

**MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 20TH MARCH, 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
One member of the public

28/17 APOLOGIES:

Acceptance of apologies received from Cllr. N. Le Gresley.

29/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th February, 2017 were approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Jenkins and seconded by Cllr. Flint – **agreed**.

30/17 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations received.

31/17 PUBLIC SESSION:

None.

32/17 FINANCE:

- (i) The payments of the following were considered and proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Flint – **agreed**.
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| Clerk's Salary/Expenditure March 2017 | £424.40 | chq. | 179 |
| Post Office Ltd (HMRC) January – March 2017 Tax | £280.47 | chq. | 180 |
| CPRE membership annual renewal | £ 36.00 | chq. | 181 |
| EALC New Councillor pack | £ 17.00 | chq. | 182 |
- (ii) Bank statements for approval February 2017 Co-operative Account 28.02.17 = £2.95 Barclays Bank Account 28.02.17 = £9,704.02
- (iii) It was **agreed** for two additional signatories - Cllr. Geoffrey Jenkins and Cllr. Michael Kirby and the removal of three previous councillors to the Barclays account.
- Co-operative mandate forms are yet to be received.
- (iv) It was noted that in accordance with the NALC for Local Government Services that the pay scale effective 1st April 2017 for level SCP 23 will be automatically increased by 1%.

33/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Applications:

Application No: 17/00205/FULL. Remove existing residential mobile home from the site and erect chalet style bungalow.

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

Objected on the grounds of green belt and over development and to note no certificate of ownership, no planning permission ever granted for the mobile home and no proof of occupation.

Application No: 17/00079/VAR. Variation of condition 8 to planning application 15/01130/FULL by increasing the size of the proposed timber garden storage shed.

Location: The Woodmans, Oak Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Objection as overdevelopment as far too large for a garden shed and indications could be that this may be developed into additional accommodation.

Application No: 17/00167/FULL. Construction of a 1.2 metre high post and wire fence to secure the boundary of the plot for continued agricultural use.

Location: Land East of Pond Farm, London Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.
No objection.

Application No: 17/00227/FULL. Demolition of existing buildings and removal of hard-standing and redevelopment to provide 23 new dwellings, enhanced landscaping and green open space and associated infrastructure.

Location: The Belvedere, Hardings Elms Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

No objection in principle to the application but the Parish Council imposes proposes the following additions:

1. A separate entrance driving range from Oak Road.
2. Incorporate a new bus stop layby.
3. Include affordable housing commitment.
4. Contribution to future Parish Council projects.

A condition that contractors site access/exit during demolition and development should only be via the A127.

It should be noted that the speed limit from Wash Road to the London Road (A129) is 30mph and not 40mph and that according to the Ordnance Survey definitive Map the entrance to the application site is in Hardings Elms Road.

5 Year Draft Basildon Housing Strategy Consultation:

The response to this consultation was considered for response. Review at <http://www.basildon.gov.uk/hs> Survey response is to housingstrategy@basildon.gov.uk. Notification received late, indications of a very complicated document to understand.

Consultation: Essex Police:

The Parish Council noted the consultation@essex.pnn.police.uk review at www.essex.pcc.police.uk/LocalCaseForChange

DECISIONS:

Application No: 16/01725/FULL. 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 and associated development.

Location: Stevenson's Farm, Southend Arterial Road, Nevendon, Billericay, Essex.
Granted.

Application No: 16/01349/FULL. The permanent change of use to a mixed use as residential and Buddhist meditation centre of public meditation event held per month with the provision of 20 visitor parking spaces, alteration of existing access onto Hardings Elms Road with internal driveway, the erection of 1.5 metre high front boundary fence and the erection of 5 meditation huts.

Location: Dhamma Land, Hardings Elms Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.
Refused.

34/17 INTERNAL AUDIT:

The internal auditor's report was considered for any advice for amendments – update for the forthcoming year. Query what the risk assessment is regarding to the internal auditor.

35/17 COMMUNITY - PROJECTS:

- (i) Consideration for project for an application for an ECC CIF Response for funding: (i) a notice board at the junction of Gardiners Lane North and the A129; (ii) two picnic benches at a cost of £2,600.00 with installation or two benches at a cost of £2,000.00 including base and installation;
- (ii) To consider two new and the previous quotation for cleaning and maintenance of the four bus shelters.
- (iii) To consider Basildon Borough Council's feasibility for a conversion to a small Community Hall adjacent to the toilets in the park area. Nothing further received on the hall.
- (iv) It is possible to have an update package for replacement word package via transparency bursary to update the Parish Council laptop, although another option is being considered.
- (v) The replacement of the gate in Ramsden Cray church yard and repair/replacement of the wood frame where ashes are spread, has not yet been resolved.
- (vi) To note a date in March has been received for attendance of all four members to attend at the next free CPR/defibrillator training and an update on new councillors and planning training via EALC/ABLC and Basildon Borough Council.
- (vii) Enquiry to Crays Hill Primary School for meetings to recommence in the local Primary School received. Members will review for the April meeting.
- (viii) An update on the Crays Hill Community Woodland project open ceremony was attended by two Parish Councillors. A proposal is to build a 30m x 30m pond by the far end at a depth of 1.5m in some areas with a bench and notices warning not to enter the pond.

36/17 HIGHWAYS – BASILDON BOROUGH COUNCIL:

- (i) To receive an update on the repair to the damage to the kerb near the properties by the village sign. None.
- (ii) No installation date from Highways on the 5 signs of 7.5 tonne weight restriction at Ramsden Crays that was approved under Schemes Approved LBAS 152017.
- (iii) No update on the request to Highways via Cllr. Buckley for a speeding sign on approach into the village from Wickford as a speed deterrent sign, with confirmation of what is available and costings for speeding signs with the view to finding funding for this project – consideration of £9,000.00. Consideration for a solid sign "you are in a speed restricted area". The two speeding signs in the village have not been repaired.
- (iv) No update available from Cllr. Buckley with his enquiry regarding Gardiners Lane North junction with Oak Road surface repair and update on when Gardiners Lane North will be resurfaced via Highways.

37/17 NEWSLETTER:

Newsletter reviewed with consideration for Neighbourhood Watch in the area and the distribution within the Parish.

38/17 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Cllr. McPherson-Davis attended the latest ABLC meeting regarding flyers, police and the fire brigade.
Basildon Local Plan is being reviewed.

39/17 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

No additional updates on other meetings attended.

40/17 NOTE CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence received noted.

41/17 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Enquiries regarding planning applications and reason for Dhamma Land refusal.
Update on Fox Gardens in Oak Road regarding fencing replaced and tarmac issues to the rear of the property.

42/17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Monday 24th April, 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at the Shepherd and Dog Public House after the Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 6.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.05 p.m.

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Signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council

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