

**MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 2016 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE SHEPHERD AND DOG
PUBLIC HOUSE, CRAYS HILL, RAMSDEN CRAYS**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Chairman A. Peake, T. Borer, D. McPherson-Davis, Sally Aungier and N. Flint
Parish Clerk – Georgina Bassett
1 Officer from Basildon Borough Council
23 members of the public
No representatives of the press

29/16 APOLOGIES:

Apologies received for late arrival from Cllr. T. Borer and Cllr. T. Sargent – Basildon for non attendance.

30/16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th January, 2016 were approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Flint and seconded by Cllr. Peake – **agreed.**

31/16 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

Cllr. Flint declared a pecuniary interest on item 34/16 planning application 16/0030/FULL.

Cllr. Borer arrived 7.05 p.m.

32/16 PUBLIC SESSION:

- (a) An officer from Basildon provided very informative details for applicants to the Parish Council prior to the Election in May.
- (b) Members of the public raised items on the agenda with regard to concerns at Basildon Local Plan 2016.
- (c) No Essex County Councillor or Borough Councillors comments.

33/16 FINANCE:

The payments of the following were considered:

Clerk's Salary February 2016	£496.54
½ payment for Clerk's training with Shotgate	£40.00

Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Aungier – **agreed.**

Proportionate purchase towards glasses – vdu lenses/frames – eye sight test with Shotgate in compliance with health and safety at work. £100.00

The above was proposed for payment by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Aungier – **agreed.**

The Parish Council reviewed the purchase a lap top with office/excel package at £365.00 + VAT.

The Council noted that the Transparency Fund cheque for £341.56 was received towards officer's additional hours and lap top to be purchased for the benefit of the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. McPherson-Davis to pay these hours and purchase the above laptop package – **agreed.**

Bank statements approved:
Co-operative Account 31.01.16 = £2.95 Barclays Bank Account 31.01.16 = £7,535.72

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

Cllr. Flint left the meeting room.

34/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Application: 16/0030/FULL. To demolish existing shed and erect a garage
Location: Western View, Church Lane, Ramsden Crays, Billericay, Essex.
The Parish Council had no objection.

Cllr. Flint returned to the meeting room.

Application: 16/00055/VAR. Variation of condition 6 of planning application 15/00755/FULL by replacing the obscure glass of the main feature roof light in the western elevation required by this condition with mirrored glass.
Location: All Saints Church and Community Centre, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.
The Parish Council had no objection.

Decided: 15/01536/FULL. Single storey side extension/garden room.
Location: Andycottage, Crays Hill Road, Ramsden Crays, Billericay, Essex.
Granted.

Appeal: APP/V1505/D/16/3142684. Single extension comprising glazed link entrance hall/landing, cinema room and utility room at ground floor and bedroom with en-suite at first floor. **Noted.**

Local Council Briefing – Local Plan 2016:

- (i) Members of the Parish Council considered the Local Council Briefing – Local Plan 2016 for a response by 24th March, 2016 and **agreed** to respond after the Extraordinary Meeting on 3rd March and to send a list of questions to Planning Department prior to the meeting.
- (ii) As per (i) above it was noted that an Extraordinary Meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd March at 7.00 p.m. at Shotgate Baptist Church with a presentation by Basildon Officers for the Parish Council and residents.
- (iii) The dates of public exhibitions were noted:

Area	Date	Venue
Pitsea	Saturday 13 February 2016 10.30am – 4.30pm	The Place: Pitsea Leisure Centre, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea
	Monday 29 February 2016 2:00pm – 8:00pm	
Basildon	Wednesday 17 February 2016 10.00am – 4.30pm	Upper Mall, Eastgate Centre, Southernhay, Basildon
	Saturday 5 March 2016 10.00am – 4.30pm	
Laindon	Saturday 20 February 2016 10.30am – 4.30pm	President’s Community Centre, Hoover Drive, Laindon
	Monday 7 March 2016 2.00pm – 8.00pm	Womens’ Institute Hall, Samuel Road, Langdon Hills
Billericay	Monday 22 February 2016	Billericay Day Centre, Chantry Way, Billericay

	2.00pm – 8.00pm	
	Saturday 12 March 2016 10.30am – 4.30pm	
Wickford	Saturday 27 February 2016 10.30am – 4.30pm	Wickford Community Centre, Market Road, Wickford
	Wednesday 16 March 2016 2.00pm – 8.00pm	

Proposal for Strategic Development (transportation) and Community Infrastructure Pre-Application Advice and Developer Contribution Enquiry Charges

The above was reviewed, however as there was no detailed information received to review, it was **agreed** not to respond.

