

**MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 14TH MARCH, 2016 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE SHEPHERD AND DOG
PUBLIC HOUSE**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Chairman - A. Peake, D. McPherson-Davis, Sally Aungier and N. Flint
Parish Clerk – Georgina Bassett
12 members of the public
No representatives of the press

54/16 APOLOGIES:

Apologies for non attendance received from Cllr. T. Borer and Borough Cllr. S. Allen and Cllr. M. Buckley - ECC.

55/16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd March, 2016 were approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Aungier and seconded by Cllr. Flint – **agreed**.

56/16 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

No declarations of interest either pecuniary or non-pecuniary were received.

57/16 PUBLIC SESSION:

- (a) Question by residents as to the Parish Council will it be favourable in its response to the Consultation of the Basildon Local Plan 2016. The Chairman confirmed this will be answered in 59/16 (i) when a decision is made.
- (b) No Essex County Councillor or Basildon Borough Ward Councillors Reports available.

58/16 FINANCE:

The payments of the following were considered:

Clerk's Salary March 2016	£431.12
January – March 2016 Tax	£274.51

Proposed by Cllr. Aungier and seconded by Cllr. Peake to pay the two above – **agreed**.

The Parish Council's lap top has been received and payment was made on 11.03.16 at a reduced cost of £376.80 inclusive of VAT.

Bank statements were **agreed** for the Co-operative Account 29.02.16 = £2.95
Barclays Bank Account 29.02.16 = £7,240.74. Proposed by Cllr. Flint and seconded by Cllr. Aungier.

59/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Local Council Briefing – Local Plan 2016:

- (i) Members of the Parish Council reviewed the Local Council Briefing – Local Plan 2016 for a response by 24th March, 2016. It was proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. McPherson-Davis to send a response agreed by the Parish Council with various objections and alternative suggestions to the Local Plan affecting the Parish and to send out a newsletter to residents with a copy of this letter – **agreed**.

- (ii) Date of the next public exhibition noted:

Wickford		Wickford Community Centre, Market Road, Wickford
	Wednesday 16 March 2016 2.00pm – 8.00pm	

Replacement Waste Local Plan:

The Parish Council considered its response to this consultation by 21st March, 2016 on mineralsandwastepolicy@essex.gov.uk It was decided not to make any comment.

Rural Planning Review:

The overview of the planning system for responses by 21st April, 2016. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RBDXGFD> alternatively, by email to RuralPlanningReview@communities.gsi.gov.uk was considered and it was **agreed** to defer to the April meeting.

Lower Thames Crossing Review:

The Parish Council reviewed this consultation to www.lower-thames-crossing.co.uk It believes it will have a significant effect on the transport system in the area.

Consultation Review:

The consultation on Hovefields and Honiley Neighbourhood area and forum were reviewed and noted.

Letter received from a resident relating to issues in Crays Hill with regard to various planning applications. The Clerk to write and thank them for copying the Parish Council into this letter, but explain that it is Basildon Council's decision.

No further update received with regard to the illuminated large sign displayed at Dhamma Land via Cllr. Allen. A request for update to be enquired.

60/16 COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

- (i) Consideration of additional notice board, benches in the park and cleaning of the bus shelters within the Parish. To review another bin near the Shepherd and Dog and footpath fouling. It was **agreed** that a Working party to review costings for the notice board, benches and bus shelter quotation for these improvements/installations in advance of the next ECC CIF 2016 application.
- (ii) The additional name to the War Memorial was considered and after review the findings confirm that the person is not eligible.
- (iii) The British Legion has been asked to have a representative attend at the War Memorial Service in November . Great Burstead Church will preside over this service. The Parish Council confirmed it would like to order two circular wreaths for this service. Proposed by Cllr. Aungier and seconded by Cllr. Peake – **agreed**.
- (iv) It was **agreed** that members would review an Action Plan for future projects and audit purposes and consideration for park equipment updated further and review for a proper pathway.
- (v) The Parish Council **agreed** to work towards achieving the Foundation Level for Parish, Village and Town Councils.

61/16 EXTERNAL AUDIT - TRANSPARENCY:

Following further information received, the Parish Council reviewed its prior decision not to appoint an external auditor collectively with EALC/NALC with other parish, village and town councils to reduce costs in the event there are questions raised at the end of the financial year that require an external auditor's response. The recommendation received is that despite its low precept, it should remain with EALC/NALC. It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and second by Cllr. Peake to communicate again and request to remain in for the five year period – **agreed**.

62/16 HIGHWAYS – BASILDON BOROUGH COUNCIL:

- (i) No further progress via Essex County Council at Hardings Elms Road, regarding the flattening of one bollard. Clerk enquire County Councillors.
- (ii) The update on the request to repair on the road/pavement potholes for wheelchair access along the London Road near the Shepherd and Dog from Cllr. Buckley – ECC is not yet available. Further enquiry.
- (iii) Essex County Council Highways have been requested to either remove or kill the weeds on the pavements. Clerk to enquire further via County Councillors.
- (iv) The request for the resident at Gable End, Gardiners Lane North to remove the overhanging branches onto the pavement is positive – review at the next meeting.

63/16 CRAYS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL – GOVERNING BODY:

The response to the request for full minutes from November 2014 to date has been noted. Amongst the information received there are no full minutes of the November meeting. It was proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Flint to request again the part of the Freedom of Information not received on the Full November 2014 minutes that appertain to the decision not to continue to hire the school to the Parish Council - **agreed**.

64/16 PENSION CONTRIBUTION – PARISH COUNCIL:

In line with the government policy. No updates received from the Working Party regarding consideration of the ECC LGPS Pension or another.

65/16 DEFIBRILLATOR – RAMSDEN CRAYS:

The local public house has offered for this equipment to be installed on the outside of the property with electricity access for usage, prior to further review of the way forward. Proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. McPherson-Davis to have working party – **agreed**.

66/16 CONSULTATION – CHILDRENS CENTRES:

This consultation was reviewed for a response – noted.

<http://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk/childrenscentresconsultation2016>

67/16 QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:

No celebrations for the Queen's 90th Birthday within the Parish were to be taken forward.

68/16 DALE FARM – OAK LANE/OAK AVENUE:

No action to be taken to date by Basildon on information received by a resident in Oak Lane and activity in Oak Avenue.

69/16 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Information received was noted.

70/16 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

The next ABLC meeting will be held on Thursday 17th March, 2016.

71/16 NOTE CORRESPONDENCE:

Information received noted.

72/16 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

- (i) Request for another speed camera in Hardings Elms Road, Crays Hill Road (traffic lights).
- (ii) Newsletter to sent to residents with a copy of the letter sent to Basildon regarding local consultation plan 2016.

73/16 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING AND 2016 MEETINGS:

The next meeting will be on Monday 18th April at 7.00 p.m. at the Shepherd and Dog Public House.

The meeting ended at 8.10 p.m.

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Signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council

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Dated