

**MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 27th JUNE, 2016 AT 6.30 P.M. AT THE SHEPHERD AND DOG
PUBLIC HOUSE**

PRESENT:

Councillors: A. Peake, S. Aungier and N. Flint
Parish Clerk – Georgina Bassett
2 members of the public
No representatives of the press

18/16 APOLOGIES:

Apologies for non attendance received from Cllr. D. McPherson-Davis and Ward Councillors T. Sargent and S. Allen.

19/16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th May, 2016 were approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Flint and seconded by Cllr. Aungier – **agreed**.

20/16 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

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

21/16 PUBLIC SESSION:

- (a) Members of the public heard on items on the agenda.
The Council was informed that a resident attempting to use the non emergency 101 number on several occasions waited lengthy periods prior to being answered. It was understood that levels in Basildon for non emergency PCSO has been reduced and are used across various areas outside of Basildon.

The Clerk to contact 101 regarding Basildon to ask for clarity on this situation and request Cllr Buckley to enquire further.

- (b) No Essex County Council by District/Basildon Borough Ward Councillors Reports received.

22/16 FINANCE:

- (i) The NALC 1% increase in SCP 21 and arrears from 1st April 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Aungier to accept – **agreed**.
- (ii) The payments of the following were considered:
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| Clerk's Salary June 2016 with arrears | £448.33 |
| Association of Basildon Local Councils 2015/16 | £ 20.00 |
| Essex Air Ambulance | £100.00 |
| Post Office Ltd (HMRC – April – June tax) | £278.87 |
| Information Commissioner – renewal 17 July 2016 | £ 35.00 |
| ½ Shotgate Clerk attendance on First Aid Course | £ 42.50 |
| RCCE annual renewal | £ 66.00 |
- (iii) Bank statements for approval for 31.05.16:
Co-operative Account = £2.95 Barclays Bank Account = £9,563.98.

Proposed By Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Aungier to pay the above and that the bank statements reconciled until 31.05.16 – **agreed**.

23/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Applications:

Application No: 16/00583/FULL. Two no. four bedroom, detached dwellings on land fronting Southlands Road.

Location: Pickwick, Gardiners Lane North, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Noted that it has been refused.

Application No: 16/00590/FULL. Retrospective application for change of use of private swimming pool to commercial pool for swimming classes.

Location: Glen Innes, Ramsden Park Road, Billericay, Essex. Not Ramsden Crays.

Application No: 16/00591/FULL. Proposed application for retention of existing caravan for a limited period of time (3 years).

Location: Glen Innes, Ramsden Park Road, Billericay, Essex. Not Ramsden Crays.

Application No: 16/00633/FULL. Re submission see 15/00649/FULL single storey side extension to bungalow.

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

Objection on over development of the site and inappropriate use of the green belt.

Decided:

Application No: 16/00087/FULL. Proposed front/rear and side extension with new roof loft conversion and dormer (revised scheme).

Location: Jasmin, Southbourne Grove, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

Application No: 16/00290/FULL. Demolition of house and annex at Whitesbridge Cottage and construct a two storey detached dwelling on plot 3.

Location: Whites Bridge Cottage, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Refused.**

Application No: 16/00291/FULL. Demolition of house and annex at Whitesbridge Cottage and construct a two storey detached dwelling on plot 3.

Location: Whites Bridge Cottage, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Refused.**

Application No: 16/00307/FULL. Use of existing games/leisure building as an annexe and the proposed demolition of existing store building.

Location: Halls Lodge, Crays Hill Road, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

Application No: 16/00347/FULL. Provision of 6 no Lifetime Home dwellings to land east of Orchard Avenue, Ramsden Bellhouse.

Location: Land East of Orchard Avenue. **Refused.**

Consultation: Bowers Gifford and North Benfleet Area

Noted the consultation on the above area.

Superfast Essex Programme Update – May 2016:

Clerk to request Cllr. Buckley to enquire when this will be available in this area.

24/16 COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

- (i) Consideration for request to CIF Funding from ECC with a project heading of “Community Engagement and Enjoying Outside Recreation” or something similar was considered.
It was proposed by Cllr. Peake and seconded by Cllr. Aungier - **agreed** to include 2 x picnic benches in the wooded area of the park in this project - costing £1,000.00 excluding VAT each and a notice board opposite the school at a cost of £914.86 excluding VAT and £3,000.00 towards an orchard and wild flower area in the park (overall cost £12,000.00) to be part funded by

the Woodland Trust and a dog waste bin to be installed on the grass verge along Southend Road past the public house near the parish sign.

