

**MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 15TH MAY, 2017 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE SHEPHERD AND DOG
PUBLIC HOUSE**

PRESENT:

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

59/17 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr. Kirby and seconded by Cllr. Jenkins to appoint Cllr. McPherson-Davis as Chairman – **agreed**.
- (ii) The Chairman signed acceptance of office.

The Chairman congratulated the two Essex County Councillors to their appointment.

60/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence received from Cllr. N. Flint.

61/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24th April, 2017 were proposed to be accepted as an accurate record by Cllr. Kirby and seconded by Cllr. Jenkins – **agreed**.

62/17 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

- (i) No pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest received by members on any agenda items.
- (ii) Members noted that any changes in declarations of interest are to be completed and returned to the Clerk/RFO for amending the records throughout the year.

63/17 DATES AND TIMES FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2018:

The dates and times for the 2018 Parish Council meetings and the Annual Parish Meeting were reviewed and **agreed**.

64/17 RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR REPRESENTATIVES/COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES:

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Jenkins to appoint Cllr. McPherson-Davis to be the representative at the ABLC/Basildon Liaison Meetings - **agreed**.
- (ii) It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson- Davis to defer the Parish Council's representative for Essex County Council Transport until the next meeting. It was seconded by Cllr. Kirby – **agreed**
- (iii) Committees were considered and it was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Jenkins – not to have any at this time – **agreed**.
- (iv) Working parties were considered and it was **agreed** not to have any at the moment.

65/17 PUBLIC SESSION:

No members of the public were in attendance:

A resident has confirmed their interest in applying for the vacancy as a Parish Councillor and this is scheduled to be on the June agenda.

COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS:

Cllr. Buckley did not have any specific updates to report due to the forthcoming election.

He confirmed that Essex County Council Highways Panel is scheduled to meet on 26th June, 2017.

Safety projects are under Highways but not the repair of pathways.

Normal maintenance is for repairing a road. More than £50,000.00 is a capital project and is not paid out of the Highways budget. Small capital projects of less than this amount are for safety issues, i.e. a bus stop or crossing. These must meet technical guidelines.

VAS signs are no longer maintained or stored with Highways. It can choose to replace or install them. The earliest date for replacement/repair of VAS signs in the Parish will be 18 months.

The initial request is for the Clerk/RFO to write to ECC councillors and they take this up on the Parish Council's behalf.

Newly appointed Cllr. Tony Ball commented that he is likely to have updates at the next Parish Council meeting.

66/17 FINANCE:

(i) The payments of the following to be considered:

Clerk's Salary/Expend. May 2017	Chq. No. 100185	£404.32
AoN UK Insurance Company	Chq. No. 100186	£741.84
Images	Chq. No. 100187	£ 74.88

Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Kirby to pay the above - **agreed.**

(ii) Bank statements for approval 30th April 2017:

Co-operative Account	= £2.95
Barclays Account	= £14,167.52 (includes £5,653.29 precept and grant)

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

(iii) The bank signatories change for the Barclays account details as yet outstanding. Details for the agreed closure of the Co-operative bank have been received and a letter to this effect will be sent to the bank.

67/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Application No: 17/00484/FULL. Demolition of existing MOT Centre and construction of one block of nine flats together with associated car parking and amenity.

Location: Chestnuts Garage, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Objected by the Parish Council on the following grounds:

Not in keeping with the general residential area in terms of flats as predominantly bungalows and houses in the parish.

No mention of contamination survey as crucial as an ex petrol station and garage.

Overlooking to the east side of the proposed site onto the caravan park.

Poor quality design and overdevelopment of the site and whilst not object in principal to the site being redeveloped it should be a smaller scheme more appropriately designed to the needs of the village.

We would prefer a development that provides suitable accommodation for local residents and gives a priority to local residents.

DECISIONS:

Application No: 17/00027/LDC. To establish the lawfulness of existing vehicle workshops/storage with associated yard.

