

**MINUTES OF RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 10TH JULY, 2017 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE SHEPHERD AND DOG
PUBLIC HOUSE**

PRESENT:

Councillors: D. McPherson-Davis, Cllr. N. Flint and Cllr. G. Jenkins
Parish Clerk – Georgina Bassett
Cllr. M. Buckley – ECC
Cllr. T. Ball - ECC
One member of the public

96/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies received from Cllr. Kirby and Cllr. Sargent.

97/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th June, 2017 were proposed by Cllr. Flint and seconded by Cllr. Jenkins to accept and approve. Apologies were received in retrospect from Cllr. Ball.

98/17 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest by members on any agenda items.

99/17 PUBLIC SESSION:

No members of the public attended to raise issues on items on the agenda.

COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS:

Cllr. Ball attended a meeting with the Head and new Deputy Head of Crays Hill primary school recently.

Cllr. Buckley confirmed VAS signs that the one not working as you approach from Billericay outside "Travener" as it meets the criteria. The other sign on the approach to the Post Office to Crays Hill going down the hill no longer meets the criteria for a VAS sign, as the traffic speeds are not in the correct perimeters.

Gardiners Lane North – weight limits scheduled for the early part of 2018.

The Police confirmed it has received the letter of complaint regarding the delays in speaking with an operator answering 101 calls and detailed information is to follow.

100/17 FINANCE:

- (i) The payments of the following were considered:
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| Clerk's Salary/Expenditure July 2017 | £411.27 |
| Clerk's Salary August 2017 | £404.32 |
| Essex Air Ambulance | £100.00 |
| Rural Community Council of Essex renewal membership | £ 72.60 |
- (ii) Bank statements for approval May/June 2017:
Co-operative Account = £2.95 or confirmation if closed.
Barclays Account was confirmed at £11,623.40.
The above were proposed by Cllr. Jenkins and seconded by Cllr. Flint and **agreed.**

- (iii) The bank signatories change for the Barclays account and closure of the Co-operative bank were reviewed. It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis to proceed with the one signatory and the fourth councillor's signature to follow – agreed.

101/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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Application No: 17/00756/FULL. Demolish two outbuildings and extend and convert remaining outbuilding into 3 bedroom residential bungalow.

Location: Land to the rear of Belvoir Maison, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.
No objection by the Parish Council.

Application No: 17/00760/FULL. Two storey front extension, part two storey/part first floor side extension, extension to rear dormer and front porch.

Location: Highview, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Objection on insufficient parking facilities for a four bedroom house, over development of the site and loss of visual amenity to adjacent properties, poor design not in keeping with local properties.

Application No: 17/00850/FULL. Single storey rear extension.

Location: 1 Vale Cottage, Oak Avenue, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.
No objection.

Consultation:

Consideration to the proposal to introduce performance based navigation PBN approach procedures at London Southend Airport.

Clerk to write to explain will not be able to review until 18th September and to request a few days extension.

102/17 COMMUNITY – PROJECTS:

- (i) The expression of interest document was finalised for submission as an application to ECC CIF towards a double notice board at the junction of Gardiners Lane North and the A129. Subject to this in principle agreed, permission to be required from Essex County Council re installation.
- (ii) To date the commencement of the work for the cleaning and maintenance of the four bus shelters has yet to be confirmed.
- (iii) The church responded to confirm that it has repaired the wooden frame in the churchyard. A review to be considered at the September meeting regarding the gate. The Clerk is liaising with the Church regarding the Memorial Service and this should be considered in August.
- (iv) As yet no feedback from FACEmed for CPR/resuscitation equipment liaison – to be deferred to the September meeting.

103/17 HIGHWAYS – BASILDON BOROUGH COUNCIL:

- (i) The damage to the kerb near the properties by the village sign has yet to be repaired.
- (ii) The relevant form now available for completion for the progress forward via Highways in relation to speeding deterrent VAS signs has been received and Cllr. Buckley is pursuing this.
- (iii) Gardiners Lane weight signs planned to be installed early in 2018.

104/17 MINUTES BOOK:

Options for the choose of a new minutes book should be available at the September meeting for a decision.

105/17 TRAVELLERS:

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

106/17 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT:

The Independent Audit Report and any recommendations following the report were considered. The risk assessment to be reviewed as per the audit report for September 2017 meeting.

107/17 TRANSPARENCY FUND – SOFTWARE:

A cheque for £150.00 received towards this fund. The Clerk to update the Council as to the software purchase for the laptop.

108/17 INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Information received noted.

109/17 EXTERNAL MEETINGS – REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:

To receive additional updates on other meetings attended.
Cllr. McPherson-Davis attended the Liaison Meeting at Basildon, new members on the committee were in attendance. Explanation of the committee set up instead of previously. Update on the travellers and Basildon Borough Council way forward. Local Plan meeting will be first week in August.

Question regarding reduced plan were raised, answers are waited.

110/17 NOTE CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence received noted. No significant changes in bus routes etc.

111/17 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

None.

112/17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 18th September, 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at the Shepherd and Dog Public House.

Meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.

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Signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council

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Dated