ECC requested to confirm they can provide all funding for the bus shelters maintenance for pressure wash, insert any replacement boarding required, rub down and repaint, missing plugs to be installed and new roof tiles and if confirmed, to request these works and clarification for a date for commencement. Proposed by Cllr. Aungier and seconded by Cllr. Flint – **agreed.**

- (ii) Invitees were considered to include Ward and County Councillors, Noak Bridge and Shotgate Parish Council, Crays Hill Primary School to be asked to present a wreath provided by the Parish Council and poppy crosses and request the British Legion of Wickford to provide a standard bearer for the service.

Flyers inviting all residents to be available nearer the date.

Refreshments to be considered at the September meeting and a notice in relation to the War Memorial Service for Sunday 13th November and communication with Great Burstead Church regarding the Order of Service to commence at 10.45 a.m. The Clerk and Cllr. Peake to liaise.

Loud speaker to be requested to be borrowed from a resident and the memorial and surrounding area to be tidied, cleaned and cleared of foliage prior to the service.

- (iii) Review an Action Plan for future projects, Foundation Award Scheme and audit purposes. To be deferred to the July meeting.
- (iv) Consideration of areas for bulb planting within the parish and costings provided for this purpose. The Clerk to contact Basildon to enquire if funding available to cover the purchase of £200.00 bulbs for the parish.
- (v) The latest update on the Summer 2016 Newsletter is to be circulated for printing.
- (vi) Consideration of a small community hut/hall within the parish via usage of the toilets in the park to be extended with a view to apply to Veolia for funding to be deferred to the July meeting for plan/costings.
- (vii) Consideration of further flowers/flower beds to be planted within the parish. Defer to January 2017 meeting for April seasonal planting.

25/16 COUNCILLOR VACANCY – CO-OPTION:

Nothing to note of interest from residents via a notice. The Parish Council to await for a response via the Summer newsletter.

26/16 STAFFING:

Appraisal Form. It was confirmed that this has not been reviewed by the Councillors and then discussed with the Clerk. To be deferred to July meeting.

27/16 HIGHWAYS – BASILDON BOROUGH COUNCIL:

- (i) Nothing further received from Cllr. Buckley via Essex County Council at Hardings Elms Road, regarding the replacement of the keep left bollards.
- (ii) Essex County Council Highways have been requested to either remove or kill the weeds on the pavements no update on this situation to be received. Clerk to request again.
- (iii) Gardiners Lane North road has not been resurfaced, was scheduled for first week June 2016, liaise with Cllr. Buckley regarding communication with

- Highways.
- (iv) No further update on the 7.5 tonne weight restriction signs agreed to be installed by Highways at its meeting on 30th June, 2015 under LBAS 152017 – Gardiners Lane North. Cllr. Buckley to enquire further.
 - (v) To note the situation in relation to the issue of a neighbour repairing and selling vehicles at the front of his rented property, requested by a resident to stop, has now been resolved.
 - (vi) Noted to date, no update from Basildon regarding the sites in Oak Lane to reclaim monies from the land.

28/16 PENSION CONTRIBUTION – PARISH COUNCIL:

In line with the government policy, to receive any updates from the Working Party regarding consideration of the ECC LGPS Pension or another. The way forward has yet to be confirmed.

29/16 DALE FARM – OAK LANE/OAK AVENUE:

No further updates received on this situation in Oak Lane or Oak Avenue.

30/16 POLICE LEVELS WITHIN THE AREA:

To consider the police response to non emergency calls regarding the 101 number and the way forward. As above 21/16 (a).

31/16 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Information received noted.

32/16 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

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

33/16 NOTE CORRESPONDENCE:

Information received noted.

34/16 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Issue of traffic speeding through the parish aside from the rush hour time.
Consideration for traffic testing including a speed camera for a period of time. The Clerk to enquire.

Question regarding the numbers allocated for housing in the parish and if allocations can be reduced if homes are built prior to the consultation plan coming into force.

Query regarding the number of children attending Crays Hill Primary School.

35/16 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th July at 7.00 p.m. at the Shepherd and Dog Public House.

The meeting ended at 7.30 p.m.

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Signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council

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Dated