

MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6TH JULY, 2015 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE SHEPHERD AND DOG PUBLIC HOUSE, CRAYS HILL, RAMSDEN CRAYS

PRESENT:

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

25/15 APOLOGIES:

Apologies for non attendance received from Parish Councillors T. Borer and S. Aungier, Basildon Borough Cllr. T. Sargent, ECC - Cllr. N. Le Gresley and Cllr. M. Buckley.

26/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th June, 2015 was deferred to the September meeting as not sufficient members present from the June meeting to agree.

27/15 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

A declaration on a pecuniary item 15/00716/FULL interest relating to items on the agenda from Cllr. Flint.

28/15 PUBLIC SESSION:

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

29/15 FINANCE:

The payments of the following were considered:

Clerk's Salary July	£405.65
Clerk's Salary August	£370.67
Donation – flowers	£20.00
RCCE – Membership Annual 2015/16	£66.00

Bank statements for approval:

Co-operative Account 30.06.15 = £2.95 Barclays Bank Account 30.06.15 = £6,643.12

The Clerk advised of a situation of PKF not yet received year ending report 31st March 2015 from the internal auditor and that an administration charge of £30.00 + VAT would be requested from the Parish Council in due course despite confirmation that the documentation had been sent to the auditor in May. The Clerk has notified the external auditor that the council had minuted, approved and sent to the internal auditor who confirmed receipt and that it was all in hand. The Parish council requested that a letter be sent to PKF to this effect as they have not heard from the internal auditor.

It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Peake for payments to be made and to agree the bank statements – **agreed**.

30/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Application:

Application No: 15/00649/FULL. Single storey side extension to bungalow.

Location: Grosvenor House, Jubilee Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Objected on the grounds of green belt and previous extension.

Application No: 15/00716/FULL. Provision of outbuilding.

Location: Mallards, Crays Hill, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

No objection, however, a condition of proof document for the purchase of the land from the next door neighbour in order to comply with regulations and that piece of land should always remain under the ownership of Mallards.

Application No: 15/00737/FULL. Side extension with rear dormer.

Location: 12 High View Rise, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Inquire for a decision.

Application No: 15/00755/FULL. Minor amendments to approved planning permission 15/00057/FULL.

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

No objection provided the first floor is not used for residential accommodation.

Application No: 15/00671/COND. Discharge conditions materials, landscaping, fencing, air conditioning units, building programme, surface water discharge, construct method statement of granted consent 15/00057/FULL.

No comment.

Essex County Council and Southend on Sea Borough Council Joint Replacement Waste Local Plan – Revised Preferred Approach June 2015:

The consultation consul/essexcc.gov.uk by 30th July, 2015 was noted.

LCR Opinion Survey 2:

Considered and agreed the response to the survey for Parish and Town Councils – the Clerk to respond.

Essex Fire Service – Consultation Response:

The consultation was considered for the Clerk to respond.

Awaiting further correspondence from an enquiry to Planning Department query regarding the illuminated large sign displayed.

The diocese has agreed to replace the small balustrade and the disintegrated plaque at the Church yard.

31/15 COMMUNITY PROJECTS: – WAR MEMORIAL AND MULTI-USER FACILITY – ESSEX & HERTS AMBULANCE SERVICE:

- (i) Update for the November Remembrance Ceremony from Cllr. Peake – the Vicar of Great Burstead has agreed to preside over the service on Sunday 15th November. Clerk to write and thank him and confirm a suitable time.
- (ii) Consideration of Veolia North Thames Trust for funding towards a village hall and enquiries with another grant provider. The response to the enquiry of Basildon Borough Council possibility for general permission for a small single storey community hall in the park area was considered. The September newsletter to invite volunteers to sit on a committee to run a proposed village hall.
- (iii) Enquiry from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Service request for a recycle

clothes bank within Ramsden Crays. Basildon has confirmed this is not an option until the current contract timeframe is completed.

32/15 HIGHWAYS:

- (i) Consideration for tonnage restrictions within the area and ECC Highways response that responsibility is with the Parish Council. Request Cllr. Le Gresley and Cllr. Buckley to take forward to 30th June Highways Panel meeting.
5 signs "3.5 tonne weight restriction".
To be located at: A127 into Gardiners Lane North, A127 into Pipp's Hill Road, A129 into Gardiners Lane North, A129 into Hardings Elms Road and Wash Road into Pipp's Hill and Hardings Elms Road.
The above was considered and the requisite should be 7.5 tonnes. The Council **agreed** to consider costings for purchase and installation of 5 signs to be considered at the September Parish Council meeting.
- (ii) Work on Borwick Lane has been completed.
- (iii) Update at Hardings Elms Road – bollards currently in the road further to request to Highways for light on both sides of the bollards. Still outstanding issue and an additional accident at this location.
- (iv) The road/pavement potholes for wheelchair access along the London Road near the Shepherd and Dog and clarification if adopted road or Highways still outstanding.

33/15 DALE FARM - TRAVELLERS:

Agreed to send off response letter to Leader of Basildon Council from the Chairman with regard to the Liaison Meeting held early December, 2014.

34/15 FOUNDATION LEVEL – QUALITY COUNCIL:

The Parish Council to consider working towards submission of this prior to the end of 2015. Clerk to contact EALC to confirm if funding available towards registration – certificate.

35/15 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Information received noted.

36/15 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Basildon Liaison Meeting attended by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and the Clerk. Presentation received on Local Plans for submission to the government in 2017. An informative update received on the local waste plant at Courtauld Road. A presentation was received on Neighbourhood Plans and it was appreciated that this would be at a huge cost to Parish/Village and Town Councils. A useful update was provided on planning in general.

37/15 CORRESPONDENCE:

Information received was noted.

38/15 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

No members of the public raised questions.

39/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 14th September at 7.00 p.m.

40/15 TERMS OF REFERENCE:

It was noted that the Chairman and the Clerk have discussed the Annual Appraisal and this will be completed by the Chairman for the September meeting.

Meeting ended at 8.25 p.m.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): DATE: