

**MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 16TH JANUARY, 2017 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE SHEPHERD AND DOG
PUBLIC HOUSE**

PRESENT:

Councillors: D. McPherson-Davis, Cllr. N. Flint, Cllr. G. Jenkins and Cllr. M. Kirby
Parish Clerk – Georgina Bassett
No members of the public

01/17 APOLOGIES:

Apologies received from Ward Councillors S. Allen and T. Sargent.

02/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th December, 2016 were approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Flint – **agreed**.

03/17 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

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

04/17 PUBLIC SESSION:

No reports received from Basildon Borough Ward Councillors or Essex County Councillors.

No public questions.

05/17 FINANCE:

- (i) The payments of the following were considered:
Clerk's Salary/Expenditure January 2017 . £408.18
 - (ii) Bank statements for approval December, 2016, Co-operative Account
31.12.16 = £2.95 Barclays Bank Account 31.12.16 = £10,522.88
- It was proposed by Cllr. Flint and seconded by Cllr. McPherson-Davis to **agree** the above.

06/17 PRECEPT/BUDGET 2017/18:

The forecasted expenditure, expenditure to date and proposed budget and precept were considered.

It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Jenkins to request a precept of £10,154.00 - a 2% increase with a Band D annual amount of £20.74 and to accept the budget – **agreed**. See Appendix.

07/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Applications:

Application No: 16/01725. Installation of up to 10MW capacity energy storage system for a temporary period of 25 years, comprising energy storage containers, inverter stands, DNO substation, customer substation auxiliary transformer, communication box, general storage container, perimeter fencing, CCTV, lightning protection rods, underground cabling, operation and maintenance access track, landscaping, temporary construction compound and access, and associated works and infrastructure.

Location: Land at Stevenson Farm, Southend, Arterial Road, Nevendon, Wickford.

The above application was considered and objected on the grounds of:
Infringement on green belt land and limited information received.

Decided:

Application No: 16/01355/FULL. Demolition of stables and erection of a replacement building for domestic storage.

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

Application No: 16/01465/LDC. To establish the lawfulness of a single storey rear extension.

Location: 18 Hope Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

Application No: 16/01480/FULL. Remove existing residential mobile home from the site and erect a new chalet.

Location: Rose Cottage, Gardiners Lane North, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Refused.

Application No: 16/01509/FULL. Single storey side extension to provide utility/drying room and cinema room (amended).

Location: Elmtree Cottage, Oak Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

Application No: 16/01518/LDC. To establish the lawfulness of a proposed outbuilding to be used as a stables for family use ancillary to the dwelling house.

Location: Woodbine Cottage, Oak Avenue, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Refused.**

08/17 COMMUNITY - PROJECTS:

- (i) To date it is too early and no response to the Parish Council's application to ECC CIF Response funding towards a notice board at the junction of Gardiners Lane North and the A129 has been received.
- (ii) Requests have been made from various sources for costings received for maintenance for the four bus shelters maintained in the Parish. Cllr. Kirby has offered to do a full survey and report back at the next meeting.
- (iii) It was **agreed** to defer considering an Action Plan for future projects until an update on the bus shelter is received.
- (iv) The update received that bulbs have been planted within the parish for the Parish Council funding of £100.00 and Basildon Borough Council contribution of £100.00.
- (v) No volunteer local architect to assist with a small Community Hall has offered their services. Cllr. McPherson-Davis will communicate with Planning Officer to request a site visit.
- (vi) Awaiting update on enquiries for replacement word package via bursary to update the laptop.
- (vii) It was noted that the requested issues at the church yard at Crays Hill have yet to be resolved relating to the gate at the church yard which is missing and the wood frame where ashes are spread if this has been repaired.
- (viii) It was **agreed** for the Clerk to speak with the trainer for free CPR/defibrillator training for the community if possible for March/April and then make arrangements for the location of this. A donation for the mileage to the site to be considered subject to this moving forward.
Councillors were advised that it is likely in conjunction with another Parish for training to be arranged at a local venue. The Clerk to provide further information when received.

09/17 HIGHWAYS – BASILDON BOROUGH COUNCIL:

- (i) No improvements on the damage to the kerb near the properties by the

village sign just off London Road. No repair work has been carried out to date. Request to Cllr. Buckley is he has any update on this.

- (ii) To note no improvements from enquiries from Cllr. Buckley via Essex County Council at Hardings Elms Road, regarding the replacement of the keep left bollards nor a date for this solution.
- (iii) No date for installation from Highways on the 5 signs of 7.5 tonne weight restriction at Ramsden Crays that was approved under Schemes Approved LBAS 152017 has been received.
- (iv) Enquiries for a grant of £9,000.00 towards speeding signs were considered and it was **agreed** not to continue with this line of enquiry.
- (v) No update from Cllr. Buckley on the resurfacing date of Gardners Lane North, Crays Hill had been available.
- (vi) No further updates had been received from relevant authorities on the obstructions in relation to footpaths in the Parish and when this will be resolved. The Clerk and Cllr. Flint to make further enquiries.

10/17 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Information received was noted.

11/17 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Additional meetings reported:

12/17 NOTE CORRESPONDENCE:

No additional correspondence had been received.

13/17 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

No members of the public in attendance.

14/17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Monday 20th February 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at the Shepherd and Dog Public House.

The meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.

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Signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council

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Dated