) It was noted that the approved minutes from the School Governors has yet to be received.

54/15 COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

- (i) The final part of the installation of the village sign has now been completed. Thanks to Cllr. Allen, Cllr. Sargent and the officer (involved with David).
- (ii) A number of invitees have confirmed their attendance to the War Memorial/Wall official service at 11.00 a.m. on Friday 1st May, 2015. Members considered the venue after this service. The Vicar has yet to confirm the service with the Parish Clerk. The Press will be invited. Standard Bearers etc. Buffet afterwards – Councillors – Clerk pay. Separate flyer for inviting residents – 2 weeks beforehand.
- (iii) The official launch of the Caloo equipment in the Park on Thursday 12th March was duly attended by the Chairman of Essex County Council and the Parish Council.
- (iv) Consideration for future purchase/funding of a multi-user basketball facility in the park area. It was **agreed** to defer to another meeting. Clerk enquire at Basildon if we can have facility.
- (v) RCCE 2015 Essex Village of the Year & Best Kept Village Competition for Ramsden Crays was considered and **agreed** to defer for another year.

55/15 HIGHWAYS:

- (i) The various updates received from Cllr. Buckley on Highways issues were noted.
- (ii) ECC and Borough Councillors enquiries regarding improvements to Borwick Lane were noted.
- (iii) Hardings Elms Road – bollards currently in the road. Cllr. Buckley and Cllr. Le Gresley requested ECC to resolve this situation by Highways for light on both sides of the bollards. Not resolved. Clerk pursue.
- (iv) Update on the response to enquiry regarding the road/pavement potholes for wheelchair access along London Road near the Shepherd and Dog. ECC confirmed is private road and not their responsibility. Cllr. Peake following up. Street Lights – some on continuously and some not on (ask David for further details)

Highways re 3.5 tonne limit Gardeners Lane North deliveries access only – Cllr. Le Gresley and Cllr. Buckley.

Overgrown public footpath – High View Rise. Work commenced on clearance.

Crays Hill overgrown public footpath.

56/15 DALE FARM - TRAVELLERS:

- (i) To date no report has been received from Basildon Borough Council from the Liaison Meeting early December, 2014. Clerk contact said in December meeting two weeks with an update, nothing. Can we have another meeting for

better update.

- (ii) The “expansion of traveller sites in area” and Harlow Councils success in protecting local areas was noted. Clerk to write to Basildon ask if going to adopt same policy strategy Harlow with their open spaces, please advise.

57/15 FLOODING ISSUES:

The response to Basildon regarding flooding issues around the parish via rainfall, blocked drains and provide dates, frequency etc. was considered and it was **agreed** to mention Church Lane, due to river over flowing.

58/15 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Latest information received from ABLC is that the next meeting is this Thursday 19th March, 2015.

59/15 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

None.

60/15 CORRESPONDENCE:

Information received noted.

61/15 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

- (i) Resident concerned regarding caravan site on the London Road re the sale/purchase of this land.
- (ii) Residents raised issues regarding Gardiners Lane North and the issue of HGV vehicles and pot holes in the road. As above for weight restriction. Pot holes Cllr. Le Gresley and Cllr. Buckley – Essex County Council Highways.
- (iii) Concern from residents regarding Great Wasketts Farm and permission for car boot sales. Ask Planning Department if Great Waskets Farm has applied for boot fairs.

62/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for Tuesday 21st April for the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30 p.m. followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 7.00 p.m.

Meeting ended at 7.55 p.m.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**