Location: Saremma, Gardiners Lane North, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

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. **Refused.**

Application No: 17/00152/LDC. To establish that the use of land as an extension to the private garden, edged red on the location plan, is now lawful having been used for this purpose for in excess of 10 years.

Location: Woodmans Lodge, Oak Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Refused.**

Application No: 17/00236/FULL. Demolition of existing house and erection of two no. four bedroom detached houses each with a single garage to front (Amendments to application 10/0871/FULL.) **Granted.**

Location: 14 Bromfelde Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

Application No: 17/00442/MABAS. To establish whether part widening a previous approved rear extension can be considered as a non-material amendment to 16/01716/FULL.

Location: Belvedere, Homestead, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

68/17 COMMUNITY - PROJECTS:

- (i) Consideration for project for an application for an ECC CIF Response for funding:
 - (a) a double notice board at the junction of Gardiners Lane North and the A129 was considered. Clerk to enquire for installation and inclusion of locks and keys and enquiries for quotations from two additional companies and permission from Basildon Borough Council re installation.
 - (b) two picnic benches at a cost of £2,600.00 with base and installation. It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis to remove from future agendas – seconded by Cllr. Kirby – **agreed.**
- (ii) It was confirmed that the supplier will shortly be providing a date for commencing the work for the 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. This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- (iv) The Parish Council considered and agreed to apply for funding towards an updated replacement word package via the transparency bursary to enable the Parish Council laptop to be updated to an amount not exceeding £150.00 for Microsoft package. This was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Jenkins – **agreed.**
- (v) Quotations have been requested via Cllr. Flint for work to replace the gate in Ramsden Crays church yard and repair/replacement of the wood frame where ashes are spread, they should be available at the June meeting.
- (vi) No feedback received to date from residents for CPR/defibrillator training and

- whether this is an option to arrange for hall hire and open this up to the residents of Crays Hill. To be deferred for a decision at the June meeting.
- (vii) It was noted that additional training is available via Basildon and ABLC for new councillors and planning training via EALC/ABLC and Basildon Borough Council in the near future.
- (viii) The date offered for a meeting with the Governors at Crays Hill Primary School for Tuesday 23rd May. The Clerk to write to accept.

69/17 HIGHWAYS – BASILDON BOROUGH COUNCIL:

- (i) It was noted that the damage to the kerb near the properties by the village sign has not yet been repaired.
- (ii) The communication sent from Highways on the installation of the 7.5 tonne weight restriction signs at Ramsden Crays that was approved under Schemes Approved LBAS 152017 was noted.
- (iii) The information received prior to the meeting via Cllr. Buckley from Highways in relation to speeding deterrent VAS signs was noted. Update on the two speeding signs in the village have been repaired. (As in 65/17 above.)
- (iv) Cllr. Buckley has not received further information from his enquiries to ECC Highways regarding Gardiners Lane North junction with Oak Road surface repair and any update on when Gardiners Lane North will be resurfaced via Highways.

70/17 MINUTES BOOK:

The purchase of a new minutes book was considered as the current book is almost full. This item to be deferred to the June meeting for receipt of costings.

71/17 TRAVELLERS:

Developments in the area/Dale Farm with regard to land in the parish were noted.

72/17 INSURANCE ACT 2015:

The information received in relation to the renewal of the insurance was reviewed in 66/17(i) above.

73/17 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Nothing to be noted.

74/17 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Cllr. McPherson-Davis reported on a major event held at Dhamma Land during May. Footpath 39 past the shop across field into Church Lane has been reported to Public Rights of Way as Stacey's field now has styles blocking the Public Right of Way – ongoing investigation.

Cllr. McPherson-Davis confirmed the ABLC meeting will be next week.

75/17 NOTE CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence received noted.

76/17 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

No issues received on items not on the agenda.

77/17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 19th June, 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at the Shepherd and Dog Public House.

It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis to hold the next part in private - **agreed**.

Pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the meeting is not open to the public and press for these items of business and will be instructed to withdraw.

78/17 APPRAISAL:

The Clerk/RFO Appraisal Form was reviewed and signed off.

The meeting ended at 8.58 p.m.

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Signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council

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