

**RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held at the SHEPHERD AND DOG PUBLIC HOUSE on **MONDAY** the **TWENTY FIRST JANUARY 2019** at 7.00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Cllr. D. McPherson-Davis – Chairman, Cllr. J. Jenkins and Cllr. M. Kirby  
Mrs. Georgina Bassett – Parish Clerk/RFO

**Also in attendance:**

One member of the public in attendance.

**01/19 Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr. T. Sargent – Basildon Borough Council and Cllr. T. Ball – ECC.

**02/19 Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were proposed to be accepted as an accurate record by Cllr. Kirby and seconded by Cllr. Jenkins – **agreed**.

**03/19 Declaration of Members Interests:**

Pecuniary interests received from members. Finance – Parish Clerk SBS 06/19. Cllr. Kirby – pathway notice board 06/19.

**04/19 Co-option to the Parish Council:**

It is hoped that there will be a co-option at the next Parish Council meeting.

**05/19 Public Forum:**

No issues raised by the public on agenda items.

**Borough and County Councillors:**

None.

**06/19 Finance Report:**

(i) **Expenditure:**

Clerk/RFO January 2019 Salary/Expenditure	£ 686.44
Bus Shelters – cleaning January	£ 80.00
Secure Box Services Ltd	£ 25.20
Fuel – cutting grass Church Lane	£ 14.08

(ii) Barclays Bank balance at 31st December, 2018 - £10,017.96.

(iii) Mandate Change Form – removal and addition were signed at the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Jenkins to pay the above expenditure, for the bank to be reconciled, remove an ex councillor and add Cllr. Kirby as a bank signatory – **agreed**

**07/19 Planning:**

Applications:

**Application No: 18/01617/FULL.** Demolition of a pair of semi-detached houses and construction of two detached 4 bed dwelling houses at no's 1 and 2 Crays Hall Cottages.

**Location:** Crays Hall Cottages, Church Lane, Ramsden Crays, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. The Parish Council objected.

**Consider responses from Basildon:**

Longwood, Crays Hill, Foyers, Crays Hill, land to rear of Highlands – Pond Farm, land at the south end of the Pond Farm. Nothing received. Clerk to make further enquiries with Planning Enforcement.

**Decided:**

**Application No: 18/01594/NMBAS.** To establish altering the Juliet balcony at the rear.

**Location:** 8 Staceys Mount, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

Items received later noted:

**Appeal**

Application No: 18/00883/FULL. Land at Southlands Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex.

Location: Construction of two. No. four bedroom, detached dwellings on land fronting Southlands Road.

**Application No: 18/01329/FULL.** Demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of a new detached chalet.

**Location:** Woodlands, Gardiners Lane North, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Refused.**

**Application No: 18/01447/FULL.** Proposed two bedroom detached chalet.

**Location:** Rose Villa, Crays Hill Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Refused.**

**Application No: 18/01458/FULL.** Demolish greenhouses and construct detached garage.

**Location:** Land to the rear of Belvoir Maison, Crays Hill, Billericay, Essex. **Granted.**

**Consultations:**

The Parish Council considered the response to Highways Devolution Pilot and letter. Review of ECC devolving of Highways Services to all Parish, Village and Town Councils commencing January 2021 and the impact on precept and management of projects and whether it wanted to be involved in the pilot scheme.

It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Kirby not to be involved in the Pilot Scheme, but to request regular updates on this from ECC – **agreed.**

**Corporate Governance:**

The Parish Council considered a further response to Basildon, it was noted that the ABLC Liaison group is reviewing this.

**Letter from resident:**

The letter received from a resident regarding proposed building developments in the Parish was noted in relation to the Local Plan.

**08/19 Community Projects:**

- (i) Consideration of a pathway for the notice board at Gardiners Lane North junction and review licence. Proposed by Cllr. Kirby and seconded by Cllr. Jenkins to sign the licence received confirming permission for the notice board installation.

Cllr. Kirby left the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis to accept the quotation for the pathway excluding the tarmac of £590.00 from Old Charm Builders. The tarmac costing to be considered at a later date. Seconded by Cllr. Jenkins – **agreed.**

Proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Jenkins that the Parish Council will **agree** to a maximum of £500.00 additional for the tarmac for the pathway.

Cllr. Kirby returned.

- (ii) Costings for the purchase and installation of two small bins attached to the bus shelters at the top of the hill reviewed.

Cllr. Kirby left the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Jenkins to install two bins with lids at a cost of £360.00 for purchase and installation (not including delivery and VAT) and to go ahead with Glasdon suppliers invoice and Old Charm Builders for installation – **agreed**.

- (iii) An appointment of the representative of the Parish Council to the Parish Transport meetings at Essex County Council was considered. It was **agreed** not to have a representative due to the small number of councilors and their unavailability.
- (iv) The CIF funding can now be applied for with the receipt of a breakdown of the installation of the notice board and the plants the CIF Funding and relevant forms up to £1,500.00 to be requested by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.

**09/19 Clerk Report:**

Various updates from the Clerk on issues within the Parish were noted.

**10/19 Budget/Precept 2019/2020:**

The budget and precept during this period were considered after response from residents for projects and other factors. It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Kirby to request £11,858.59 precept at a cost of £23.98 band D at almost 10% increase – **agreed**.

**11/19 Travellers:**

The Parish Council had the opportunity to provide any further issues not addressed by Basildon Borough Council and Cllr. S. Allen on planning enforcement. The Clerk to write for an update on the decisions and actions regarding the illegal occupation of land in North Road, Crays Hill.

**12/19 Car Park at Ramsden Crays Recreation Ground:**

A response was received from Basildon Borough Council on the fly tipping issue, the PC the opportunity to provide further issues aside from the request for safeguards of the area with regard to the continual fly tipping in the car park in the Parish. The Clerk to write highlighting more dumped of large household waste as recent as today.

**13/19 Superfast Essex – County Broadband:**

The latest information from [www.superfastessex.org/betterbroadband](http://www.superfastessex.org/betterbroadband) was noted.

**14/19 Information/Correspondence/External Meeting Reports from Parish Councillors:**

Cllr. McPherson-Davis – EALC attended last week representing all councils. County Councillors in connection with closure of libraries and health and wellbeing in the communities via a group in the parish area.

ABLC requested a meeting with the person promoting in the County for the Parish, Village and Town Councils of the health and wellbeing in the community.

ABLC Corporate Governance meeting members and councillors to be informed when this is arranged.

Local Plan update at ABLC Meeting – at least two parishes are communicating further with Basildon. Clerk to request additional communication for Ramsden Crays Parish Council.

**15/19 Public Question Time:**

None.

**16/19 Date of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be either on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7.00 p.m. The venue should be confirmed.

**17/19 To Consider the Exclusion of the Public and Press:**

The council to consider the exclusion of the public and press due to the confidential matters arising in item 169/18 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson-Davis and seconded by Cllr. Kirby to defer the following due to time constraints – **agreed**.

- (i) Consideration of various policies including:  
Minor Disputes, Dignity at Work/Bullying, Equal Opportunities and Equality Policy.

**9.00 p.m. meeting closed.**

Signed .....  
Chairman

Dated .....