

# January 2008

RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER  
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Dear Residents,

Ramsden Crays Parish Council is pleased to update you on various Parish Council business that has been carried out since the last newsletter in August 2007.

## **Mobile Beat Surgery**

Mobile Beat Surgeries were held in September, October and November. These will continue to be held in 2008 using the Church Hall on the fourth Wednesday of every month between 5 and 7 p.m.

**WHY NOT GO ALONG AND HAVE A CHAT WITH YOUR LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS.**

## **Crays Hill Park - Play Area Railings Project / Replacement Seat**

The Parish Council is delighted to confirm that the above project for railings has now been completed and that there was an official opening by Cllr. Colin Riley from E.C.C. on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008. The vandalised seat in the main Park has now been replaced and hopefully will remain undamaged for the foreseeable future.

## **Bus Shelters**

The Parish Council recently arranged for the installation of a new bus shelter, which we hope will improve the image of our Parish. We plan for at least another two to be in place, primarily using available grants, over the next year.

## **Precept 2008/2009**

The Parish Council agreed, at the meeting in November, for an increase in the precept of 10% compared to 2007/8 or about £1 more per annum for each dwelling. This additional funding together with existing reserves will enable us to fund the cost of Parish elections in May and contribute towards the replacement bus shelters. The Parish Councillors wish it to be noted that they receive no allowances.

## **Mobile Library Service**

The Essex County Council Mobile Library Service visits Ramsden Crays fortnightly on Fridays:  
High View Rise 11.40 a.m. - 11.55 a.m. and Crays Hill Primary 13.05 p.m. - 14.20 p.m.

## **Notice Boards**

A Notice Board is to be sited at the junction of Church Lane and London Road and another at the junction of Gardiners Lane North and London Road.

## **Village Sign**

The Council would like to express its sincere thanks to Mrs. McPherson-Davis for the excellent work and her own time into repainting the village sign.

### **Bulbs Planted**

Spring Bulbs have now been planted around the seat overlooking Ramsden Bellhouse and at the Village Sign as part of an ongoing program to brighten up our village.

### **Dale Farm**

You will recall that yet another Inquiry was held in October 2007, where an appeal for the retention, for a temporary 3 year period for 7 caravan pitches, was considered. Parish and District Councillors together with residents and our M.P. attended and presented significant evidence. Thank you to all who attended. **The Secretary of State has recently dismissed the appeal and planning permission was refused.**

A judicial review commences on the 11<sup>th</sup> February when legal representatives for the Travellers will try to produce evidence which indicates that Basildon District Council's decision in June 2005 to take direct action was defective.

We await the outcome. If you want further clarification on this please contact a Parish Councillor.

### **Parish Council Meetings in 2008 at the Church Hall:**

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May Annual Council Meeting	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May - Annual Parish Meeting		
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December

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