No further update was available with regard to the illuminated large sign displayed at Dhamma Land via Cllr. Allen.

35/16 COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

- (i) Consideration of additional notice board, benches in the park and cleaning of the bus shelters within the Parish and the review for another bin near the Shepherd and Dog public house and footpath fouling were reviewed and it was **agreed** to enquire of costings for the benches.

Next newsletter to ask residents to remove dog and horses fouling.
Bus shelter cleaning it was **agreed** to defer to the March meeting.

- (ii) The additional details of the War Memorial were reviewed and will be discussed with the resident.
- (iii) The British Legion have been asked for a standard bearer to attend at the War Memorial Service in November. Great Burstead Church confirmed they will have a vicar in attendance.
- (iv) The request by a resident for the Parish Council to review the surrounding floors in the park area with the equipment to be replaced with tarmac flooring similar to other parks in the area was considered. It was proposed by Cllr. Peake not to replace – **agreed**. The Clerk to inform the resident.
- (v) No further volunteers received within the parish for the scheme by the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and Essex Police. It was **agreed** to remove from the agenda.
- (vi) The Parish Council **agreed** to review an Action Plan for future projects and audit purposes via a Working Party and will review at the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on 3rd March.

36/16 HIGHWAYS – BASILDON BOROUGH COUNCIL:

- (i) No progress confirmed via Essex County Council at Hardings Elms Road, regarding the flattening replacement of one bollard.
- (ii) The repair on the road/pavement potholes for wheelchair access along the London Road near the Shepherd and Dog has not been repaired. The Clerk to enquire further of Cllr. Buckley.
- (iii) Essex County Council Highways have not confirmed the situation on the request to them to either remove or kill the weeds on the pavements.
- (iv) It was confirmed that the overhanging branches onto the pavement by Gable End, Gardiners Lane North has not been addressed. Another letter will be sent and if not addressed by 14th March meeting this will be referred to Basildon Borough council.

37/16 CRAYS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL – GOVERNING BODY:

The Parish Council is still awaiting the information following on from the Freedom of Information to the request for full minutes from November 2014 to date.

38/16 PENSION CONTRIBUTION – PARISH COUNCIL:

In line with the government policy, the Parish Council **agreed** a working party to consider the legal implications towards contribution for its employee in relation to the ECC LGPS Pension or another and to note that a notice to inform residents of its consideration must be applied, prior to a decision.

It was Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis to find out the cost to the Parish Council to permit its employee to join this pension – **agreed**.

39/16 DEFIBRILATOR – RAMSDEN CRAYS:

Members considered the information received and consider the feasibility of whether to have a defibrillator in the Parish and the possible way forward. It was **agreed** for enquiries to be made with the local shop and the public house for the feasibility of this. To be reviewed in more detail at the 14th March meeting.

40/16 DALE FARM – OAK LANE:

No updates received on this situation.

41/16 BUDGET – PROJECTS:

The Parish Council are considering project items for the Parish during 2016/17 as in 35/16 above.

42/16 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Information received was noted. ECC are to raise its precept by 2% plus an additional 2% for care homes.

The recent ABLC minutes are available for members.

43/16 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

No additional meetings to report to the Parish Council or future meetings.

44/16 NOTE CORRESPONDENCE:

Information received was noted.

45/16 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

The opportunity for members of the public to raise questions.

Enquire of Basildon to review the situation of advertising notices posted throughout the Parish.

The condition with regard to health and safety by the building works at the old church hall along Crays Hill Road and at Oak Avenue with regard to the state of the footpath on the pavement.

Blue netting at this area is an issue with obstruction at the site.

Issue at the first property at Oak Avenue, lorries are using the driveway to turn and the manhole cover at the driveway has now broken as a result.

Cllr. Peake will make enquiries on behalf of the Parish Council to the builder to make the area safer and improved.

The continual speed of traffic travelling through the village in relation to safety, particularly near the pedestrian lights at the bottom of the hill. Highways to be asked to assist with this issue.

46/16 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING AND 2016 MEETINGS:

The next meeting will be an Extraordinary Meeting on Thursday 3rd March at 7.00 p.m. at Shotgate Baptist Church Hall and the next meeting will be at the revised date of Monday 14th March at 7.00 p.m. after the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Meeting ended at 8.35 p.m.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): DATE: